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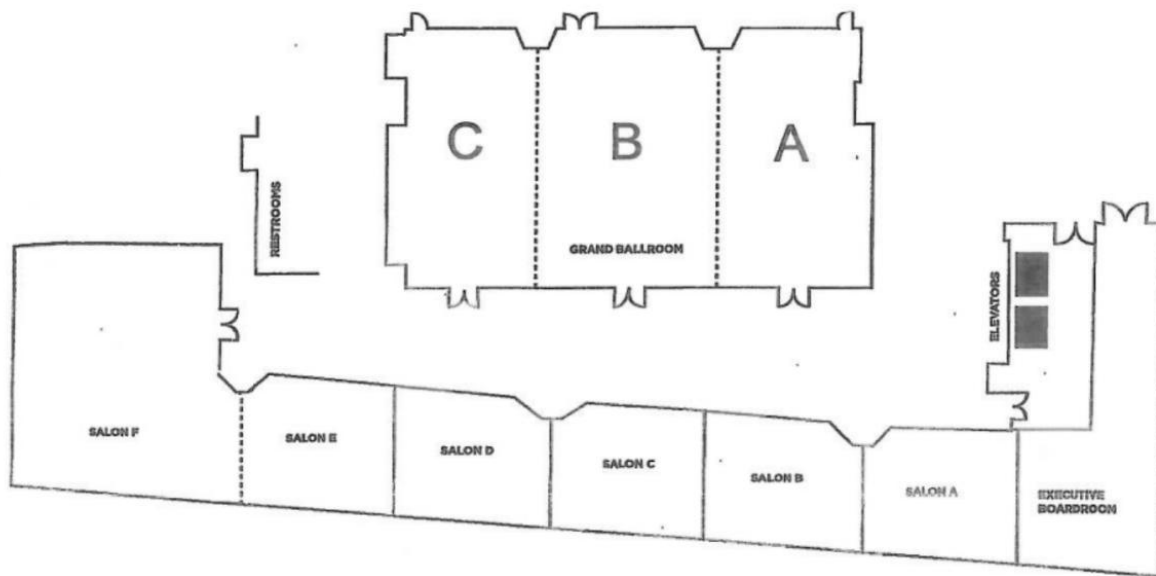
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Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Grand Ballroom A (Host John McCullough w/ Larry Bryant)

Time	Title of Sessions - Grand Ballroom B	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.	The Power of Capital	Vance Kirkwood
10 – 11 a.m.	Fireside Chat with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. Bigger & Better Business Initiative	Charles Jones
11 – 12 p.m.	Learn about the Kiva U.S. 0% Microloan	Lyndsae' Peele
12 – 1 p.m.	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC
Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only	(Grand Ballroom A)	Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
1 – 2 p.m.	How to become a Kiva U.S. Hub or Trustee	Lyndsae' Peele
2 – 3 p.m.	What are your business insurance options and how to attract and retain employees	Brian D. Morrison
3 – 4 p.m.	What is it really like to be an Entrepreneur Panel	Stephanie Webb, Glenn Henderson
4 – 5 p.m.	Operational Excellence	Kendall Braxton

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Grand Ballroom C (Host Steven Yates w/ Jackie Jackson)

Time	Title of Sessions - Grand Ballroom C	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.	Know your numbers: The Evolution of Bank Lending	Steve Koch, Nicole Paine, Vance Kirkwood, Paul Jones
10 – 11 a.m.	Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses	Kimberly Burroughs, Destiny Williams
11 – 12 p.m.	Strategic and Responsible AI for Entrepreneurs	Melissa McCurry-Kurncz
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
1 – 2 p.m.	From Idea to Working Prototype: How to Leverage AI to build tools that Solve Problems	Lovell Seals, Mehul Shah
2 – 3 p.m.	Are You Prepared and Have Resources for Education, Employment, or Entrepreneurial Opportunities?	Tiffany Kirk, Steven Yates
3 – 4 p.m.	Anthropic AI/Claude Use in Business	Asante Bradford
4 – 5 p.m.	Technical Assistance for Entrepreneurs	Tanesia Greer, Valaise Smith



