
Event Agenda

MiAPPA Winter 2026 - Lean Spaces, Vibrant Places

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM** **Energy Conference - hosted by Rence Meredith and Jason Vallance**
Location: Great Lakes 4-5
- 3:15 PM - 5:30 PM** **Business Partner Showcase Setup**
Location: Kalamazoo Room
- 3:15 PM - 6:30 PM** **Registration & Information**
Location: Registration & Information Table
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **Business Partner Showcase**
Location: Kalamazoo Room
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM** **Welcome Reception - Sponsored by Quality Air Service**
Location: Kalamazoo Room

Thursday, February 19, 2026

- 7:00 AM - 4:30 PM** **Registration/Information**
Location: Registration & Information Table
- 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** **Breakfast - Sponsored by Stantec**
Location: Arcadia Ballroom
- 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM** **Breakfast Buffet - Sponsored by Stantec**
Location: Arcadia Foyer
- 8:15 AM - 9:00 AM** **Welcome to Kalamazoo!**
Location: Arcadia Ballroom
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** **Community Partnerships Creating Vibrancy: The Kalamazoo Event Center**
Location: Arcadia Ballroom
Speakers: Jason Novotny, Meghan Boyer
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Refreshment Break and Business Partner Showcase**
Location: Kalamazoo Room
- 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM** **Refreshment Break - Sponsored by Havel**
Location: Arcadia Ballroom
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM** **Lean Principles in Action: Integrating Curriculum, Sustainability, and Collaborative Learning Environments**
Location: Arcadia Ballroom
Speaker: Derek Dinkeloo
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM** **From Farm to Future**
Location: Stone Theater
Speakers: Joshua Tolbert, Andrew Howard, Nick Wilk, Sara Bergakker
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM** **Scaling Fault Detection and Diagnostics at Western Michigan University: Turning Insights into Action**
Location: Meadows
Speakers: Todd Addis, DeVon Miller

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM	Who Let the Air Out? Navigating Michigan's New Air Leakage Requirements Location: Great Lakes 2-3 Speaker: Jessica Thiebout
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Refreshment Break and Business Partner Showcase Location: Kalamazoo Room
11:15 AM - 11:45 AM	Refreshment Break - Sponsored by Havel Location: Arcadia Ballroom
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	How to Design, Construct and Realize Sustainability Targets in an Adaptive Reuse Project: A case study of WMU Dunbar Hall Location: Arcadia Ballroom Speakers: Kyle Rieth, Sara Bergakker
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Creating unique student housing experience while using lean design and construction practices Location: Stone Theater Speakers: Bill Zaske, Kara Pellerito, Taylor Goldthwait
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Funding the Future: Transforming College Campuses into Sustainable Models Location: Meadows Speaker: Gwen Pettit
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Beyond Blueprints: A Matterport Showcase Location: Great Lakes 2-3 Speakers: Derek Crowe, Jarod Parker
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Business Partner Showcase Location: Kalamazoo Room
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch - Sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc. Location: Arcadia Ballroom
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch - Sponsored by Johnson Controls, Inc. Location: Arcadia Foyer
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	From the Inside Out: Building Budget, Cultural, and Sustainability Resilience through occupant wellness and district energy transformation Location: Arcadia Ballroom Speakers: Zachary VanOverbeke, Kevin Morgan
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Manufacturing on a Mission: Facilities, strategies, and culture Location: Stone Theater Speakers: Kyle Verseman, Laura Flannery Sachtleben, Blaise Beltowski, Amy Syverson-Shaffer
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Creating a Student Center by Students for Students Location: Meadows Speakers: Brett Lawrence, Chris Sligh, Janice Quakenbush
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Healthy Building Summit: Spaces of Connection Location: Great Lakes 2-3 Speakers: Fran Burrage, Eleonora Philopoulos
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Refreshment Break and Business Partner Showcase Location: Kalamazoo Room
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Refreshment Break - Sponsored by Havel Location: Arcadia Ballroom
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Decarbonizing WMU: From Campus-Wide Insights to Building-Level Action Location: Arcadia Ballroom Speakers: Kelsey Groesbeck, Jeffrey Spoelstra, Zach Richardson

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>Lean Spaces, Vibrant Places: Transforming Career and Technical Education Through Strategic Facility Renewal at Northern Michigan University</p> <p>Location: Stone Theater Speakers: James Stock, Kathy Richards, Jim Thams</p>
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>Retro Commissioning Find and Fix</p> <p>Location: Meadows Speakers: Christopher Caprara, Rod DeVries</p>
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<p>Cultivating Home: Courageous Housing for Students Who Leave, Learn, and Return</p> <p>Location: Great Lakes 2-3 Speaker: Matthew VanSweden</p>
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM	<p>Business Partner Showcase</p> <p>Location: Kalamazoo Room</p>
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Happy Hour - sponsored by Fishbeck</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom</p>
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM	<p>Business Partner Load Out</p> <p>Location: Kalamazoo Room</p>
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	<p>Raffle</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom</p>
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	<p>Dinner - Sponsored by Armstrong International</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom</p>

Friday, February 20, 2026

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM	<p>Information</p> <p>Location: Registration & Information Table</p>
7:30 AM - 8:45 AM	<p>Breakfast/Closing Remarks - Sponsored by The Collaborative</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom</p>
7:30 AM - 8:45 AM	<p>Breakfast Buffet - Sponsored by The Collaborative</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Foyer</p>
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	<p>Elevating Facilities Management in Higher Education</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom Speakers: Sara VanderVeen, Neil Reindel, Anand Sankey</p>
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	<p>Refreshment Break - Sponsored by Havel</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom</p>
10:15 AM - 11:15 AM	<p>Business Meeting</p> <p>Location: Arcadia Ballroom</p>
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	<p>Tours</p> <p>Golden Oaks - New Residence Hall Tour (under construction - limited capacity) 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Location: Meet at Radisson Lobby</p> <p>Dunbar Hall 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Location: WMU Campus, Dunbar Hall Lower Entrance, South East Corner of Building</p> <p>Student Center 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Location: WMU Campus, 1st floor entrance under covered portico</p>