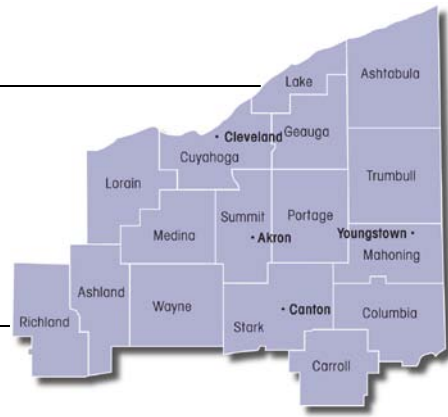


Northeast Ohio Regional Leadership Day

Agenda

The University of Akron, Student Union

- *Plenary Sessions in Ballroom*
- *Breakout Sessions in Third Floor Classrooms*



- 8-8:45 a.m. Continental breakfast and networking
- 8:45 a.m. Welcome – Ballroom A
- Mark Scheffler, executive director, Leadership Akron
 - W. Riley Lochridge III, board chair, Leadership Akron; CEO, ComDoc, Inc.
 - Candace Campbell Jackson, vice president & chief of staff, The University of Akron
- 9:00 a.m. Your connection to the region
- 9:15 a.m. Keynote address – Ballroom A
- Dr. Edward W. (Ned) Hill, Dean of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University
- Questions and answers
- Moderated by Chris Thompson, director of marketing, communications and civic outreach at the Fund for Our Economic Future
- 10:45 a.m. Networking break – Lobby
- 11 a.m. “Your Role in Transforming the Economic Future of Northeast Ohio” – Ballroom A
- Christine Mayer, chief operating officer of the GAR Foundation and vice chair of the Fund for Our Economic Future
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. During lunch: “Transforming the Region through Leadership” – Ballroom A
- A “fireside chat” with Donald L. Plusquellic, mayor of Akron, and Thomas Strauss, president and CEO of Summa Health System and chairman of the Greater Akron Chamber
 - Moderated by Michael Douglas, editorial page editor of the *Akron Beacon Journal*
- 12:45 p.m. Networking & Move to Break-outs
- 1:15 p.m. Building Economic Competitiveness Breakouts (Third Floor Meeting Rooms)
- Leadership class participants will participate in facilitated dialogues focused on strengthening the region’s economic competitiveness. The breakouts will have two elements:
 - An overview of examples of regional/local collaborations that are working to strengthen the region’s economic competitiveness. (20 minutes)
 - A “strategic doing” workshop to identify new opportunities for collaboration and identification of individuals interested in working together to pursue those collaborations.
- 3:45 p.m. Reconvene in Student Union Ballroom A
- 4 p.m. Report from breakout sessions regarding the collaborations to be pursued
- 4:15 p.m. Call for Collaboration
- Tom Waltermire, chief executive officer, Team NEO
- 4:30 p.m. Departure

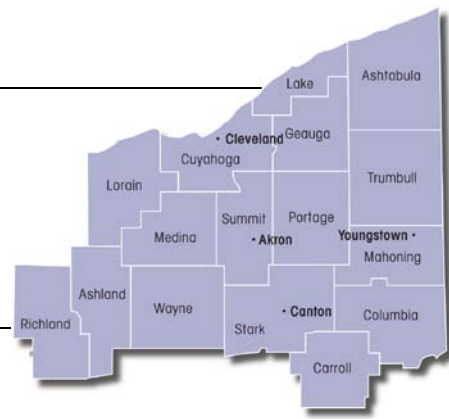
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BUSINESS GROWTH

► **Breakout A, Entrepreneurship: How has Northeast Ohio improved its climate for entrepreneurs? – Room 335**

Chris Mather, TechLift

Mike Lehere, Akron Global Business Accelerator

Brian Deagan, Knotice

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to build more effective regional networks to support entrepreneurs and growth-oriented companies?*

Facilitator: Mark Scheffler, Leadership Akron

Scribe: JD Drake, Fund for Our Economic Future

► **Breakout B, Business Attraction/Retention: What makes Northeast Ohio an attractive destination for growing companies? – Room 312**

Carin Rockind, Team NEO

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to assist Team NEO in 1) marketing the region and 2) supporting growth-oriented companies within Northeast Ohio?*

Facilitator: Ron Chordas, Youngstown State University

Scribe: Yemi Akande, Cleveland Leadership Center

► **Breakout C, Northeast Ohio's Bioscience Future: Leveraging our recent success – Room 314**

Aram Nerpouni, Austen BioInnovation Institute, formerly of BioEnterprise

David Baldwin, Bioscience Consortium of Northeast Ohio (based in Ashland/Mansfield)

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to strengthen the bioscience cluster in the region?*

Facilitator: Chris Thompson, Fund for Our Economic Future

Scribe: Marta Stone

INCLUSION

► **Breakout D, Minority Business Development: How Northeast Ohio is creating more business opportunities for minority-owned enterprises – The Lounge**

Bennett Williams, Akron Urban League

Topic: Partnership for Minority Business Accelerator 2.5+

Deborah Bridwell, Minority Business Accelerator 2.5+

Topic: How majority-owned companies can do business with minority-owned enterprises

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to build the networks needed to support minority entrepreneurs and business owners within our region?*

Facilitator: Hannah Belsito, Bridge Builders, Cleveland Leadership Center

Scribe: Ashley Basile, Fund for Our Economic Future

TALENT

► **Breakout E, Preparing Workers: What networks are being formed to improve the way talent is being prepared for present and future jobs? – Room 310**

Amy Fulford, Enlight Advisors

Topic: Overview of “low-skilled worker” project

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to build connections between business and education to develop 21st century skills in Northeast Ohio?*

Facilitator: Laura Steinbrink, Humanity’s Loom

Scribe: Dawn Golba, Fund for Our Economic Future

► **Breakout F, Preparing Students for the 21st Century: Education Works – Ballroom C**

Ann Smith, Education Works

Topic: Efforts to expand the region’s capacity to introduce 21st century skills into region’s schools

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to support K-12 education innovations that support the development of 21st century skills in our regional curriculum?*

Facilitator: Lucy Sondles, Leadership Medina County

Scribe: Vikki Broer, FFEF

GOVERNMENT

► **Breakout G, Making Local Government More Efficient and Effective – Ballroom D**

Mike Sciortino, Mahoning County Auditor, winner of an EfficientGovNow award

Tony Paglia, Youngstown-Warren Regional Chamber

Topic: Network of government officials

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to accelerate innovation and collaboration among local governments in the region?*

Facilitator: Mike Shafarenko, Fund for Our Economic Future

Scribe: Mary-Scot Cebul, Fund for Our Economic Future

NONPROFITS

► **Breakout H, Encouraging Collaborations among the Region’s Nonprofits – Ballroom E**

Elaine Woloshyn, Center for Nonprofit Excellence

Strategic doing: *What could we do together to strengthen our region’s nonprofit organizations by building networks?*

Facilitator: Jim Knauf, Leadership Hudson

Scribe: Chester Bowling, OSU Extension