

Prosper Forum Agenda - 8.21.25

<b>Sunday, August 24, 2025</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	<b>Registration Open</b>	
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Networking Break</b>	
	Presented by: The Cheesecake Factory Bakery®	
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Opening General Session:</b>	
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	<b>Welcome</b>	
	Hattie Hill, CEO, Hattie Hill Enterprises & Prosper Company Board Member	
	David Jobe, Co-Founder & CEO, Prosper Company	
	Perry Miele, Board Member / Advisor, Former President & CEO of Nestlé Professional Solutions	
	Damian Monticello, Director, Enterprise Hospitality and Event Services, Guidewell	
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Accelerator Recognition and Toast</b>	
4:30 PM - 5:10 PM	<b>The Process of Changemaking</b>	
	Change doesn't happen by accident—it's built with intention, vision, and grit. In The Process of Changemaking, three leading CEOs share how they've driven transformation within their organizations while staying true to culture, values, and long-term strategy. From revitalizing legacy brands to scaling innovation across teams and stores, this panel will offer a behind-the-scenes look at what it really takes to lead meaningful change in the foodservice industry—and how to sustain it. Attendees will walk away with actionable insights on leading through complexity, aligning teams around purpose, and turning bold ideas into business results.	
	Moderated by: Don Yaeger, President, Greatness Inc.	
	Panelists:	
	Christine Barone, CEO, President & Board Member, Dutch Bros Coffee	
	GJ Hart, Chairman/CEO, Hart to Hart Global Advisors	
	Todd Penegor, President & CEO, Papa John's	
	Presented by: DoorDash	
5:10 PM - 5:20 PM	<b>Unlocking Leadership Potential: The Prosper Edge Assessment Overview</b>	
	Join us for an exclusive look at the Prosper Edge Assessment, a new leadership development tool being created in collaboration with BISK. Designed to help rising leaders better understand their strengths, growth areas, and unique leadership style, this session will walk attendees through the purpose, framework, and future application of the assessment. Learn how this tool will empower individuals and organizations to lead with greater clarity, confidence, and impact, starting with the Prosper Accelerators.	
	John Hatto, Chief Commercial Officer, C.H. Guenther & Son	
	Hattie Hill, CEO, Hattie Hill Enterprises & Prosper Company Board Member	
	David Jobe, Co-Founder & CEO, Prosper Company	
	Jennifer King Ph.D., Senior Vice President of Workforce and Education, Bisk	
5:20 PM - 6:05 PM	<b>The Community Quotient: Designing Workplaces for Connection &amp; Impact</b>	
	The focus on creating connected workplace cultures has been building momentum over the past few years, and now is the time to create a fusion between why it is important and how to do it, and that is at the heart of this energizing and soulful presentation from Liz Bohannon. Participants learn from Liz's experiences as a leader of a global brand and what it takes to create meaningful connection across your organization that is grounded in a sense of purpose and driven by impact. Growing your company as a connected community is the only way to inspire the kind of collaboration and innovation that will keep you rising to the next level even in the face of change and uncertainty.	
	Liz Bohannon, Forbes Top 20 Keynote Speaker / Bestselling Author / Podcaster	
	Presented by: DIRECTV FOR BUSINESS®	
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Liz Bohannon Book Signing	
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Dinner and Reception</b>	
	Presented by: Sysco Corporation	
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	<b>After Hours Reception</b>	
	Presented by: PepsiCo	
<b>Monday, August 25, 2025</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM	<b>Registration Open</b>	
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>	
	Presented By: First Watch & Hormel Foodservice	
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>General Session:</b>	
8:00 AM - 8:20 AM	Conference Welcome	

	Michiel Bakker, President, The Culinary Institute of America	
	James Fripp, Chief Culture, Opportunity, and Belonging Officer, YUM! Brands, Inc.	
