

Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, April 10, 2025 – starting at 9am

Pre-Conference Workshops (3 hours each) – these sessions are an additional fee

Getting Started with Baldrige

Michael Garner, Momentum Janelle Rauchman, River's Edge Hospital

Continuing the Journey to Excellence: Advanced Baldrige Techniques

Dr. JoAnn Sternke, Leader Excellence, LLC Karen Kiel-Rosser, Mary Greeley Medical Center

Reducing Stress; Preventing Burnout; Improving Performance

Shannon Murphy, BrainSkills@Work

Thursday, April 10, 2025 – starting at 1pm

Main Conference

Opening Keynote

Reconnecting in a Disconnected World

Dr. Janel Anderson

Breakout Sessions (1 hour each)

Improving Retention, Increasing Engagement

Jackie Kimmet, River's Edge Hospital

Hannah Covey, South Dakota Department of Transportation

Cool Tools: Exploring 6 Practical Continuous Improvement Tools

Gary Floss, Marvin Windows Angie Scanlon, General Mills Michelle Lauke. Ortho Molecular

Understanding, Embracing & Leveraging Artificial Intelligence

Gary Hintermeister, IBM

Empower, Engage, Excel: Transforming Your Workplace Culture

Kim Eschebauch, Lakeland Care

Reverse Shark Tank: Exploring New Solutions for Old Problems

Managing a Changing Workforce, Jay Stroebel, City of Brooklyn Park

Navigating Staffing & Succession Challenges, Penny Bellville, Mary Greeley Medical Center

Strategic Planning Cory Mitchell, University of Wisconsin – Stout

The Long Game: Best Practices in Building an Inclusive Culture

Elizabeth Glidden, Minnesota Housing Partnership Rebecca Olson, City of Roseville John Choi, Ramsey County

Watch for more exciting speakers to be added in the future!

Networking Reception

Join us for a networking reception with hor d'oeuvres, live music and cash bar starting at 5pm.

Lunch included with Pre-Conference Workshops

Refreshment breaks provided for all Thursday conference attendees.



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Friday, April 11, 2025 – starting at 8am Main Conference

Plenary Keynotes

2024 Baldrige Award Recipients – Reaching the Top: Achieving Excellence, Building Resilience Cindy Milrany, Freese & Nichols Rob Kleiner, Northeast Delta Dental Amber Wilson, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

Breakout Sessions (1 hour each)

Rumble Skills: Improving Leadership by Improving Communication Holly O'Hanlon, The Daring Venture
Molly Collin Peterson. The Daring Venture

Improving Community Performance

Stephanie Norling, Communities of Excellence 2026 Katie Baier, Region 5 Community Bridgemakers Breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks for all Friday attendees.

Valuing People: A Panel Discussion Michelle Murray, Nexus Family Healing Tom Henry, Episcopal Homes

Increasing Team Resilience

Rebecca Sanchez, Nimble Up

Learning Drivers of Excellence: The Benefits of Becoming a Baldrige Evaluator/Examiner Karen Kiel Rosser, Mary Greeley Medical Center Dan Maus. General Mills

Best Practices in Strategic Planning

Speaker Pending

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Intensive Breakout Session (2 hours)

Achieving Performance Excellence: Exploring Best Practices with Baldrige Award Recipients
Cindy Milrany, Freese & Nichols
Rob Kleiner, Northeast Delta Dental
Amber Wilson, Chickasaw Nation Department of Health

Closing Keynote

Transform Your Next 30 Days: Achieve Success in Work, Relationships & Life Antonio Neves