

# 2025 Biennial Apprenticeship Conference

Feb. 19-21, 2025

Kalahari Resorts & Convention Center | Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

## Agenda

### Feb. 19, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.	<b>Pre-Conference Training</b> – Optional Technical Assistance Guide training for local Construction Committee members.
4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.	<b>Early Registration</b>
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	<b>Welcome Reception</b>

### Feb. 20, 2025

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	<b>Registration</b>
7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.	<b>Coffee &amp; Networking</b>
8:30 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> Welcome Keynote Speaker: Brad Gingras Leadership Trainer and Speaker, <a href="#">Superior Strategies</a>
10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	<b>Break</b>
10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	<b>Concurrent Workshops I</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youth Apprenticeship for All: Promising Practices from the Field on Serving all Eligible Youth</li><li>• Youth Apprenticeship Employer Recruitment: No Apprenticeship Without the Job</li><li>• Degrees, Credentials and Licenses in Healthcare Apprenticeships</li><li>• Mentoring 101 in Registered Apprenticeship</li><li>• Discrimination and Harassment Training</li></ul>
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	<b>Lunch</b>

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1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

## Concurrent Workshops II

- How Apprenticeship Programs Can Leverage the GI Bill
- Effective Strategies to Attract, Support and Retain Apprentices from Universal Communities
- Steering the Course: Utilizing a Steering Committee in Your Youth Apprenticeship Program
- Youth Apprenticeship Student Recruitment and Career and Employer Matching
- Bridging the Gap: Youth Apprenticeship to Registered Apprenticeship

2:15 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

## Break

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

## Concurrent Workshops III

- Workplace Safety and Youth
- Diversity and Affirmative Action Success in Apprenticeship
- Wisconsin Technical College System Degree-Aligned Apprenticeships
- Youth Apprenticeship Related Instruction: Ensuring it's Related and Valuable

3:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

## Break

3:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**General Session:** Layla Merrifield  
President, Wisconsin Technical College System  
John Colborn  
Executive Director, Apprenticeships for America

## Hall of Fame Banquet (optional)

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Reception

6:30 P.M.

Dinner and Program

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7:00 A.M. – 8:00A.M.      **Breakfast**

8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.      **General Session:** Scott Hodek  
Section Chief, Office of Economic Advisors,  
Bureau of Workforce Information and Technical  
Support, Wisconsin Department of Workforce  
Development

9:15 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.      **Concurrent Workshops IV**

- Best Practices for Establishing Registered Apprenticeship in Non-Traditional Occupations
- Enhancing Student Services for Apprentices Across the Wisconsin Technical College System
- Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Regulations in Apprenticeship
- Youth Labor Market Information: Tools to Use Today

10:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.      **Break**

10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.      **Concurrent Workshops V**

- Disability Accommodation Resources with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Pipeline Building through Certified Pre-Apprenticeship
- Youth Apprenticeship in the Wisconsin Army National Guard and Wisconsin Air National Guard
- Youth Apprenticeship Program Monitoring to Compliance and Beyond
- Apprenticeship and Post-Secondary Alignment (national level)

11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.      **Wrap-Up and Thank You**