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Salon F (Host Emmanuel Ogua/Jesse Cole w/Daryl Peguese)

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8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.	Fireside Chat with Michigan Good Food Fund	Shakir Bralock
10 – 11 a.m.	Fireside Chat with First Independence Bank	Dimitrius Hutcherson
11 – 12 p.m.	Fireside Chat with Lake Trust Credit Union	Nicole Paine
12 – 1 p.m.	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only		
1 – 2 p.m.	Fireside Chat with Lake Michigan Credit Union	Erica Foondle
2 – 3 p.m.	Fireside Chat with SGRX Health	Ime Ekpenyong
3 – 4 p.m.	Fireside Chat with Fifth Third Bank	Tawnya Rose
4 – 5 p.m.	Fireside Chat with The Auto Club Group	David Campbell



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Salon A (Host Kory Scheiber)

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8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.	Connect. Capture. Convert: How to Turn Contacts into Cients with Email & SMS Marketing	Bridget Espinosa
10 – 11 a.m.	Bridge MODEL Networking: A “Shaking-Hands-On” Workshop	Bridget Espinosa
11 – 12 p.m.	Obtaining a Michigan Liquor License: From Application to First Pour	Atty. Brian O’Keefe
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
1 – 2 p.m.	Bookkeeper, Controller, or CFO? Matching Financial Talent to Your Growth Stage	Steve Koch
2 – 3 p.m.	Building a Network to Enhance Small Business Branding and Marketing	DeJuan Woods
3 – 4 p.m.	How Government Agencies Support Small Businesses	Cristia Brockway
4 – 5 p.m.	Seek Harmony: Why Work-Life Balance Doesn’t Exist	Bridget Espinosa

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Salon B – Michigan Good Food Fund

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon B	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.	Fireside Chat with Michigan Good Food Fund (Salon F)	Shakir Bralock
10 – 11 a.m.	Retail Readiness and Feasibility Fundamentals	Heather Lazickas and Joel Kopischke
11 – 12 p.m.	Food Business Financing and Technical Assistance with Michigan Good Food Fund	Shakir Bralock, Erin Elly, and Retail Guests
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
1 – 2 p.m.	Building a Pitch for Food and Retail Businesses	Heather Lazickas and Joel Kopischke
2 – 3 p.m.	Building a Stronger Retail Business: Operational Benchmarks, Community Partnerships, and Funding Opportunities	Jimmy Wright and Brielle Underwood
3 – 4 p.m.	Drop In Hours with Michigan Good Food Fund	Michigan Good Food Fund Team
4 – 5 p.m.		



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Salon C – Best Practices Consulting (Host Laura Sigmon)

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon C	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.	Procurement Readiness	Laura Sigmon
10 – 11 a.m.	Design Your Capability Statements	Laura Sigmon
11 – 12 p.m.	SOP for Growth-Ready Businesses	Laura Sigmon
12 – 1 p.m.	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only		
1 – 2 p.m.	W2 or 1099: Which works best for you?	Laura Sigmon
2 – 3 p.m.	Economic Gardening: How Can It Stabilize Your Business?	Laura Sigmon
3 – 4 p.m.	Kiva as Gap Funding	Laura Sigmon
4 – 5 p.m.	Business Credit Reports and How to Use It	Laura Sigmon



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Salon D – Entrepreneur Exchange Group (Host Angeline Lawrence)

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon D	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.		
10 – 11 a.m.	Leading from Your Center When Stakes are High	Myles Morgan
11 – 12 p.m.	Building AI Systems	Christa Stephens
12 – 1 p.m.	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only		
1 – 2 p.m.	Doing Business Downriver: Small Business Services at the Downriver Community Conference	Jazmine Danci
2 – 3 p.m.	AI Safety and Spam	Christa Stephens
3 – 4 p.m.	Doing Business in Ecorse	Al Ruiz
4 – 5 p.m.		