	Hattie Hill, CEO, Hattie Hill Enterprises and Prosper Company Board Member	
	David Jobe, Co-Founder & CEO, Prosper Company	
	Hormel Exec Rep for Breakfast sponsorship - Lynn Egner, Vice President of Sales for Hormel Foodservice	
8:20 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Leading at Scale: Consistency, Creativity &amp; Culture Across Modern Restaurant Brands</b>	
	<p>In today's competitive and fast-evolving restaurant landscape, growth brings both opportunity and complexity. This session explores what it takes to successfully lead modern restaurant brands at scale—where operational consistency, cultural cohesion, and brand relevance must all move in lockstep.</p> <p>From quick-service to casual dining and beyond, leading at scale demands more than strong systems. It requires visionary leadership, cross-functional collaboration, and the ability to evolve without losing what makes the brand distinctive. This conversation will examine how high-growth brands are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintaining brand identity while expanding into new markets</li> <li>- Building strong internal cultures across frontline teams and corporate offices</li> <li>- Embracing innovation without compromising execution</li> <li>- Navigating consumer shifts, digital transformation, and workforce challenges</li> <li>- Creating consistent and meaningful guest experiences at every location</li> </ul> <p>Whether you're scaling a concept, refreshing a legacy brand, or leading through a major transformation, this session will offer practical insights and inspiration from leaders who are doing it at the highest level.</p>	
	Moderated by: Jeffrey Kiesel, CEO, Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	
	Panelists:	
	Mike Manzo, Former COO, Jersey Mike's Subs (40 yrs with the company 20 as COO)	
	Carl Loreda, US President, Pizza Hut	
	Steve Sturm, COO, Firebird Restaurant Group	
	Presented by: Restaurant Technologies, Inc.	
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>Bold Moves &amp; Brand Growth</b>	
	<p>In an industry where disruption is constant and transformation is essential, bold leadership isn't just valuable—it's vital. Join Greg Creed, former Yum! Brands CEO and one of the most respected voices in foodservice, as he sits down with Kevin Hochman, CEO of Brinker International, and Rob Lynch, CEO, Shake Shack, for a powerful conversation on brand relevance, innovation, and what it takes to lead at scale in today's high-stakes environment.</p> <p>From revitalizing legacy brands to navigating labor, technology, and shifting guest expectations, this session goes deep on the mindset and strategies required to lead companies through reinvention—and growth.</p> <p>Whether you're steering a global brand or scaling a next-generation concept, this is a must-attend for CEOs who are ready to challenge conventional thinking and drive meaningful change.</p>	
	Moderated by: Anne Fink, President, Global Away From Home, PepsiCo	
	Panelists:	
	Greg Creed, Founder, Creed UnCo	
	Kevin Hochman, President & CEO, Board Member, Brinker International	
	Rob Lynch, CEO, Shake Shack	
	Presented by: PepsiCo	
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Networking Break</b>	
	Hosted by: Main Squeeze Juice Co. and KNOW	
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>General Session Resumes</b>	
10:15 AM - 11:05 AM	<b>Outlook 2025: Exploring the Macro-Economic, Geo-Political, and Major Commodity Landscapes of the Future</b>	
	<p>John Barone Explores What's Ahead: Key Macro-Economic, Geopolitical, and Commodity Trends</p> <p>Join industry expert John Barone as he unpacks the critical macro-economic forces, geopolitical dynamics, and big-commodity shifts shaping the road ahead. Gain a strategic vantage point on what to watch, when to act, and how to stay prepared for the mile markers that matter most.</p>	
	John Barone, President, Market Vision, Inc.	
	Presented By: Cut+Dry	
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Driving Growth Through Innovation, Talent, and Adaptability</b>	
	<p>In today's fast-paced and constantly evolving foodservice landscape, the leaders who thrive are those who embrace innovation, adapt swiftly to changing conditions, and recognize that talent is their greatest asset. Join Tom Bené, President &amp; CEO of Breakthru Beverage Group, and Stephanie Gallo, CMO of GALLO, for an insightful conversation on how two industry powerhouses are shaping their futures through bold thinking, strategic investments, and a forward-looking focus on people.</p> <p>In this session, Tom and Stephanie will explore how their companies are driving growth and building a competitive edge by identifying new opportunities, innovating across their brands, and cultivating a culture that attracts and retains top talent. They will share their leadership insights on navigating market shifts, leveraging technology to stay ahead, and the importance of aligning innovation with purpose.</p>	

		Intro: Kamyra Capehart, Director, National Accounts On Premise, Breakthru Beverage Group, and Jamar Myers, Account Executive, National Accounts CDOP, GALLO	
		Moderator: Tom Bené, President & CEO, Breakthru Beverage Group	
		Stephanie Gallo, CMO, GALLO	
		Presented By: Breakthru Beverage Group	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM		<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
		Presented By: FranShares and TipHaus Inc.	
