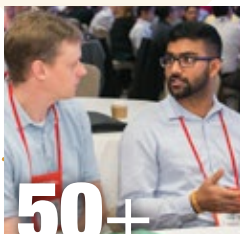


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2019

NOV. 4-7
Leading
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**Leading on the Edge to
World-Class Excellence**
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50+
Sessions

You will experience practitioner-to-practitioner learning in a variety of interactive sessions.



40+
Exhibits

Exhibitors are strongly aligned with our conference. Exhibit access is included with conference registration fee.

You'll hear from distinguished keynote speakers, thought leaders and continuous improvement pioneers.



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Keynotes

AME offers tours of industry leaders' facilities so you can see what really works. We make sure that you get to see "hands-on" tools and skills.



25+
Tours



Networking

You'll meet people who share the same challenges as you—people who are passionate about sharing solutions.



30+
Workshops

In-depth, half-day, full-day, pre- and post-conference workshops provide attendees solid, lean, practical thinking.

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AND JOIN US

Open doors to new insights and expertise while exploring AME Chicago 2019's *Leading on the Edge* theme.





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AME's 35th international conference in Chicago, IL



When the “City of Broad Shoulders” opens its arms to host the world’s largest lean conference, you know it’s going to be something special. For the past 18 months, I’ve been working together with AME staff and volunteers to make sure this isn’t just the biggest lean conference, but it’s also the best.

What sets the AME International Conference apart is that it is designed by continuous improvement practitioners who have a keen understanding of what it takes to practice lean — whether you do so in manufacturing, health care, government or another industry. For 35 years, AME has brought together the best lean minds to share, learn and grow through keynotes, practitioner-to-practitioner networking, conference sessions and best practice facility tours.

Come to Chicago eager to hear leading-edge ideas and ready to network with lean pioneers, executives, senior operations managers and fellow practitioners. Go home armed with new insights to help you and your organization focus on continuous improvement for the long haul.

Register today and join us as we explore *Leading on the Edge to World-Class Excellence* with best practice speakers, workshops and tour sites all focused on continuing the journey toward enterprise excellence.

Greg MacDougall

AME CHICAGO 2019
Conference Chair

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

ARRIVE EARLY—START LEARNING

There is no shortage of opportunities to share, learn and grow at **AME Chicago 2019**. Networking, tours, workshops, sessions and keynotes offer ample activities to explore our *Leading on the Edge* theme.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3

Pre-Conference

3–7 p.m.
Registration

5:30–9 p.m.
Evening workshop \$ 101

5–5:45 p.m.
Club NuBee meetup

6–9 p.m.
Dine around \$ 101

\$ Registration
required

101 Lunch or Dinner
included

MONDAY, NOV. 4

Pre-Conference

*Breakfast on your own. Lunch provided
as indicated below.

6:30 a.m.–6 p.m.
Registration

6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.
Tours 101

8 a.m.–12 p.m.
Half-day workshops

8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Full-day workshops \$ 101

1–5 p.m.
Half-day workshops \$

3–6:30 p.m.
Exhibit hours

4:30–6:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

5:30–9 p.m.
Evening workshop \$ 101

5–5:45 p.m.
Club NuBee meetup

6–9 p.m.
Dine around \$ 101

TUESDAY, NOV. 5

Conference

6:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Registration

7–8 a.m.
Breakfast

7 a.m.–4 p.m.
Exhibit hours

6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Tours 101

8–9 a.m.
**Opening keynote
presentation**

9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
Sessions

12–1:30 p.m.
**Lunch and
keynote presentation** 101

2:15–3:15 p.m.
Sessions

3:45–5 p.m.
Keynote presentation

5:30–7:30 p.m.
AME-zing race

Tour departures throughout the morning.

*Schedule subject to change, visit AME.ORG/Chicago2019 for the latest.

For the latest tour timings, visit:

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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6

Conference

6:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Registration

7–8 a.m.

Breakfast

7 a.m.–4 p.m.

Exhibit hours

6:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Tours

8–9:15 a.m.

Keynote presentation

9:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Sessions

12–2 p.m.

Lunch, keynote presentation and Toronto 2020 preview

2:15–3:15 p.m.

Sessions

3:45–5 p.m.

Keynote presentation

THURSDAY, NOV. 7

Conference

6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Registration

7–8 a.m.

Breakfast

7–11 a.m.

Exhibit hours

6:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Tours

8–9 a.m.

Keynote presentation

9:15–11:45 a.m.

Sessions

11:45 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Lunch and keynote presentation

1:30–2:30 p.m.