Salon E (Host Jennifer Moon) w/ Kimberly Jones

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon D	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
8:15 – 9 a.m.	Opening Ceremony – Fireside Chat (Grand Ballroom A)	Warren Galloway, Founder Ned Staebler, TechTown Detroit
9 – 10 a.m.		
10 – 11 a.m.	Turning Your Business Into a Story People Remember	Denzell Turner
11 – 12 p.m.	Starting from scratch or buying a business: Pros and Cons	David A. Campbell
12 – 1 p.m.	The Imagination Advantage: Seeing Is Believing (Grand Ballroom A)	Milton Eric Fletcher, MBA, NLPCA, PCC Executive Leadership Coach & Consultant, Great Minds Coaching
Lunch Served – Paid Registered Guests Only		
1 – 2 p.m.	Closing the Coverage Gap: Affordable Health Insurance for Wayne & Oakland County Small	Ime Ekpenyong, Krysten Garvin, Karen Kiewski and

	Businesses	Brittany Cochran
2 – 3 p.m.	Financial Literacy & College Readiness Workshop	Kanise James
3 – 4 p.m.	Small Business Underwriting 101 – What Every Business Owner Needs To Know Before Applying for Financing.	Jennifer Moon
4 – 5 p.m.	Sales Success: Finding your best customers and landing the Business	John Petty

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Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Grand Ballroom A (Host John McCullough w/ Larry Bryant)

Time	Title of Sessions - Grand Ballroom A	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	AI Marketing for Small Businesses	John McCullough, Tristan Eastman
10 – 11 a.m.	Fireside Chat with Kiva U.S. Director	Lyndsae' Peele
11 – 12 p.m.	Personal credit how it impacts you and your business	Scott Wiggins
12 – 1 p.m.	How to Handle Bullying in the Workplace	Tresa Galloway
Lunch (<i>on your own</i>)		
1 – 2 p.m.	Fireside Chat with the Detroit Balloon Store	Cathryn Coleman
2 – 3 p.m.	FREE AI Coaching	John McCullough, Tristan Eastan
3 – 4 p.m.	Reserved - Pitch Competition Participants Only!	
4 – 5 p.m.	Reserved – Pitch Competition Participants Only!	
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>
6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	

Grand Ballroom C (Host Steven Yates w/ Jackie Jackson)

Time	Title of Sessions - Grand Ballroom B	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	Business Preparedness: What It Really Takes Before the Opportunity Comes	Steven Yates, Glenn Henderson
10 – 11 a.m.	Detroit Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Project: Building your business spine to access more capital	Siobhan Barrett
11 – 12 p.m.	What if some of the skills employers and entrepreneurs value most, including adaptability, creativity, resourcefulness, and problem-solving, are skills many people with disabilities practice every day	Jacqueline Cuevas
1 – 2 p.m.	What resources are available for entrepreneurs looking to grow and scale a business	Steven Yates, Chris Scott, Ime Ekpenyong, Charles L. Jones

2 – 3 p.m.	Developing a Business Plan	Cynitra Oliver
3 – 4 p.m.	The path to Financial Readiness; Becoming a bankable business	Craig Sapelak & Paul Zynda
4 – 5 p.m.		
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>
6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	All Guests

Salon F (Host Emmanuel Ogua/Daryl Peguese)

Time	Title of Sessions – Salon F	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	Business Speed Dating – Meet with Resources	No pre-registration necessary
10 – 11 a.m.	Business Speed Dating – Meet with Resources	No pre-registration necessary
11 – 12 p.m.	Business Speed Dating – Meet with Resources	No pre-registration necessary
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch <i>(on your own)</i>	Fireside Chat with JL3GARDY	Johnny Legardy
1 – 2 p.m.	Customer Service on The Go – Your Playbook on how to become a Customer Service Superstar	Denise Ogua, Emmanuel Ogua
2 – 3 p.m.	Open Office Hours with Resources	No pre-registration necessary
3 – 4 p.m.	Open Office Hours with Resources	No pre-registration necessary
4 – 5 p.m.	Open Office Hours with Resources	No pre-registration necessary
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>
6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	All Guests

Salon A (Host Kory Scheiber)

