



# CHARTING A PATH TOGETHER

USMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 17-20, 2026 [USMA.COM](http://USMA.COM)

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR USMA 2026

Program for 2026, Port Charlotte, FL

Times and other details are subject to change without notice

All educational sessions will take place at the Sunseeker Resort, Port Charlotte, Florida

### Sunday, May 17, 2026

- Optional Activities with a separate fee (pre-registration required)
- 6:45 am USMA 5K Fun Run/Walk
- 7:00 am Annual Frank Bennett Golf Challenge, Aileron Golf Club (separate fee and pre-registration required)
- 1:00 -5:00 pm Name Badge Pickup – Prefunction, Sunseeker Resort
- 4:30 pm First Timers Reception – The Great Egret Ballroom
- 5:00 – 6:30 pm Welcome Reception – The Great Egret Ballroom

### Monday, May 18, 2026

- 7:00 am Barista
- 7:15 am Group Breakfast – Great Egret Ballroom
- 8:00 am Opening by the President of USMA, Ron Burchfield  
Welcome: Utility Executive  
Keynote Speaker: Mike Massimino, Astronaut  
*The Team's Success is Your Success*
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:15 am Session resumes with USMA *Gives Back* (31 years of charity giving)  
Rick Morrison reviews golf & run charities  
Duncan Wardle, Former Disney Head of Innovation – *Working in Harmony with AI*
- 11:45 am Break
- 12:00 pm Lunch Great Egret Ballroom



# CHARTING A PATH TOGETHER • USMA ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 17-20, 2026, Port Charlotte, Florida [usma.com](http://usma.com)

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions) – TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL 2026

MB1	MB2	MB3	MB4	MB5	MB6
Seats 166	Seats 140	Seats 100	Seats 160	Seats 160	Seats 30
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Blue Back	Palometa	Silver Perch	Reef Ideation Suite

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions) – TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL 2026

MB7	MB8	MB9	MB10	MB11	MB12
Seats 166	Seats 140	Seats 100	Seats 160	Seats 160	Seats 30
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Blue Back	Palometa	Silver Perch	Reef Ideation Suite

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm Concurrent Sessions (5 sessions) – TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL 2026

MB13	MB14	MB15	MB16	MB18
Seats 166	Seats 140	Seats 160	Seats 160	Seats 30
Royal Tern A	Royal Tern B	Palometa	Silver Perch	Reef Ideation Suite

6:00 pm Monday Night Event (Dinner & Entertainment), TBA

9:00 pm End of evening

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:00 am Barista

7:15 am Breakfast – Great Egret Ballroom

8:00 am Opening, USMA 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Dusty Nimmo

Featured Speakers:

Christopher Thornberg, Economist – The Outlook for the U.S. Economy

Sahar Yousef

The Science of Productivity & Performance

Duncan Wardle, Former Disney Head of Innovation – Working in Harmony with AI

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Concurrent Sessions (6 sessions) – TO BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL 2026

TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5	TB6
Seats 166	Seats 140	Seats 100	Seats 160	Seats 160	Seats 30
Royal Tern A	Pompano	Blue Back	Palometa	Silver Perch	Reef Ideation Suite



## CHARTING A PATH TOGETHER • USMA ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

May 17-20, 2026, Port Charlotte, Florida [usma.com](https://usma.com)

- 12:15 pm      Lunch
- 12:45 pm      End of Lunch (Need to clear out so the hotel can set room for the networking session)
- 12:45 – 1 pm      Break
- 1:00 – 3:30 pm      Town Hall Session – Royal Tern A/B  
Featured Speaker, John Sitolides, Geopolitical Strategist – The New Geopolitics of Trade,  
Energy, Diplomacy and War
- 4:00 pm      Networking Session with Suppliers (Great Egret Ballroom)
- 6:00 pm      End of programming for this day

### Wednesday, May 20, 2026

- 7:00 am      Barista
- 7:15 am      Breakfast (Great Egret Ballroom)
- 8:00 am      Opening by USMA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Rusty Batch  
Closing General Session – Group Discussion featuring Utility Executives
- 10:00 am      Closing with video highlights

Updated 09/30/2025