

South Central Texas Supply Chain Conference

The Supply Chain Renaissance: Navigating the Next Era – Are you Ready?

“...explore how technology, sustainability, and geopolitical shifts are transforming global supply chains into more resilient, adaptive ecosystems...”

Program Schedule

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Scheduled Time	Day 1 - 15-April-2026 SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE		
7:00 - 8:00am	Registration - Bluebonnet Foyer		
8:00 - 8:30am	Breakfast Served - Bluebonnet A		
Sponsor Introduction	Sponsor Introduction: Vern Teichroeb, (2026 Conference Chair)		
Case Competition Introduction	Case Competition Introduction: Gopal Easwaran & Chuck Nemer		
8:30 - 9:30am	Keynote: Josh Malin: Vice President Manufacturing & Planning Operations, HEB Topic - Unlocking Digital Value Through Culture Change		
Room	Lantana A Theme - Digital Transformation	Lantana B Theme - Sustainability	Lantana C Theme - Risk Management
Session Topics	AI and Machine Learning	Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors	Geopolitical Risk
9:45 - 10:45am	(1) TJ Fowler: Chief Commercial Officer, Cloud 9 Perception, Inc. Topic: Bridging the AI Gap	(2) Gopal Easwaran, St. Mary's University Topic: From Classical Frameworks and Optimization to Digital Transformation: Operationalizing Intelligent Supply Chains	(3) David Weeks: Director, Supply Chain Industry Practice Lead, Moody's. Topic: Supply Chain Risk Deep Dive and Mitigation / Management Strategy
10:45 - 11:00am	Networking / Coffee Break - Sponsor TBD		
Room	Lantana A Theme - Digital Transformation	Lantana B Theme - Sustainability	Lantana C Theme - Risk Management
Session Topics	Blockchain Technology, IIOT, and Machine Learning	Circular Economy	Sourcing Strategies
11:00am - 12:00pm	(4) Gopal Easwaran, St. Mary's University Topic: Machine Learning Algorithm and Demo	(5) Bruno Acosta, SAPIX Topic: Adaptive Enterprise Model	(6) Brad Wagoner, Sourcing Specialist, James Avery Craftsman Topic: Sourcing Strategies in Supply Chain. What are they and why are they important?
12:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch Served - Bluebonnet A		
Member Recognition	Member Recognition - Roy Vasquez (ASCM South Central Texas Chapter President)		
12:30 - 2:00pm	Keynote: World Café - Women in the Supply Chain Roundtable		
Room	Lantana A Theme - Digital Transformation	Lantana B Theme - Sustainability	Lantana C Theme - Risk Management
Session Topics	Implementation in SME	Predicting the Future	Financial Risk
1:45 - 2:45pm	(7) Kathy Bautista, Axens Solutions Topic: Digital Transformation in Small to Medium Companies	(8) Jay Heizer, Professor (Ret.) and Author Topic: Forecasting for the Unexpected	(9) Diego Alvarez, Infinito Global Logistics Topic: Tariff, Tensity, & Tied up Cash
2:45 - 3:00pm	Networking / Coffee Break		
Room	Lantana A Theme - Digital Transformation	Lantana B Theme - Strategic Decision Making	Lantana C Theme - Emerging Trends
Session Topics	Automation and Robotics	Data-Driven Decision-Making Drives Supply chain Optimization	Problem Solving
3:00 - 4:00pm	(10) Madison Wooldridge, St. Mary's Univ. Topic: The Automation Shift: Aligning Strategy, Technology, and Production for the Future	(11) Heather Rebholz, Caterpillar Inc. Topic: Data Drives Decisions, Drives Supply Chain Optimization	(12) Sandra Hawkins, TMAC Topic: Drive Sustainable Improvement with Kata
4:30 - 6:00pm	Networking and Hospitality (Cash Bar in the Lobby)		

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Scheduled Time	Day 2 - 16-April-2026 SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE		
7:00 - 8:00am	Registration - Bluebonnet Foyer		
8:00 - 8:30am	Breakfast Served - Bluebonnet A		
8:30 - 9:30am	Keynote: Hamid Syed, Sr. Director Engineering, Cisco Global Supply Chain Topic - AI for Quality and Manufacturing Operations		
Room	Lantana A Theme - Talent and Culture	Lantana B Theme - Advanced AI and Automation	Lantana C Theme - Emerging Trends
Session Topics	Addressing the Skills Gap	AI Simulations	Impact of AI in Procurement
9:45 - 10:45am	(13) Mark Alarik, Consultant Topic: Closing the Skills Gap in Real Time	(14) Omar Moya, SAPIX Topic: Simulations and AI in Adaptive Supply Chains	(15) Priya Kumar, Sustainable Inc. Topic: AI in Strategic Sourcing
10:45 - 11:00am	Networking / Coffee Break Bronze		
Room	Lantana A Theme - Talent and Culture	Lantana B Theme - Advanced AI and Automation	Lantana C Theme - Emerging Trends
Session Topics	A Culture of Innovation and Collaboration	Supply Chain Talent Management	Digital Twins in Supply Chain Modeling
11:00am - 12:00pm	(16) Bruce Stanfill, Phd.: Topic: A Culture of Innovation and Collaboration	(17) Linda Knudsen, Dell Technologies Topic: Supply Chain Talent Pipeline Development	(18) Pat Tarver, Supply Chain Consultant Topic: Cobalt Red: How the Blood of the Congo Powers our Lives
12:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch Served - Bluebonnet A		
12:20 - 12:30pm	Case Competition Outbrief		
12:30 - 1:30pm	Keynote: Gerald Jackson, VP Supply Chain Solutions Strategy, Innovation, and Evangelism, Oracle Topic - The New North Star: Resilience, AI, and the Future of America's Supply Chain		