

7:00 AM

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Opening Remarks – Avalon Ballroom

Mark Macellaro, President, New Jersey Food Processors Association

8:05 AM

KEYNOTE: *Trends in New Jersey – Avalon Ballroom*



Tim Sullivan, New Jersey Economic Development Authority

Tim Sullivan became Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) in February 2018. During his tenure, Tim has led the NJEDA's transformation into a comprehensive economic development organization dedicated to implementing Governor Phil Murphy's vision for a stronger and fairer New Jersey. Tim has overseen the creation of new programs focused on catalyzing industry clusters and a dedicated Small Business Services unit charged with providing robust financial, workforce, and technical support to the State's small business community, with a focus on historically underrepresented firms.

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RISK TO YOUR OPERATIONS

BREAKOUT 1: *Food Safety Culture: More Important Than Ever*



Donna F. Schaffner, Rutgers Food Innovation Center

Donna F. Schaffner is a Food Microbiologist with industry experience and hands-on training of FDA-recognized certificate Food Safety courses. She teaches HACCP for Meat & Poultry, Seafood & Juice and HACCP for FDA-regulated products as well as Preventive Controls for Human Food, Foreign Supplier Verification Programs, Intentional Adulteration Vulnerability Assessments, Food Defense, Sanitation & Allergen Programs, Good Manufacturing Practices, Serv Safe, and Food Safety Culture.

BREAKOUT 2: *Rescuing Your Operational Risk sponsored by NJMEP*



Nihal Raval, Consultare Inc

Nihal is a results-driven executive and skilled influence leader, having led multi-site, and multi-functional teams across a broad range of successful projects, programs, and strategic initiatives. Led and motivated teams comprised of more than 200 employees and with P&L responsibility.



Moderator: Juliana Canale, NJ Manufacturing Extension Program

Juliana is the Food Manufacturing & Regulatory Expert at NJMEP. Juliana is an experienced food safety and quality professional with a diverse range of expertise in regards to creation, implementation, and management in the following areas in corporate and operations based environments: RCA, CAPA, HACCP, DMS, IPM, preventive controls, supplier verification, sanitation, traceability, food safety and quality training, and overall risk mitigation to drive critical decision making of executive management.

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RISK TO YOUR WORKFORCE

BREAKOUT 1: Automation and the Workforce: How they Complement and Contradict sponsored by Withum



Bill Chesterson, Advent Design Corp.

Bill, a graduate of MIT, co-founded Advent Design Corporation in 1984. Advent designs and builds custom robotic manufacturing systems to help our customers be competitive in a global economy.



Juan Ortiz, Adviser Business Strategies, LLC

Juan Ortiz is a consultant with over 35 years of experience in manufacturing. He's the founder of Adaptive Automation Technologies forum for the development of automation technologies. Creator of RAD; a Robotic Application Design methodology used by OEMs for the design and develop automation systems in collaboration with ABB Robotics.



Torsten Schimanski, NJ Manufacturing Extension Program

Torsten Schimanski is the Director of WFD & Strategic Growth for the New Jersey Manufacturing Extension Program (NJMEP), a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and success of manufacturing companies in NJ. With his focus on continuing education, Torsten's expertise is within the field of apprenticeship program development and implementation. Being a true advocate for dual-education paid-apprenticeship concepts, he started his personal career with an apprenticeship in banking and finance in Germany.



Moderator: Ryan Sheehy, NJ Manufacturing Extension Program

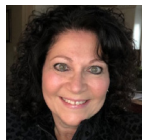
Ryan is a Senior Account Manager at NJMEP and manages the field team in the Northern half of New Jersey. He has a particular focus on engineering, facility design, architecture and automation.

BREAKOUT 2: Rescue Your Workforce



Melissa Eckstein, Gateway to Careers

Melissa is passionate about developing symbiotic relationships between education and workforce. Having cultivated partnerships with 150 businesses, she has created career opportunities for students, as well as workforce development prospects for companies. Melissa proudly serves as Vice-Chair for Mid Atlantic States Career & Education Center, Gloucester County Workforce Development Board, and NJFPA Education Committee.



Michele Hoffman, Rastelli Bros. Inc.

Michele Hoffman has held HR positions across multiple food companies and has extensive experience in labor relations, negotiations and contract administration. Michele is a certified Human Resource professional with broad generalist experience and a Master's degree in HRM. Doctoral Candidate of Business Administration program at Wilmington University.



Steve Hoagland, Holt Logistics

Retired U.S. Coast Guard Officer with command experience in the Operational Risk Management, Federal Law Enforcement, and Marine Safety fields. Currently Director of Quality, Regulation, and Compliance for Holt Logistics / Gloucester Marine Terminal.



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Thomas Lloyd, Holt Logistics

Thomas Lloyd has been working at Holt for about 3 years. Thomas started at Holt as an intern in his senior year of High School. After graduation he started working full time as a Safety Officer, and worked his way up to his current position as Fuji Water Warehouse Supervisor. Thomas currently holds an associates degree in Engineering and plans to continue his education.

MITIGATING FUTURE RISKS

BREAKOUT 1: Now What? Navigating New Jersey Resources



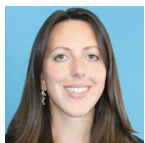
Sho Islam, Business Action Center

Sho is the Business Advocate responsible for providing business advocacy and support to businesses in Atlantic, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, and Somerset Counties. He serves as the Food and Beverage Industry Representative at NJ Business Action Center (NJBAC). Prior to joining NJBAC, Sho was with AdvanceCT, ChooseNJ, and Rutgers University.