1:10 PM - 3:10 PM		<b>General Session</b>	
	1:10 PM - 1:15 PM	<b>Opening: Jillian Scott, VP of Foundation Development and Strategy, International Franchise Association</b>	
	1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	<b>Leading with Purpose: The Power of Empathy and Innovation</b>	
		As the CEO of Dine Brands Global, the parent company of iconic restaurant brands Applebee's, IHOP, and Fuzzy's Tacos, John Peyton understands the complexities of leading at scale, managing diverse teams, and driving innovation across borders. In this session, he will share insights on how empathetic leadership, cross-functional development, and brand differentiation have been critical to navigating change.	
		Leading a global operation presents unique challenges—from maintaining consistent brand integrity across multiple regions to fostering a culture of collaboration in diverse teams. John will discuss how Dine Brands is adapting to changing times while staying true to its core values, ensuring that both guests and team members feel connected, valued, and empowered.	
		Moderated by: David Jobe, Co-Founder & CEO, Prosper Company	
		John Peyton, CEO, Dine Brands	
		Presented By: Dine Brands	
	1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>No Kid Hungry: Nourishing Futures in Every Community</b>	
		Millions of children in the U.S. face hunger every year, but No Kid Hungry is working to change that by making sure every child has access to three healthy meals a day. This session will highlight the impact of No Kid Hungry and feature some of our partners who are helping expand school meal programs, provide meals during summer and afterschool, support families with grocery benefits, and fund local efforts to reach more kids. Together, we can help ensure no child goes hungry.	
		Moderated by: David Jobe, Co-Founder & CEO, Prosper Company	
		Anne Filipic, Chief Executive Officer, Share Our Strength/No Kid Hungry	
		Noah Glass, Founder & CEO, Olo Inc	
		Prioritizing High Value Experiences for Tomorrow's Consumers	
	2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>Prioritizing High Value Experiences for Tomorrow's Consumers</b>	
		Value has never been more scrutinized in today's atmosphere. Continued resilience from the consumer side in the face of rising economic pressures has buoyed the industry over the last year or so. Join AlixPartners as they explore how more than 18 years of restaurant consumer research and targeted operator and employee surveys around the Prosper Forum describe a permanent shift in the industry today. The resilience of consumer spending for many demographics shows that the mindset has been more permanently changed with "higher value" experiences winning over frequency and convenience. On the other hand, lower income consumers are far more concerned with their financial needs and choose to eat out either less frequently or to seek value options.	
		Jim Bitticks, President & COO, Dave's Hot Chicken	
		Taylor Ceithaml, Director of Restaurants, Hospitality and Leisure, AlixPartners	
		Joe Guith, CEO, CKE Restaurants, Inc.	
		Derrick Yarbrough, Director, AlixPartners	
		Presented By: AlixPartners	
	2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	<b>The CEO Playbook: Investing in Growth, People, and Performance</b>	
		consumer behavior, labor volatility, and an increasingly competitive investment landscape. Consumer confidence remains uncertain, directly influencing traffic patterns, check averages, and the pace of discretionary spending—forcing leaders to rethink everything from pricing strategies to site selection.	
		Moderator: Michael Gottlieb, Managing Director - National Hospitality Advisory, CohnReznick	
		David McKillips, President & CEO, CEC Entertainment	
		Presented By: CohnReznick	
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM		<b>Networking Break</b>	
		Presented by: J&J Snack Foods Corp.	
	3:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<b>Discerning Trends and Truth: Understanding Today's Consumer</b>	

	What do consumers really want in 2025—and how are their preferences reshaping the restaurant industry? In this data-driven, insight-packed session, Megan Lynberg of Datassential unpacks the latest trends, behaviors, and expectations influencing where and how people dine. From shifting values to spending habits and emotional drivers, this panel will equip you with the knowledge you need to stay ahead of the curve and create meaningful connections with your guests.	
	Megan Lynberg, SVP of Sales, Datassential	
	Presented By: Datassential	
4:15 PM - 4:45PM	<b>Capital &amp; Confidence: The Financial Outlook for Global Restaurant Leaders</b>	
	In a world of rising costs, shifting consumer behavior, and global economic uncertainty, staying financially agile is more important than ever. In this exclusive financial update presented by Citi, gain a high-level view of the key trends shaping the global restaurant industry—from capital markets and inflation to M&A activity and franchise health. Designed for CEOs and senior executives, this session will deliver the insights needed to navigate volatility, seize strategic growth opportunities, and lead with confidence in 2025 and beyond.	
