

Reimagining Career Pathways

4.2.26 | Hartford



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A G E N D A

7:30 am

Networking Breakfast

8:30 am

Opening Remarks

Chris DiPentima, President & CEO, CBIA

Ryan Drajewicz, Chair, Governor's Workforce Council; Head of External Affairs & Communications, Bridgewater Associates

Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Chief Workforce Officer, Office of Workforce Strategy

9 am

Keynote

Mark Perna, CEO, TFS Results

10 am

Connecticut's Talent Pipeline: Workforce & Education Blueprint

Moderator: **Dustin Nord**, Director, CBIA Foundation

Kathryn Saunders, Partner, Head of Strategy & Leadership, Economic Leadership

10:45 am

Networking Break

11:05 am

Breakout Sessions

Session A | Stackable Opportunity Pathways: OWLL-Workplace Model

Session B | Look What Can Happen: Industry leaders Drive Curricula, Talent Development

Session C | Three Pathways, One System: Preparing Students Through Pre-Apprenticeships, Credentials

Session D | Clinical Without Walls, Classrooms Without Limits: Reimagining Health Career Pathways

12:05 pm

Networking Lunch

1 pm

Career Pathways: Program Participant Perspectives

Moderator: **Shannon Marimón**, Executive Director, ReadyCT

2 pm

Breakout Sessions

Session A | Disrupting Tradition: Transforming the High School Experience

Session B | Speaking the Same Language on AI: Interactive Industry Breakout

Session C | Attract, Train, Retain: Collaborative Employer-Driven Workforce Development Strategies

Session D | From Handshake to On-Ramp: Building a One-Year Manufacturing Partnership Pipeline

3 pm

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WHEN & WHERE

4.2.26

Check-in & networking breakfast: 7:30 am

Program: 8:30 am-3 pm

Connecticut Convention Center | 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford

PRICE

CBIA member, state agency representative..... \$175

Regular admission .. \$210

Educator/community-based organization.. \$120

Student..... \$70

Sponsor a student... \$70

Exhibitor..... \$600

Table of 10..... \$1,700

Contact CBIA's Stacey Vendetta (860.244.1930) to add your support.

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