Session Overview

Updated: July 17, 2024

Thursday, September 26
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Opening Keynote

Ignite Your Leadership: Engineering a Sustainable Future
Room: General Session: Great Lakes Ballroom, Level 2
Erin McConahey, Member, ASHRAE, and ARUP Fellow, ARUP, Culver City, CA
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM  
Session 1  

How to Engage and Empower Girls and Women in STEM: Insights from 3 Voices  
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2  
Chair: Cherish Samuels, Amazon, Memphis, TN  
Host: Danielle Passaglia, Member, SmithGroup, Chicago, IL  

1. Kenya Davis, TRANE, Houston, TX  
2. Jenny Abney Sivie, LEED AP BD+C, Norman S Wright Mechanical Equipment Corp, Dallas, TX  
3. Abi Olukeye, Smart Girls HQ, Charlotte, NC  

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Session 2  

Confidence & Competence: Striking the Perfect Balance  
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2  
Chair: Julia Keen, P.E., PhD, FASHRAE, HBDP, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS  

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2. Jennifer Leach, PE, Full Member, BR+A, Vienna, VA  

3:45 PM – 4:45PM  
Session 3  

Empowering Women in the Workplace: Leveraging AI for Enhanced Productivity and Creativity  
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2  
Chair: Mallory Manaseer, Full Member, Salesforce, Chicago, IL  

1. Colleen Keyworth, CEng, Online Access Inc, Port Huron, MI  

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Session 4  

Leading with Empathy and By Priority: Essential Skills for Top Managers  
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2  
Chair: Kellie R Huff, Varitec Solutions, Phoenix, AZ  

1. Nancy Kohout, Principal, SmithGroup, Oak Park, IL  
2. Madison Schultz, ADG|Blatt, Full Member, Oklahoma, OK  

Friday, September 27  
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM  
Keynote 2  

Leadership Dualities: Guiding Professionals and Volunteers in Engineering Environments  
Room: General Session: Great Lakes Ballroom, Level 2  
1. Ginger Scoggins, PE, CEM, CxA, FASHRAE, Principal, Engineered Designs, Inc, Cary, NC  

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM  
Session 5  

From Blueprint to Footprint: Women Engineers Enhancing ESG Strategies  
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2  
Chair: Cherish Samuels, Amazon, Memphis, TN
1. **Meagan Garrett**, The Climate Control Group Inc, Olive Branch, MS

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**Session 6**

**Engineering the Climb: Women’s Path to Leadership in HVAC**
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2
Chair: Hetal Lee, JLL, Glendale Heights, IL

1. **Julie Lardenoit**, Stantec Consulting Services Inc,
2. **Catherine Tojoga**, CT Mechanical
3. **Cheryl Carron**, JLL

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

**Session 7**

**Turning Down the Heat: ASHRAE Standards Updates and the Quest for Decarbonization**
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2
Chair: Maggie Moninski, Singh + Associates, Arlington Heights, IL

1. **Brittany Fiena**, SmithGroup, Detroit, MI
2. **Sarah Maston**, Full Member, Colliers Engineering, Hudson, MA

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**Session 8**

**Mastering the Deal: Negotiation Strategies for Women Leaders**
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2
Chair: Tiffany Abruzzo, Envirosep, San Diego, CA

1. **Ruth King**, CEO/Owner

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

**Keynote Panel**

**She Leads: Strategies for Success from Top Women Leaders**
Room: General Session: Great Lakes Ballroom, Level 2
Chair: Nancy Kohout, SmithGroup, Oak Park, IL

1. **Barb Hickey**, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL
2. **Sandra Henry**, Slipstream, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
3. **Nancy Simoneau**, Groupe SIMONEAU,
4. **Allison Graves**, RTM Engineering

2:15 PM - 3:45 PM

**Session 9**

**Next Gen HVAC: The Impact of Young Engineers in ASHRAE**
Room: Breakout 1: Erie, Level 2
Chair: Filza H. Walters, MBA, FESD, FASHRAE, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

1. **Christina Lail**, P.E., Lead Consultant, Mechanical Engineer, WSP USA, Dallas, TX,
2. **Erin McConahey**, PE, FASHRAE, Principal, ARUP Fellow, Los Angeles, CA
3. Janice K. Means, PE, LEED AP, FESD, FASHRAE, Life Member S-B-A, Professor Emerita, Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, MI
4. Ginger Scoggins, PE, CEM, CxA, FASHRAE, Principal, Engineered Designs, Inc, Cary, NC
5. Catherine Tinkler, PMP, EBCP, LEED AP O+M, Associate Principal, Page, Houston, TX
6. Erato Vasileiou, CIBSE and JLL, United Kingdom

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Session 10

Life in the Leadership Lane: Balancing Family and HVAC Careers
Room: Breakout 2: Ontario, Level 2
Chair: Fiona McCarthy, P.E. BEAP, QCxP, LEED AP, Associate, Grumman|Butkus Associates, Evanston, IL

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2. Darcy Carbonne, APA HVAC Technologies
3. Sheila Hayter, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Presidential Member, Golden, CO