	Intro: Luke	
	Presenter: Waleed Matin, Managing Director, Citigroup	
	Location: Ritz Carlton Ballroom	
	Presented by: Citigroup	
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>Ted Balestreri Leadership Award</b>	
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>Culture, Code &amp; Crave: Innovation Strategies Redefining Growth in Modern Foodservice</b>	
	The future of restaurant growth is being built at the intersection of culture, technology, and bold reinvention. In this dynamic session, industry leaders explore how brands are unlocking new revenue, relevance, and reach by embracing the power of the Latino marketplace, rethinking labor through innovation, turning food into content and experience, and forging disruptive partnerships—from gaming to global tech. We'll unpack how data, digital tools, and cultural fluency are driving traffic, loyalty, and brand differentiation in an increasingly fragmented consumer landscape. Whether it's collaborating with platforms like Blippie, redefining the guest journey, or engaging underrepresented markets with authenticity and scale, this session offers a blueprint for restaurant CEOs ready to lead the next wave of innovation.	
	Josh Halpern, CEO, Big Chicken & Chief Business Officer, Craveworthy	
	Geoff Madding, COO, Everybody Eats	
	Location: Ritz Carlton Ballroom	
	Presented By: Nestlé Professional Solutions	
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Networking Reception</b>	
	Presented By: Skytab by Shift4	
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Strolling Networking Dinner</b>	
	Presented By: Restaurants Connect - Presented By: California, Florida, and Texas Restaurant Associations & Nestlé Professional Solutions	
<b>Tuesday, August 26, 2025</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	
6:30 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>	
	Presented by: Altametrics and Georgia-Pacific LLC	
7:30 AM - 6:00PM	<b>Registration Open</b>	
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>General Session:</b>	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Future-Proofing Restaurants: Industry Imperatives in a Shifting Policy Landscape</b>	
	Today's business environment is shaped by powerful forces—economic volatility, workforce transformation, and evolving consumer expectations. For the restaurant industry, these challenges are intensified by a rapidly evolving policy landscape at both the federal and state levels. This session offers a strategic, high-level perspective on the imperatives the industry must prioritize to remain competitive and resilient.	
	Presenters:	
	Michelle Korsmo, President & CEO, National Restaurant Association	
	Rich Schneider, CDO, Areas USA & Chair, National Restaurant Association Board	
	Presented By: National Restaurant Association	
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<b>Conviction in Complexity: How C-Suite Leaders are Reshaping Guest Experience, Workforce, and Growth</b>	
	Today's foodservice leaders aren't just guiding teams—they're navigating complexity at scale. From economic headwinds and shifting guest expectations to cultural pressure and operational disruption, leadership now demands not only courage, but clarity, conviction, and cross-industry insight.	
	In this session, top executives from hospitality, retail, and convenience will share how they're making high-stakes decisions that impact millions of guests and employees—and what foodservice CEOs must do to lead with resilience, urgency, and long-term perspective.	
	Moderator: Luke Kircher, Co-Founder & President, Prosper Company	

	Scott Davis, President & CEO, Flik Hospitality Group (Compass Group)	
	Derek Gaskins, Head of Guest Experience, BP PLC (US Convenience & Mobility)	
	Brian Schaller, President, Wawa, Inc.	
	Michael E. Washington, Founder, Cato Hospitality Group and Palazzo Concessions	
	Presented By: Botrista	
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<b>Prospering in the AI Era</b>	
	The AI wave will end up being even more impactful than most people can imagine today. That means leaders and organizations have the opportunity, right at this moment, to leap ahead of competitors, amplify profits, improve workforce conditions, and improve customer relationships. BUT, not everyone will win. The economy by nature is often a zero sum game, so it is time to stop experimenting with synthetic and machine intelligence and start operationalizing it into our daily habits and workflows of the organization. Don't miss this chance to absorb thought leading ideas for leveraging the massive AI wave in front of us.	
