

FORUM on Engineering Technology

56th Engineering Technology Forum

THE SPRING MEETING **April 16-17, 2026**

Hosted by
Daytona State College
Advanced Technology Center
1770 Technology Blvd
Daytona Beach, FL 32117

AGENDA

Thursday, April 16th

8:30 AM	Registration and Vendor Showcase	
9:00 AM	Welcome from FLATE	Ernie Friend, Executive Director FLATE
	Welcome from DSC	Michael Daniels, AVP, Daytona State College
	Introductions and Forum Overview	Sam Ajlani, College of Central Florida
9:30 AM	New Faculty Mentorship Panel	Sam Ajlani, College of Central Florida
10:00 AM	Break and Vendor Showcase	
10:15 AM	AI for Educators	Jiri Jirik and John Sands, NCyTE
11:15 AM	FAME	Tony Davis, National Director, FAME USA
12:00 PM	Lunch	
12:30 PM	AMI	Joe Veranese, AMI
12:45 PM	Industrial/Economic/Workforce Roundtable Trends in Manufacturing	
1:30 PM	Tour – ET Technology Facilities/Labs	
2:00 PM	Sponsor Q/A and Demos	Sam Ajlani, College of Central Florida

3:00 PM	New Specialization and CCC Updates	Sam Ajlani, College of Central Florida
3:15 PM	Florida Department of Education Updates	Bob Blevins, FLDOE
3:45 PM	Break and Vendor Showcase	
4:00 PM	SETIAB College Updates Would you hire someone with little experience? FAME	Ernie Friend, Executive Director FLATE
5:00 PM	Adjourn	Ernie Friend, Executive Director FLATE
6:00 PM	Group Dinner TBA (on your own)	

Friday, April 17th

8:30 AM	Registration and Vendor Showcase	
9:00 AM	Faculty Credentials	Mori Toosi, Polk State College
9:30 AM	AI for Manufacturing Curriculum	Ron Eaglin, Daytona State College
10:00 AM	ASME	Kathleen Kosmoski, Dir. Workforce Dev. ASME
10:30 AM	Break, Vendor Showcase, and Networking	
10:45 AM	Curriculum Updates	Ron Eaglin, Daytona State College Mori Toosi, Polk State College
11:55 AM	Final Announcements, Next Forum, Evaluation Survey, Adjournment	Ernie Friend, FLATE
12:00 Noon	Closing Lunch	

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Daytona Beach at LPGA
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