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# TODAY'S AGENDA

## 9:00 AM | Opening Remarks

Eric Nelson  
Maxim Watermakers, Business Dev. Director  
Northwest La. Mfg. Managers Council, Chair  
Shreveport

Don Fowler  
AFCO Industries, President & CEO  
Central La. Manufacturing Managers Council, Chair  
Alexandria

## 9:10 AM | Welcome & Greetings

Dr. Chris Maggio  
Northwestern State University, President  
Natchitoches

## 9:15 AM | Manufacturing in Louisiana

Tony Davis  
Natchitoches Community Alliance, Executive Director  
Natchitoches

## 9:20 AM | Manufacturing 4.0 & Smart Manufacturing – Introduction

José Colucci  
National Institute of Standards & Technology – Manufacturing Extension Partnership  
Southeast Regional Manager  
Gaithersburg, Maryland

## 10:00 AM | Manufacturing 4.0 & Smart Manufacturing – Application

Dr. Dean Schneider  
Gulf Coast Regional Manufacturing Center, Co-Director  
College Station, Texas

Jim O'Rourke  
OSIsoft, Academic Account Manager  
Houston, Texas

## 10:40 AM | Break

## 10:45 AM | Driving the Value Proposition

Scott Rogers  
Noble Plastics, Principal & Technical Director  
Grand Coteau



*“If you always do what you always did, you’ll always get what you’ve always got.” – Henry Ford*

## 11:25 AM | Panel – Manufacturing Sector Partnership

### *PANELISTS*

Bob Ewing  
Red Ball Oxygen, President  
Shreveport

Victoria Lemane  
International Paper, Communications Coordinator  
Campti

Chad Snitker  
Omni Specialty Packaging, Human Resource Manager  
Shreveport

### *MODERATOR*

Angie White  
North Louisiana Economic Partnership  
Senior Vice President  
Shreveport

## 11:55 AM | Invocation & Buffet Lunch

Wayne Denley  
Central La. Economic Development Alliance, Vice President of Knowledge Platforms  
Alexandria

## 12:05 PM | NSU Engineering Technology

### Department Update

Dr. Jafar Al Sharab  
Northwestern State University, Engineering Technology Department, Chair  
Natchitoches

## 12:10 PM | Advanced Manufacturing Technician (AMT)

### Program Update

Tony Johnson  
Alliance Compressors, Facilities Engineer/AMT Leader  
Natchitoches

Ben Gewin  
Alliance Compressors, AMT Student Employee  
Natchitoches

## 12:30 PM | Panel – Manufacturing 4.0 Next Steps

### *MODERATOR*

Dr. Ali Ahmad  
Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Operations Director  
Natchitoches

### *PANELISTS*

José Colucci, Dr. Dean Schneider, Jim O'Rourke, Scott Rogers

## 1:00 PM | Closing Comments

Eric Nelson / Don Fowler



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