Time	Salon A	Loan Representatives
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	Franchising 101: The Fastest Path from Idea to Income in Detroit's Small Business Economy	Chinyere Crutcher
10 – 11 a.m.	The Hidden Power Behind Every Loan - Relationships That XCELERATE™ Results	Erika Monaé Lewis
11 – 12 p.m.	Start Smart: The 4 Foundations Every New Entrepreneur Needs	Chris Scott
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch (<i>On your own</i>)	Financing your Small Business while avoiding legal pitfalls	Atty. Brian O'Keefe
1 – 2 p.m.	Real World Payroll Mistakes & How To Fix Them (Roundtable)	Eric Jones / Courtney Benschoter
2 – 3 p.m.	Fireside Chat with University of Michigan Center for Innovation in Detroit	DeShawn Singleton
3 – 4 p.m.	Loan-Ready at \$1M+: What Lenders Actually Want to See From a Scaling Firm	Steve Koch
4 – 5 p.m.	Let's get started: Ideation vs Pre-Revenue Start up	Arlena Minter
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>
6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	All Guests

Salon B (Host Bridget Espinosa w/ LenDerrick Bridges)

Time	Salon B	Loan Representatives
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom A</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	SBA Lending Programs	Latifa Bradwell
10 – 11 a.m.	Unlocking Federal Contract	Olga Martinez
11 – 12 p.m.	Demystifying the SBA Application	Tom Sreckovic, Orlando Crump
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch (<i>On your own</i>)	Credit Building Strategies	Carolyn Cassin & Tamara Jackson
1 – 2 p.m.	No-Cost Business Counseling	Mick Shimamura
2 – 3 p.m.	Beyond the Microloan	Emily Kirby
3 – 4 p.m.	Community Lending Networks	Mark Williams
4 – 5 p.m.	Navigating the Pathways to Success: The Realities of Contracting	Glenn Henderson
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>

6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition - 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	All Guests

Salon C – ISM (Host Faris Alami)

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon C	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	Capital & Finance Readiness: The Right Money, the Right Lender, at the Right Time	Faris Alami
10 – 11 a.m.	The Art of Asking for Money: Understand the Funding Mindset	Faris Alami
11 – 12 p.m.	Kauffman FastTrac: Writing a Business Plan That Gets You Funding	Faris Alami
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch (<i>On your Own</i>)		
1 – 2 p.m.	Which Plan Do You Actually Need? Business, Feasibility, Strategic, Growth, Financial or Resilience?	Faris Alami
2 – 3 p.m.	Use the Resilient Entrepreneur Canvas to Build a Stronger Funding Case	Faris Alami
3 – 4 p.m.	You Can Get Money When You Don't Need It. How Do You Get It When You Do?	Faris Alami
4 – 5 p.m.	Beyond Startup: How SMEs and Scale-Ups Should Ask for Funding	Faris Alami
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>
6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	All Guests

Salon D – Jesse Speaks International (Host Jesse Cole)

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon D	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	The Entrepreneur's Playbook to Overcoming Doubt	Denise Roberts
10 – 11 a.m.	One-on-One Meetings/Counseling Sessions with Entrepreneurs	Jesse Cole
11 – 12 p.m.	Collaborate Like A Pro: 5 Questions You Should Ask Before Saying Yes to a Strategic Partnership	Jesse Cole

12 – 1 p.m. Lunch (<i>On your Own</i>)	One-on-One Meetings/Counseling Sessions with Entrepreneurs	Jesse Cole
1 – 2 p.m.	Billion Dollar Business Secrets: Unconventional Wisdom for Sustaining and Scaling	David Johnson
2 – 3 p.m.	AI Masterclass: Whoever Owns the Data Owns the Future. Sacred Codes© to Grow Your Business	David Johnson
3 – 4 p.m.	No More Chasing: Attracting Clients That Don't Mind Paying You	Jesse Cole
4 – 5 p.m.	One-on-One Meetings/Counseling Sessions with Entrepreneurs	Jesse Cole
5 – 7 p.m.	Dinner – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Michigan Good Food Fund)	<i>(Paid Registered Guests Only)</i>
6 – 7 p.m.	Pitch Competition – 3rd Floor Ballroom (Sponsored by Fifth Third Bank)	John L. McCullough, Host
7 – 10 p.m.	Conference Celebration - 3rd Floor Ballroom	All Guests

