



## 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