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Join our unique community of supply chain management faculty and professionals as we share industry best practices and focus on real-world issues.

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This is your opportunity to engage in discussions surrounding the latest trends and innovations in supply chain management. Grow your network of regional industry and academic thought leaders.

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WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT

Celebrating its 16th anniversary, the University of Kentucky Supply Chain Forum, established by the Gatton College of Business and Economics in 2010, is a premier event dedicated to fostering collaboration and learning in the supply chain community. This forum was initiated with the aim to:

- Promote supply chain learning between the Gatton College of Business and Economics (Gatton) and supply chain professionals of all levels.
- Connect Gatton College Master's degree candidates and alumni with industry leaders.
- Encourage community partnerships with Gatton's Professional Masters Programs.

WHY YOUR COMPANY SHOULD PARTICIPATE

Past participants have consistently praised the forum for its enriching interactions and the unique chance to connect with future leaders from Gatton College. Here is what attendees can expect:

- **World-Class Presenters:** Gain insights from top-tier professionals from renowned companies.
- **Affordable Excellence:** Enjoy high-quality content and networking opportunities at a fraction of the cost compared to other forums and conferences.
- **Intimate Setting:** With a selective attendance of 150-200 participants, the forum ensures meaningful interactions and personalized experiences.
- **Networking Opportunities:** Engage with Gatton College graduate students, regional supply chain professionals, and UK alumni, fostering valuable professional connections.

Our Connection with the Gatton College of Business and Economics

The University of Kentucky Supply Chain Forum was established by dedicated Gatton faculty, staff, and alumni passionate about supply chain management, with a strong emphasis on student involvement.

Recognizing the growing need for specialized supply chain professionals, Gatton launched the Master of Science in Supply Chain Management (MSSCM) program, graduating its first cohort in August 2020. Since then, the MSSCM program and the University of Kentucky Supply Chain Forum have become closely intertwined.

Today, the University of Kentucky Supply Chain Forum is an integral part of the MSSCM curriculum. It serves as a platform for industry partners to sponsor capstone projects, provide guest lectures on current supply chain issues, and recruit graduates from the MSSCM program. This synergy enhances the learning experience for students and strengthens the collaboration between academia and industry.



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AGENDA

TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome	Simon Sheather , Dean of Gatton College of Business and Economics
9:10 – 9:50	Presentation	Eduardo Adame , VP Global SC Consumer Group Business @ 3M
9:50 – 10:40	Panel: Industrial Operations	Heiko Wunderlich , Americas TPM Leader, Bldg. Insulation @ Owens Corning Tony Aloise , Exec Director Sourcing – Refrigeration @ GE Appliances / Haier Christine Barnhart , Head of Industry Engagement & Alliances @ Miebach Moderator: Lisa Danahy – Supply Chain Advisor & Advocate
10:40 – 10:50	Break	
10:50 – 11:40	Panel: Consumer Industry Operations	Joel Messing , Sr Director North America Mkt Ops E2E Whse Planning @ P&G Greg Kessman , Sr Director Customer Facing Supply Chain – WalMart @ Nestle Shea Nessler , VP Logistics @ Danone Moderator: Jake Barr , CEO @ BlueWorld Supply Chain Consulting
11:40 – 12:20	Leadership Moment	“Bringing Calm to the Chaos” Wolfgang Trampe , Founder and Principal @ Nourish to Thrive
12:20 – 12:30	GAME Change Initiative	Deborah Dull , Senior Circularity Advisor @ GAME Change
12:30 – 1:20	Lunch	Sponsored by OMP. Robotics demonstration by DHL
1:20 – 2:10	Panel: Technology	Jess Lee , Principal Data Scientist @ Microsoft Mahesh Veerina , CEO @ ParkourSC Mark Demers , Sr Director, Global Industries & Solution Marketing @ SAS Moderator: Keith Moore , CEO @ AutoScheduler.ai
2:10 – 2:20	Break	
2:20 – 3:10	Exploring Student Mentoring	“Explore the Possibilities: Discovering Supply Chain Careers”
	Career-Ready Student Coaching	“Ready to Launch: Navigating Your Way from Classroom to Career”
3:10 – 3:20	Break	
3:20 – 4:00	Presentation	Mike Gomes , VP Supply Chain North America @ Perfetti Van Melle
4:00 – 4:15	Break	Walk to Gatton College of Business and Economics
4:15 – 6:00	Networking Event (Gatton B&E)	Sponsored by Alltech®



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