Salon E (Host Jennifer Moon w/ Kimberly Jones)

Time	Title of Sessions - Salon E	Speaker(s)
8 – 10 a.m.	Conference Registration	Lobby
8 – 9 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast – Paid Registered Guests Only</i>	<i>Grand Ballroom B</i>
9 – 10 a.m.	Marketing In a Digital World	Vance J. Kirkwood
10 – 11 a.m.	Scaling up: Tips on growing your business	David A. Campbell
11 – 12 p.m.	Leading Through Transition: Business Etiquette and Change Management in Modern Organizations	Aaron Jackson
12 – 1 p.m. Lunch (<i>On your Own</i>)	The Importance of Social Entrepreneurship	Dr. Marcus Harris
1 – 2 p.m.	Small Business Financing Without the Legal Landmines	Atty. Brian O'Keefe
2 – 3 p.m.	Holistic Leadership	Kendall Braxton
3 – 4 p.m.	CBA Formula, Inc. AI Panel	Asante Bradford, Lovell Seals, Mehul Shah
4 – 5 p.m.	Finding your Best Customers and Getting the Business	John Petty
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Tresa Galloway	Love Laces
Vance Kirkwood	Chase Bank
Jaime Odister	Tyme Consulting Unlimited
John McCullough Jr.	GT Web Solutions
Ime Ekpenyong	SGRX Health
Kendall Braxton	Braxton Management LLC
Tawnya Rose	Fifth Third Bank
Erica Foondle	Lake Michigan Credit Union
Kory Scheiber	Michigan SBDC
Shakir Bralock	Michigan Good Food Fund
Lawrence Jackson	Emerging Enterprise Group
Nicole Paine	Lake Trust Credit Union
Steven Yates	Heroes International
Dimitrius Hutcherson	First Independence Bank
Jennifer Moon	Moon Consulting LLC
Aaron Jackson	Back Office for Oranizing in Michigan (BOOM)
Lyndsae' Peele	Kiva U.S.
Kimberly Burroughs	Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses
John Petty	CHY Marketing Services, LLC
Tamara L. Jackson-Gatewood	Michigan Women Forward
Steven Koch	Primary Care Financial
Stephanie Webb	Sunshine Handcrafted
Arlena Minter	Michigan Women Forward
Emmanuel Ogua	National Microloan Conference
Lutalo Sanifu	University of Michigan Center for Innovation in Detroit
Bridget Espinosa	Puente Cultural Integration
Cristia Brockway	City of Farmington Hills
David Campbell	The Auto Club Group
Charles Jones	Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
Chris Scott	Positive Thought Solutions
Cynitra Oliver	Key Bank
Siobhan Barrett	University of Michigan Detroit Neighborhood Entrepreneurs Project
Eric Jones	Workforce Pay Hub
David Franzonello	Workforce Pay Hub
Milton Eric Fletcher	Great Minds Coaching
Jennifer Burley	CIBC Bank
Erika Monae' Lewis	Erika Monae' Group
Laura Sigmon	Best Practices Consulting Services
Asante Bradford	Georgia Department of Economic Development

Angeline Lawrence	Entrepreneur Exchange Group
Myles Morgan	
Christa Stephens	Tymflo
Darryl Folks II	Downriver Community Conference
Al Ruiz	
Jazmine Danci	Downriver Community Conference
Jesse Cole	Jesse Speaks International, LLC
Denise Roberts	Play to Win
David Johnson	Johnson Consulting Group
Faris Alami	International Strategic Management
Laura Sigmon	Best Practices Consulting Services
Brian O'Keefe	Lippitt O'Keefe, PLLC
Krysten Garvin	SGRX Health
Karen Kiewski	SGRX Health
Brittany Cochran	SGRX Health
Zahra Nielsen	SGRX Health
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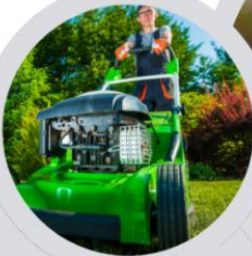
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