



Apprenticeships: Closing the Skills Gap Farewell Celebration Agenda

1-3 PM ET

Thursday, December 12, 2024

Teams Login: Farewell Celebration

Welcome and Overview: 1:00 – 1:10 PM

Welcome and Introduction

Moderator, Nicole Klues
Safal Technical Assistance (TA)Team

Farewell Celebration Opening Remarks

Jenn Smith, Division Chief U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA)
Division of Strategic Investments (DSI)

Grantee Presentations: 1:10 – 2:40 PM

SHRM Foundation, Inc.

Introduction: Haylie Schuster, TA Coach, Safal Partners
Speaker: Clayton Lord, Director of Programs

Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership

Introduction: Marium Baker, Federal Program Officer (FPO), DOL
Speaker: Mona Gauthier, Northern and Central Apprenticeship Coordinator

Arizona Board of Regents on Behalf of Arizona State University

Introduction: Elina Mnatsakanova, FPO, DOL
Speaker: Patrick White, Project Manager

The Regents of the University of California (Davis)

Introduction: Elina Mnatsakanova, FPO, DOL
Speaker: Andrew Harper, Senior Development Engineer

American Association of Port Authorities

Introduction: Randy Wilson, TA Coach, Safal Partners

Speaker: Barbara R. Murray, Executive Director

Missouri Chamber of Commerce

Introduction: Danielle Waddell, FPO, DOL

Speaker: Katie Kirwin, Grant Program and Outreach Manager

Southern Utah University

Introduction: Matthew Poland, TA Coach, Safal Partners

Speaker: Dave Henrie, Project Navigator

American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations Working for America Institute

Introduction: Randy Wilson TA Coach, Safal Partners

Speakers: Sylvia Casaro-Dietert, Program Manager; Kristen Loewe, Project Associate

University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc.

Introduction: Adrian Barrett, FPO, DOL

Speakers: Jeffrey Sun, Principal Investigator; Annika Bennett, Director, Academic Design & Employer Engagement; D'Neika Lopez, Director, Professional Development & Community Engagement

Goodwin University

Introduction: Christian Lagarde, TA Coach, Safal Partners Speaker: Maria Gomes, Director of Grants

Argentum

Introduction: Randy Wilson, TA Coach, Safal Partners

Speaker: Ashante Abubakar, Vice President Workforce Development

Oakland Community College

Introduction: Danielle Waddell, FPO, DOL

Speaker: Joe Petrosky, Vice Chancellor for Economic & Workforce Development

H-CAP, Inc.

Introduction: Randy Wilson, TA Coach, Safal Partners

Speaker: Madeline Boehm, Program Manager

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Introduction: Randy Wilson, TA Coach, Safal Partners

Speaker: Tina Williams, Assistant Director

Discussion and Farewell Closing: 2:40 – 3:00 PM

Open Discussion and Questions and Answers

Nicole Klues and Alan Dodkowitz
Safal TA Team

Grantee Awards and Farewell Celebration Closing Remarks

Maya Kelley, H-1B Unit Chief
DOL ETA, DSI