	Mitesh Gala, CEO, Altametrics	
	Scott Klososky, Founder & CEO, Industry Defenders	
	Presented by: Altametrics	
	Intro: Hattie	
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>"The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence" – Inside Flynn Group</b>	
	Flynn Group isn't just the largest franchise operator in the U.S. —it's a masterclass in scale, strategy, execution, and culture. In this candid conversation, Sarah Lockyer sits down with COO Ron Bellamy and CPO Betsy Machado to go behind the scenes of what it really takes to build and lead a premier organization of over 70,000 team members across multiple iconic restaurant brands. The group will explore how Flynn Group creates and nurtures a people-first culture that drives premier performance across thousands of locations – all in the relentless pursuit of excellence.  This session offers a rare executive-level perspective on leadership at scale—from operational complexity and cultural continuity to innovation, workforce development, and what's next for one of the industry's most influential businesses.	
	Moderated by: Sarah Lockyer, Chief Brand Officer, The Elliot Group	
	Panelists:	
	Ron Bellamy, COO, Flynn Group	
	Betsy Mercado, CPO, Flynn Group	
	Presented by: The Elliot Group	
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>Networking Break</b>	
	Presented by: Ambiance iQ	
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>General Session:</b>	
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Leading at the Speed of Relevance</b>	
	In today's volatile foodservice landscape, where disruption is constant and consumer expectations shift rapidly, relevance is a survival imperative—and it demands leadership that's both agile and visionary. Join Chipotle CEO Scott Boatwright in a candid oceanside chat as he tackles the strategic and operational realities of scaling a leading brand amid unprecedented workforce challenges, supply chain volatility, and evolving consumer behaviors. Scott draws on deep industry experience to share how Chipotle balances innovation with operational rigor, fosters a resilient culture, and drives growth without compromising authenticity or quality. This conversation will resonate with CEOs navigating complex ecosystems, offering a blueprint for leading with conviction in an era defined by uncertainty and relentless change.	
	Moderator: Luke Kircher, Co-Founder & President, Prosper Company	
	Scott Boatwright, CEO, Chipotle Mexican Grill	
	Presented By: Shift4 by Skytab	
	Intro: Hattie Hill & April Love, JD Vice President, Chief Inclusion Officer at Sysco Corporation	
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	<b>Securing the Future of Food: Building a Smarter, More Resilient Food System Together</b>	
	How do we keep foodservice strong in a time of rising costs, unpredictable weather, and global instability? This session brings together industry leaders to talk honestly about what it will take to protect the future of food — for our businesses, our customers, and the next generation. We'll explore practical ways to reduce risk and build long-term stability: improving soil health through better farming practices, supporting local and diverse suppliers, cutting waste, and helping foodservice operators stay competitive and resilient. Join us to share ideas, learn from others, and be part of a conversation about securing the food system — together.	
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	Presented by: Sysco Corporation	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<b>Networking Lunch</b>	
	Presented By: Mountaire Farms	
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<b>General Session:</b>	
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	<b>Invisible Inclusion: Unlocking the Potential of a Hidden Workforce</b>	

	<p>differentiators—understanding and embracing invisible differences has become more than an inclusion initiative. It’s a leadership mandate.</p> <p>From neurodivergent team members (including those with ADHD, autism, or dyslexia) to veterans navigating the transition to civilian work, and employees managing chronic conditions, trauma, or mental health challenges—our industry is filled with people whose experiences may not be immediately visible, but profoundly influence how they lead, collaborate, and perform.</p>	
	Moderated by: Joe Monastero, Chief Revenue Officer, Texas Restaurant Association	
	<b>Panelists:</b>	
	Gregory L. Boylan, PhD, Colonel, US Army (Retired), Chief Operating Officer, Synthology	
	Dr. Melissa Hughes, Keynote Speaker, Author & Human Potential Alchemist	
	James Pogue, Ph.D, President & CEO, JP Enterprises - Leadership & Culture Strategist	
	Presented by: Venatrust	
	Transition: Luke	
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>Reimagining the Restaurant Model: How CEOs Are Winning the Off-Premise Revolution</b>	
	<p>Off-premise sales now account for a substantial 20-30% of revenue for leading restaurant brands—making it one of the highest-margin, most labor-efficient segments in the business. This session brings together top CEOs and innovators to unpack how visionary leadership is turning off-premise into a core driver of growth and profitability. Learn how to navigate operational challenges, leverage cutting-edge technology, and rethink the restaurant model to seize this transformative opportunity. Essential insights for CEOs determined to lead in today’s rapidly evolving foodservice landscape.</p>	
	Moderated by: Fred LeFranc, CEO & Chaos Strategist, Results Thru Strategy	
	Wade Allen, President, Costa Vida Fresh Mexican Grill	
	Noah Glass, Founder & CEO, Olo Inc.	
