LAUNCH Sessions and Speakers

The LAUNCH curriculum is designed for an adult audience and includes hands-on, interactive sessions taught by professionals in a variety of fields. While the session agenda is currently being finalized, the sessions and some of the confirmed presenters include:

January, Columbus Session

- Personal Insights, Strength Finding, Encouragement Affecting Others' Behavior Phil Sorentino, Humor Consultants
- Personal Goal-Setting Melanie Wilt, Wilt PR
- Capstone Project Overview Eric Parthemore, Mike MaGinn, Chuck Swinehart, Heritage Cooperative, Inc.
- Intro to Ohio AgriBusiness Association Chris Henney, Angela Davis-Haines, Ohio AgriBusiness Association
- Statehouse Tour and Programming Various state legislators
- Ohio Department of Agriculture and State Lab Tour Various regulatory division chiefs and agency directors
- Human Resources Principles, Business Models in Agribusiness Roger Nicol, Trupointe Cooperative, Inc.
- Financial Principles for Agribusiness Matt Thomas, Luckey Farmers, Inc.
- Speaking Out for Agribusiness, Authentic Voices Communication Training Melanie Wilt, APR, Wilt PR
- Best Places to Work Panel Waiting on panel confirmations*
- Getting to "We" Dr. Bernie Erven, Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

February, Maumee Session

- Understanding Generations Bob Cohen, Braintree Consulting
- Critical Thinking & Community Engagement Sereana Howard Dresbach, Wexner Medical Center at The Ohio State University
- Dinner & A Movie Discussion of Food, Inc. and Contemporary Ag Issues
- World Hunger Breakfast Waiting on speaker confirmations*
- World Food Supply & Demand Panel Waiting on panel confirmations*
- Results Mastery: Time Management & Delegation Steve Konig, Results Plus
- Conversation with Consumers Participants
- International Trade in Agriculture Waiting on speaker confirmation*
- Marketing, Merchandising and Retailing Waiting on speaker confirmation*
- Lessons from the C-Suite: Strategic Planning, Goal Setting, Organizational Skills, Etc. – Waiting on speaker confirmation*
- Capstone Project Presentations Participants

* Speakers have been determined, but are not confirmed at this time, so we cannot promote their names.