Victoria Phillips, Center for EcoTechnology

Victoria Phillips is an Environmental Specialist for the Center for EcoTechnology (CET), an environmental nonprofit that helps people and businesses save energy and reduce waste. Focused on waste reduction, Victoria provides direct assistance to businesses and institutions to implement or expand their waste management programs. Before joining CET, Victoria served as a Climate and Environmental Planning Project Manager for the City of Boston. Victoria received her bachelor's from Cornell University in City and Regional Planning concentrating in Environmental Sciences and Sustainability.



Moderator: Jessica Paolini, Middlesex County Office of Business Engagement

Jessica has 10 years of experience in economic development. She is a published author and has written reports on the workforce needs of the food sector, the impact of autonomous technologies, and models for monetizing carbon sequestration. Jessica serves on the Board of the International Economic Development Council, and is a PhD candidate at Rutgers.

BREAKOUT 2: Managing Your Cyber Risks sponsored by Withum



Scott Garcia, SmithBrothers

Scott Garcia has a passion for educating organizations on how to prepare and protect their business in the event of a cyber breach. Scott has most recently graduated from the Harvard Enterprise Cyber Risk Management program. He plays the role of a trusted advisor helping organizations manage risk.



Mischa Wheat, Stradley Ronon

Mischa Wheat is an IAPP Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), and represents clients across a variety of industries on general commercial litigation matters, particularly involving cybersecurity and data privacy issues, focusing on compliance with privacy laws and regulations and data breach investigation.



Jason Spezzano, Withum

Jason is currently Vice President of Cybersecurity at WITHUM. With over 25 years of experience as a cybersecurity services delivery leader and consultant. Specialties include risk management, compliance, and cybersecurity operations supporting Department of Defense, Federal and Intelligence Agencies, and Critical Infrastructure Sectors. Jason is also a Fellow with the Cybersecurity Forum Initiative (CSFI) and a former Major in the United States Marine Corps.

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Lunch sponsored by Western Pest Services / Presentations / Awards
-Avalon Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION

*Presenting Results from the 2022 Food Manufacturer's Survey
Conducted by the NJFPA in partnership with Grassi
sponsored by Middlesex County Office of Business Engagement*



Jeff Cohen, Grassi Advisors & Accountants

Jeffrey G. Cohen, CPA is the Partner-in-Charge of Tax Services at Grassi. With over 30 years of experience, Jeff specializes in serving companies within the Manufacturing and Distribution Industry, with an emphasis on the Food & Beverage and Pharmaceutical sectors. Jeff has extensive experience assisting clients with research and development credits, cost segregations studies, defined benefit pension plans, IC-DISCs, Opportunity Zones, tax credit utilization and more.



Robert Grote, Grassi Advisors & Accountants

Robert E. Grote is a partner at Grassi and leader of the firm's Manufacturing & Distribution Practice. With more than 28 years of experience in public accounting, tax planning and management consulting services for the M&D industry, Rob has grown the practice to become the second largest industry group in the firm. He and his team serve more than 300 clients across a variety of sub-sectors, including food and beverage, pharmaceuticals, building materials, electronics and technology, high-tech defense, retail and apparel.



James McIntosh, Grassi Advisors & Accountants

James McIntosh is a Partner at Grassi and a key member of the firm's Manufacturing & Distribution practice. With over 13 years of accounting experience, James specializes in audits, reviews and consulting for public and private companies. He has particular expertise in serving the unique needs of businesses operating in the Food & Beverage sector. His clients range from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies in the domestic and international markets.



Moderator: Mark Macellaro, Campbell Soup Company

Mark Macellaro is the President of the NJFPA and is a Senior HR Manager at Campbell Soup Company. He is a US Army veteran with extensive experience within the HR field to include employee relations, management/ leadership development, coaching, instructional design/ facilitation and employee development at companies such as Lassonde Pappas and Stryker Corporation. Mark is actively involved in developing the food industry in NJ as he's previously served as the employer-lead in the NJ Food Processors Targeted Industry Partnership and as the President of the NJFPA, actively drives the Association's goals through Education, Resource Sharing and Networking.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Conference Award: Donna F. Schaffner, Rutgers Food Innovation Center

Stewardship Award: Amoroso's Baking Company / 151 Foods LLC

Closing Presentation: Food For Thought



Norman Vossschulte, Director of Fan Experience, Philadelphia Eagles

Norman Vossschulte is originally from Berlin, Germany. His culturally rich background included ten years living abroad in Africa, Iraq and Spain before moving back to Germany to finish High School and College. He studied Biology and Physical Science before deciding to move to New York City in 1996 to attend the Herbert Berghof Institute for Fine Theatre Arts and Drama.

Norman's work experience is as eclectic as his upbringing. He has worked in the hotel industry, the non-profit industry, as well as both sports and entertainment industries. Twenty years of practicing customer and client relations, has given him an overview of which techniques consistently enhance guest experiences. Norman has over 14 years of staff training and team leadership experience working with The Walt Disney Company and currently the Philadelphia Eagles.

**2:30 PM -
4:00PM**

Closing Cocktail Reception sponsored by Stradley Ronon