
Event Agenda

MiAPPA 2026 Summer Conference - Mission Critical

Wednesday, June 03, 2026

- 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Registration Opens - Conference Attendees and Exhibitors

Location: Conference Center

EXHIBIT HALL SET UP

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Location: Conference Center
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Mission Critical Welcome Reception - Sponsored by Granger

Location: Cypress Room (Main Lodge)

Thursday, June 04, 2026

- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Silver Breakfast Sponsored by: Belfor, Clark Construction, Owen-Ames-Kimball Co., People Driven Technology, Peter Basso Associates, Progressive Companies, Rockford Construction, Stantec, Walbridge

Location: Sound Stage
- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Registration Opens

Location: Sound Stage
- 7:45 AM - 8:00 AM

MiAPPA Welcome Message - Nick Duthler MiAPPA President

Location: Sound Stage
- 8:00 AM - 8:50 AM

Keynote - Strait from the Horses Mouth!

Location: Sound Stage

Speaker: Mark Ware
- 8:45 AM - 4:45 PM

Registration & Information Table (Conference Center)

Location: Conference Center
- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Educational Session 1

Location: Conference Center

Mission-Critical Research Infrastructure: Engineering Adaptability at Michigan State's Plant & Environmental Sciences Building

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Sugar Loaf

Speakers: Nate Sudnick, PE, Sue Hopper, Dave Erickson, Nick Henne

Measure with Purpose: The Why and How of Metering

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Amphitheater

Speaker: Matthew Klok

Developing Parking Priorities - Using GIS Parking Data to Manage and Plan Your Campus

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Arch Rock

Speaker: Jon Forster

Reimagining the GRCC Ford Recreation Center: Designed for Every Student

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Location: Friendship Altar

Speakers: Travis Vrugink, Abbot Kastanek
- 9:45 AM - 10:15 AM

Targeted Sponsor Time -

Location: Conference Center

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Educational Session 2

Location: Conference Center

Doing More with Less: Aligning Deferred Maintenance Budget with Institutional Mission Through Targeted Infrastructure and Envelope Upgrades

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
Location: Sugar Loaf
Speakers: Nate Sudnick, PE, Sue Hopper, Dan Hocker, Christopher Vogelheim

Mission Critical: 8 Timeless Principles for Infrastructure, Operations and Institutional Success

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
Location: Amphitheater
Speaker: Glen Huizenga

Sticky Sustainability: How Mission Alignment Kept Climate Action on the Table

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
Location: Arch Rock
Speaker: Matthew VanSweden

AI's Impact on Higher Education Built Environment

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM
Location: Friendship Altar
Speakers: Robert Davenport, Edna Lorenz, Lloyd Brombach

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Targeted Sponsor Time -

Location: Conference Center

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

Educational Session 3 -

Building Wellness: How Active Design is Reshaping Campus Facilities

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: Sugar Loaf
Speakers: Bill Bofysil, Brian Mullen, Christine Pitcole, Marcus Jackson

Planning Mechanical Upgrades When Operations Can't Pause

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: Amphitheater
Speaker: Jason Baker

Navigating Market Volatility Through Strategic Natural Gas & Energy Management

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: Arch Rock
Speakers: Jude Clemente, Vanessa Harris

Innovating for Impact: Advancing Educational Facilities Through Infrastructure and Operational Excellence

11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Location: Friendship Altar
Speaker: George Kacan

12:15 PM - 1:15 PM

Sit With a Sponsor Lunch - Sponsored by the Silver Sponsors: Belfor, Clark Construction, Owen-Ames-Kimball Co., People Driven Technology, Peter Basso Associates, Progressive Companies, Rockford Construction, Stantec, Walbridge

Location: Sound Stage

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

Educational Session 4 -

Location: Conference Center

From Operations to Impact: How Facilities Advance the Campus Mission

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Sugar Loaf
Speaker: Tod Stevens

Making the Case for Reuse: The Transformation of Marquette's College of Nursing

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Amphitheater
Speakers: Joe Lilly, Adaheid Mestad

Responsive Design for the Continuum of the Learner's Experience

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Friendship Altar
Speakers: Katy Litwin, Nestor DeOcampo, Heidi Skodack

From Volatility to Stability: Proven Procurement Strategies for Critical Projects

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM
Location: Arch Rock
Speakers: Kelly O'Connor, Joseph Barber

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Targeted Sponsor Time

Location: Conference Center

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM

Educational Session 5 -

Location: Conference Center

Data Driven Decisions - Analyzing Future of a Multiple Location Campus Structure

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Location: Sugar Loaf
Speaker: John Foss

The New Wave of Engineering Technology: At the Crossroads of Active Learning and Advanced Manufacturing

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Location: Amphitheater
Speaker: Tim Swartz

Mission Possible: How Job Order Contracting Helps Facilities Teams Complete More Projects with Less Procurement Hassle

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Location: Arch Rock
Speaker: Steve Paul

Integrative Design Process: 5 Common Pitfalls

2:30 PM - 3:15 PM
Location: Friendship Altar
Speaker: Emily Turk

3:15 PM - 3:45 PM

Targeted Sponsor Time

Location: Conference Center

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM

Educational Session 6

Value Meals: Prioritizing Deferred Maintenance and Student Experience in the UWM Student Union

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM
Location: Sugar Loaf
Speakers: Melissa Wolter, Adaheid Mestad

Data Centers, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Sustainability; Coming to a Community Near You!

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM
Location: Amphitheater
Speakers: Zac VanOverbeke, Joanne Kulbacki, Dr. Jean Hardy

Beyond "Keeping the Lights On": LED Upgrades That Deliver ROI

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM
Location: Arch Rock
Speakers: Colin Littler, Zach Richardson

Future-Proofing Without the Buzzwords: Making Controls Decisions You Won't Regret

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM
Location: Friendship Altar
Speakers: Chirag Parikh, Graham Geweniger

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Exhibit Hall Breakdown

Location: Conference Center

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Happy Hour - Sponsored by Wieland

Location: Sound Stage

6:30 PM - 8:15 PM

MiAPPA Dinner including the Raffle, Trivia Challenge and Music

Location: Sound Stage

8:15 PM - 9:00 PM

MiAPPA Cornhole Tournament & Ice Cream Social (FAMILY FRIENDLY)

Location: Promenade

Friday, June 05, 2026

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Bronze Breakfast Access Power Solutions, Affiliated Engineers, Barton Malow, CORE Construction, DJ Conley, FMX, Hedrick, Process Engineering Equipment Company, Strategic Energy Solutions, The Collaborative, Thornton Thomasetti, TMP Architecture, Trane

Location: Sound Stage

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Critical Improvements to Infrastructure, Operations and Other Pathways to Achieve Success!

Location: Sound Stage
Speaker: Jason Russell

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

MIAPPA Business Meeting
Location: Sound Stage