	Nihad Rahman, CEO, ezCater	
	Presented by: ezCater and Olo Inc.	
	Intro: Hattie	
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Decoding the Black Box: What the Data Reveals About High Performance in Foodservice</b>	
	<p>Top-performing restaurant brands are not succeeding by chance. They are leveraging operational intelligence, labor optimization, marketing and experience design in ways that consistently outperform the market.</p> <p>In this session, Victor Fernandez of Black Box Intelligence will present a rigorous analysis of five macro-level trends shaping performance across workforce, guest experience, and financial outcomes. Backed by proprietary data direct from restaurant brands, this session will expose the structural and behavioral differences between the top and bottom quartiles of the industry.</p> <p>The discussion will explore how seemingly incremental improvements, such as targeted onboarding adjustments or slight shifts in operational focus—can generate meaningful financial returns. More importantly, it will unpack how</p>	
	Victor Fernandez, Chief Insights Officer, Black Box Intelligence	
	Presented By: Black Box Intelligence	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	<b>The State of the Restaurant Industry: Strategic Leadership Amid Labor, Regulation &amp; Resilience</b>	
	<p>In an era defined by rapid change and growing complexity, restaurant leaders face unprecedented challenges—from labor innovation and union pressures to evolving regulatory landscapes and operational resilience. Join this high-level conversation with industry CEOs and association leaders who are shaping the future of foodservice through strategic advocacy, workforce development, and community-driven leadership.</p> <p>Explore how state and national organizations are collaborating to address workforce shortages, navigate regulatory shifts such as Texas’s food additive bans, and respond to surge demands in high-profile events. Gain critical insights on balancing immediate operational pressures with long-term growth strategies, empowering CEOs to lead with confidence in today’s dynamic market.</p>	
	Moderator: Mike Axiotis, President & CEO, Lehigh Valley Restaurant Brands	
	<b>Panelists:</b>	
	Stan Harris, President & CEO, Louisiana Restaurant Association	
	Emily Williams Knight, President & CEO, Texas Restaurant Association	
	Presented By: Ecolab	
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	<b>Networking Break</b>	
	Presented By: Sattem Solutions	
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>General Session:</b>	
	Intro: Luke	
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<b>Innovation in Action: Pioneering the Future of Foodservice Technology and Experience</b>	

	The future of foodservice is being shaped by innovation at every level—from technology that streamlines operations to customer experience breakthroughs that redefine dining. In this high-energy session, a group of industry leaders at the forefront of transformation will explore the bold moves and disruptive technologies that are propelling the foodservice sector into a new era.	
	Moderated by: Carl Orsbourn, SVP GTM Enterprise, Invisible Technologies	
	Panelists:	
	Richard Faltot, Vice President, Restaurants & Hospitality, Point B	
	Raghu Mahadevan, Executive Vice President Logistics and Chief Digital Officer, 7-Eleven	
	Shanna Prevé, Head of Global Partnerships, DoorDash	
	Jason Rusk, Executive Vice President of Operations, Wonder	
	Presented By: Invisible Technologies and Point B	
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<b>From Passion to Purpose: The Entrepreneurial Journey of Louis Basile</b>	
	In an era of rapid change, the leaders who thrive are the ones who stay true to their “why.” Whether you're scaling your own venture or leading within a large organization, Louis Basile's journey offers powerful takeaways on leading with intention, heart, and hustle. This isn't just a story of business growth—it's a story of values, vision, resilience, and reinvention. With his trademark authenticity, Louis will share lessons learned from decades of building a company where culture comes first, innovation is constant, and community is at the heart of every decision.	
	Moderated by: Neil Sudaisar, AVP DIRECTV National Accounts, DIRECTV FOR BUSINESS®	
	Louis Basile, Founder (Former President at Wildflower), Synergy Point Partners	
	Presented By: Accelerator Cohort 2025	
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	<b>From Notepads to Neural Nets: The Data-Powered Future of Foodservice</b>	
	Join John Davie, CEO of Buyers Edge Platform, for a fast-paced journey through the foodservice industry's digital evolution—and a bold look at where it's headed next. From hand-written orders and faxed POs to real-time procurement optimization and AI-triggered supply chains, this session will explore how far we've come and how far we're about to go. John will share a provocative vision of the near and distant future, where facial recognition anticipates guest preferences, kitchen sensors auto-replenish stock, and upstream analytics reshape farming and food production. Discover how data is no longer just a tool—it's the engine of a radically smarter and more responsive supply ecosystem.	