Sessions

2:45–4 p.m.

Closing keynote presentation

FRIDAY, NOV. 8

Post-conference

*Breakfast on your own. Lunch provided as indicated below.

7–8:30 a.m.

Registration

8 a.m.–12 p.m.

Half-day workshops

EXPERIENCE IN-DEPTH LEARNING AT 30+ WORKSHOPS

AME offers full-day and half-day pre- and post-conference workshops on Sunday, Monday and Friday for those looking to maximize learning on select topics. There is an additional charge for workshops, and advance registration is required.

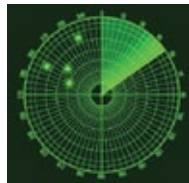
Here is a sampling of the workshops offered at AME Chicago 2019:



AME (PCL)
People-centric
leadership—PCL101



Basadur Applied Creativity
Collaborative team
problem-solving for
innovative solutions



Competitive Advantage Consultants
Lean leadership skills



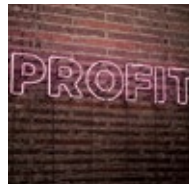
Fuss & O'Neill Manufacturing Solutions
Implementing total
productive maintenance



Ingersoll Rand
3P hands-on training
and moonshine



Katrina Appell Consulting
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Legendary Value Institute
Profit in plain sight



Living As A Leader
Be a great coach



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Mixed model assembly



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lean management



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Accelerate your
professional
development using
Hoshin Kanri



W.L. Gore & Associates
Creating space

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WITNESS EXCELLENCE AT 25+ TOURS

Sign up in advance for tours throughout the week

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Here are some of the tours, where you will see excellence in action:



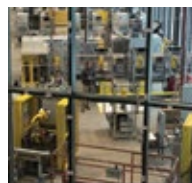
Accuride Rockford
AME Excellence Award Recipient



Acme Alliance
Continuous improvement throughout internal and external value streams



Chicago Tribune
Tour of the Freedom Center



Daley College (MTEC)
Changing the narrative through advanced manufacturing training



Elkay Manufacturing
Improvement through a strong safety culture



Emerson Automation Solutions—Appleton Group
Moving forward with shared vision



Hansen Plastics Corporation
Achievement through 4DX



MillerCoors
Brewery tour



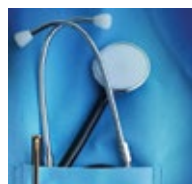
MxD
Applying digital manufacturing to increase American competitiveness



Norton McMurray Manufacturing Co.
NORMAC's journey of developing an engaged workforce



S&C Electric Company
A 108-year-old company on a lean journey



UChicago Medicine
E3 Leadership. At the forefront of medicine since 1927

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GROW YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT 50+ PRACTITIONER & INTERACTIVE SESSIONS

The great depth and breadth of our sessions means that you will always find something relevant — an idea, a concept or a success story — that you can use. We showcase industry leaders who are articulate advocates for change and will present how you can achieve sought-after change! You may attend as many sessions as you'd like, Tuesday through Thursday, and registration is not required.

Our practitioner-based sessions include:



Akron Children's Hospital

Frontline team members transform the organization



Astec Industries

Purpose-driven lean



Beckett Gas

Leading Napoleon's corporal



Duha Group

Road map to implementing an engaged CI culture



Finning International

Lean and information technology



Flex, Ltd.

GPS tools to navigate the pitfalls of CI



GE Transportation

Lean foundation for a digital factory



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Leading a culture transformation



Hallmark Cards

Driving clarity during growth



HME

Pitfalls and promising results of a people-centric journey



Illumina

Hoshin Kanri deployment in a highly matrixed organization



Martin Engineering

The harmony between people, purpose and performance

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SHARE IN COUNTLESS **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

The AME International Conference is more than attending great sessions and keynote presentations. It's about connecting with your peers. You'll find plenty of ways to forge those relationships before, during and after the conference.



Club NuBee Hive Meetup:

Sunday – Monday

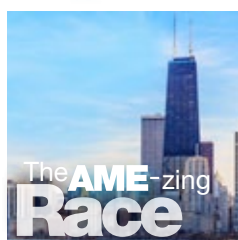
First-timers and seasoned conference participants will network, get an overview of the conference and have their questions answered.



Dine Around:

Sunday – Monday

Explore Chicago's restaurant scene while networking with a small group of fellow conference participants. Registration and an additional cost are required for this progressive dining option.



AME-zing Race:

Tuesday

Join a team or create your own for this fun competition that will help you build relationships, create memories and explore Chicago's culture.



