

Oregon Talent Summit

Bridging Vision and Action:
Forging Oregon's Path Forward

TUESDAY — May 19, 2026

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Registration & Networking Join us for coffee and browse resources from participating organizations.	Willamette Foyer
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks Skip Newberry , President and CEO, Technology Association of Oregon (TAO); Vice Chair, Workforce and Talent Development Board (WTDB) Sarah Means , Workforce, Higher Education, and Economic Development Advisor, Office of Governor Kotek; WTDB Member KS Venkatraman , Chair, WTDB; Senior Director of AI Computing (ret.), NVIDIA John Tapogna , President, Oregon Business Council	Willamette Ballroom
9:30 AM – 10:20 AM	Transformative Leadership in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Moderator: Parina Parikh , Associate VP, Employer & Workforce Solutions, Jobs for the Future (JFF) KS Venkatraman , Chair, WTDB; Senior Director of AI Computing (ret.), NVIDIA Representative Hai Pham , Oregon Legislature; WTDB Member Forrest Masters , Dean of Engineering, Oregon State University	Willamette Ballroom
10:20 AM – 10:50 AM	Networking/Tabling Break	Willamette Ballroom
10:50 AM – 11:40 AM	Oregon Talent Assessment – Andrew Dyke , Senior Economist and Partner, ECONorthwest	Willamette Ballroom
11:40 AM – 12:30 PM	Lunch & Networking – Enjoy a boxed lunch and check out the resource tables.	Willamette Ballroom
12:35 PM – 1:30 PM	Concurrent Session 1	
Track 1: Business Leadership and Economic Development	Talent, Tools, and Trust: Turning Artificial Intelligence into Workforce Advantage	Croisan Creek A
Track 2: Data to Action: Driving Policy and Outcomes	Workforce Pell: Transforming Data to Action	Croisan Creek B
Track 3: Youth Workforce Development	Designing Healthcare Provider Pathways for Youth	Croisan Creek C
Track 4: Work-Based Learning	Apprenticeships in Non-traditional Sectors	Pringle Creek Room



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1:35 PM – 2:30 PM Concurrent Session 2		
Track 1: Business Leadership and Economic Development	Moving Faster Together: Building Talent Pipelines That Solve Real Workforce Needs	Croisan Creek A
Track 2: Data to Action: Driving Policy and Outcomes	Collaboration Counts: From Incarceration to Fair Chance Employment	Croisan Creek B
Track 3: Youth Workforce Development	Creating Registered Apprenticeships – BOLI and USDOL: Ask Me Anything	Croisan Creek C
Track 4: Work-Based Learning	Partnership Models that Deliver: When Industry and Education Collaborate	Pringle Creek Room
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM Networking/Tabling Break		
3:00 PM – 3:55 PM Concurrent Session 3		
Track 1: Business Leadership and Economic Development	Connecting Economic Development and Workforce Strategy for Stronger Results	Croisan Creek A
Track 2: Data to Action: Driving Policy and Outcomes	Tracking Talent: Data You Can Use for Planning, Progress, and More	Croisan Creek B
Track 3: Youth Workforce Development	Bridging Industry with Career Technical Education	Croisan Creek C
Track 4: Work-Based Learning	Upskill Oregon: Training Today's Workers for Tomorrow's Jobs	Pringle Creek Room
4:00 PM – 4:55 PM	Bridging Vision and Action: Forging Oregon's Path Forward Adrien Bennings , President, Portland Community College; WTDB Member Kim Parker-Llerenas , Executive Director/CEO, Willamette Workforce Partnership; WTDB Member Andrew Stolfi , Director, Oregon Employment Department; WTDB member John Tapogna , President, Oregon Business Council	Willamette Ballroom
4:55 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks Skip Newberry , President and CEO, Technology Association of Oregon; Vice Chair, WTDB	Willamette Ballroom
5:15 PM – 6:30 PM	Networking Reception	Willamette Ballroom