Conference Keynotes

Tuesday May 21st, Opening Keynote: 21st Century Technology and Artificial Intelligence for Healthcare & Education: The Future is NOW! (Jonathan Linkous)

The use of technology in medicine and education is as old as the telephone. Today, we have a wealth of opportunities to use 21st Century technologies to improve both. Yet consumer fear about Artificial Intelligence has been stoked by horror stories and "what ifs." Consequently, the road to integration of AI into institutions delivering health and educational services has been made harder and steeper. Additionally, fear by the gamut of providers from neuro-surgeons and tenured professors to front-office receptionists over losing revenue or jobs to AI have created other roadblocks. Unknown to many consumers, their lives are already dependent on the use of AI. For example, "autoland" is not a used car sales lot. It refers to an AI system used on almost all commercial jets. It is an AI system that flies the plane after take-off. In many cases it lands the plane as well. 21st Century technology is finally making headway and is transforming traditional approaches to a truly whole new world of innovation. Come hear about what is and what will be.
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Wednesday May 22nd, Luncheon Keynote: How Smart Are Your Shoes? Future IOE Innovations of Emerging Smart A.I. and Mixed Realities Technologies for Distance Teaching and Learning (Dr. Robbie Melton)

This keynote presentation highlights the latest emerging educational and workforce IOE (Internet of Everything) smart A.Il (Artifical Intelligence) and mixed realities technologies (VR/AR/Holograms/Wearables) innovations and OER (Open Education Resources) transforming teaching, learning, and training, at a distance. The presentation includes a showcase of presented the innovations integrated with audience interactive demonstrations of VR/AR.
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Thursday May 23rd, Closing Keynote – Learning as a Cultural Catalyst (Dr. Trish Holliday)

Organizations are increasingly challenged to attract and retain staff. Retirement, private, and public-sector competition and evolving workplace expectations are beginning to stack up against traditional workplace cultures and practices. This interactive session offers a look at what innovative organizations are doing to embrace new paradigms of creating a learning culture with technology and relationships as core elements to equip and optimize their workforce. Participants will explore how to increase their value as a learning leader within an organization and identify new approaches to creating and developing a culture of learning. Learning objectives include:
- Enhance the business case for a learning organization
- Learn various approaches and tools that have demonstrated effectiveness
- Explore new paradigms and tips for success to apply back on the job
- Why there's urgency for creating a culture of learning

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