Photo Hunt:

Participate in an app-based photo scavenger hunt and make new connections during the conference. Take photos to complete challenges and earn points. The first person who completes all of the challenges wins a prize!

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KEYNOTES

Join us and learn from distinguished keynote speakers, including:



Col. Arthur J. Athens

Retired Col. Arthur J. Athens recently left the federal government, having served for the past decade as the director of the U.S. Naval Academy's Vice Admiral James B. Stockdale Center for Ethical Leadership, and previously as the Naval Academy's first Distinguished Military Professor of Leadership. Athens is a retired Marine Corps officer who held command and staff assignments in all four Marine Aircraft Wings and served an instructor tour with Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One.



Andrew Au

Andrew Au is a modern business leader who helps global blue-chip brands respond to the new culture and nature of work. Through his innovative work, he was the youngest person to be inducted into the Entrepreneurs Organization at the age of 22. Au is among the few Canadians to be named to Forbes' 30 Under 30 list and has received over 35 domestic and international awards for business innovation and thought leadership.



Chris McChesney

Chris McChesney is the global practice leader of execution for FranklinCovey Co., and one of the primary developers of "The 4 Disciplines of Execution." McChesney has personally led many of the most noted implementations of the "4 Disciplines," including the State of Georgia, Marriott International, Shaw Industries, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, The Kroger Co., The Coca-Cola Co., Comcast, Lockheed Martin Corporation and Gaylord Entertainment.



Tom Peters

In 1982, with the publication of *In Search of Excellence: Lessons from America's Best-Run Companies*, Tom Peters and Bob Waterman effectively introduced the world of business to the notion of excellence as a state of mind. The book was honored by NPR as one of the "Top Three Business Books of the Century." In his latest book, *The Excellence Dividend*, Peters discusses his concern about the impending impact of technology (both innovating and automating) on jobs over the next 10 years and beyond. He is as convinced as ever that excellence remains the greatest differentiator.



Richard Sheridan

Joy, Inc. author Richard Sheridan is the CEO, chief storyteller and co-founder of Menlo Innovations. When Sheridan decided to start his own company, he and his partners committed to bringing joy to the world through software and teaching this method to others. Sheridan was featured on the cover of *Forbes* magazine in 2003, sharing his “hire yourself” story with the world.



John Sweeney

John Sweeney has captured the imagination of some of the most respected companies in the world. Sweeney’s success is a result of how deeply and effectively his improvisational training programs have resonated with a broad spectrum of leaders. Whether helping companies achieve greater innovation, improve teamwork and productivity, sell better, embrace change or renew workplace enthusiasm, Sweeney is undeniable in his ability to spark laughter, deliver messages, provoke thought and initiate change.



Senta Taylor

Senta Taylor is a seasoned executive with more than 25 years of experience leading business transformations globally. She joined RBC as vice president, strategy and transformation services. Prior to RBC, she worked at General Electric for 19 years, where she held many roles, including general manager — process excellence & IT compliance, vice president of operations, certified Six Sigma Black Belt and supply chain leader.



Nigel Thurlow

Nigel Thurlow is an organizational design expert, international keynote speaker, continuous improvement leader, Agile and scrum expert and the chief of Agile at Toyota Connected. He is an internationally recognized industry expert on lean and Agile approaches and is leveraging the power of The Toyota Production System and The Toyota Way to enhance and develop Agility in lean product development.



Grace Wakulchik

Grace Wakulchik, president of Akron Children’s Hospital since 2017, is a transformational leader. She is the third president in the hospital’s history and first woman in that role. Since joining Akron Children’s Hospital, Wakulchik has held various nursing and hospital leadership roles focused on skill development, team-building, operational excellence and encouraging clinical staff to pursue management roles. Wakulchik was named one of the 2018 Notable Women in Healthcare by *Crain’s Cleveland Business*.

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Monday – Thursday

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Monday, Nov. 4
On your own in Chicago



Tuesday, Nov. 5
Field Museum Private
Tour & Lunch



Wednesday, Nov. 6
Botanical Garden
Greenhouse Tour &
Lunch



Thursday, Nov. 7
Macy's Shopping &
Lunch at The Walnut
Room

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Are there **rising stars** in your organization who should attend **AME Chicago 2019**? Check out the AME Emerging Leaders Program:



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Participation in the program includes:

- Registration to attend AME Chicago 2019
- Free leadership clinic at AME Chicago 2019, sponsored by Living As A Leader
- Ongoing learning and networking through the online AME Network Emerging Leaders community and more!

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