	Moderator: Peter Boylan, CEO & Founding Partner, Treehouse Ventures Partners	
	John Davie, CEO & Owner, Buyers Edge Platform	
	Presented By: Buyers Edge Platform	
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<b>Networking Reception</b>	
	Hosted By: Buyers Edge Platform	
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Strolling Networking Dinner</b>	
	Hosted By: Kraft Heinz Company	
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	<b>After Hours Reception</b>	
	Hosted By: AlixPartners and Black Box Intelligence	
<b>Wednesday, August 27, 2025</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	
7:30 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>Registration Open</b>	
6:30 AM - 8:00 AM	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>	
	Hosted By: Savi Solution	
8:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<b>General Session:</b>	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<b>Courage in Action: Leading Through Fear, Pressure, and Uncertainty</b>	
	Leadership is not about sidestepping fear—it's about moving forward in the face of it. In this inspiring session, Ryan Berman, author of Return on Courage, dives into the real meaning of courageous leadership during times of pressure, uncertainty, and change. Through actionable insights and compelling real-world examples, Ryan will equip leaders with the mindset and tools needed to make bold decisions, build resilient teams, and turn adversity into opportunity. This panel is essential for leaders ready to lead with heart, bravery, and strategic clarity when it matters most.	
	Ryan Berman, Founder & Keynote Speaker, Courageous	
	Presented By: River Health	
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	<b>Courageous Conversations: Leading Through Crisis, Conflict, and Change</b>	

	In a time of global uncertainty—where policy shifts, tariffs, labor shortages, and immigration challenges are reshaping the foodservice and hospitality industry—leaders are being tested like never before. Moderated by Ryan Berman, this unfiltered, high-stakes conversation brings together CEOs, Chief People Officers, and operators on the front lines of disruption. Together, they'll confront the hard truths, share personal experiences, and explore how courageous leadership shows up when headlines hit home. From protecting people and values to making tough	
	Moderated by: Ryan Berman, Founder & Keynote Speaker, Courageous	
	Panelists:	
	Lois Alexis-Collins, CPO, Field Operations, Chipotle Mexican Grill	
	Heather Neary, President & CEO, Taco John's International, Inc.	
	Reggie Stover, Chief People Officer, Henny Penny	
	Presented By: Henny Penny	
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	<b>Redefining High Performance - Lessons from Ninja Warrior</b>	
	<p>High performance isn't just about working harder, grinding longer, or pushing limits—it's about working smarter, sustaining excellence, and driving real results.</p> <p>In Redefining High Performance, Ty Bennett challenges conventional thinking and presents business-tested, research-backed strategies that elevate both sales and leadership performance. Because when these two forces improve, organizations don't just grow - they dominate.</p> <p>Ty Bennett brings real-world experience as a successful entrepreneur and CEO, along with original research that distills takeaways into immediately applicable ideas. With over 2,000 presentations delivered, Ty is a master at cutting through myths to uncover the truth, inspire action, and empower leaders to perform at the highest level.</p> <p><b>The Impact of High Performance Leadership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•This keynote delivers the strategies your team needs to work smarter, not harder—creating a repeatable system for sustained growth, efficiency, and market dominance. It's not just about bigger numbers; it's about building long-term sales success.</li> <li>•This session also provides proven leadership strategies that drive real, measurable results. When leaders elevate their performance, everything changes—teams become more engaged, execution sharpens, retention improves, and sales accelerate.</li> <li>•This session blends high-energy performance with powerful insights on achieving peak results. Just like top athletes and elite performers, high achievers in business must be agile, adaptable, and mentally strong to overcome challenges and excel at the next level.</li> </ul> <p>To bring these lessons to life, two elite athletes will take the stage, demonstrating key leadership and performance principles through a dynamic, live ninja warrior course experience. This is more than a speech—it's a high-energy, high-impact experience designed to help you and your team conquer challenges, embrace adaptability, and take performance to the next level.</p>	
	Presenter: Ty Bennett, A world-renowned speaker, bestselling author, and successful entrepreneur who is redefining leadership and high performance for today's world.	
	Presented By: Cargill	
10:30 AM	Conference Wrap-up and Highlights	
	<b>Lunch On Your Own and Departures</b>	