

PEAK Schedule

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

**9:00 –
9:40**

Opening Session

Join us as Trae Rahill gives a keynote addressing the many facets of being an adult, workforce development through Career & Technical Education, leadership and public service, becoming a community leader, & how to prepare yourself for the future.

**9:45 –
10:25**

Breakout Sessions 1 & 2

Champions Panel	Exhibit Hall 1
Welcome to the Workforce	Exhibit Hall 2
Work the Room	Exhibit Hall 3
Disrupting Ageism	Exhibit Hall 4
Readers are Leaders	Room A112
NMDP	Room A110
Google Yourself	Room A111
HOSA Postsecondary Candidates	Room A104

**10:30 –
11:10**

**11:15 –
12:00**

Breakout Session 3

DECA Updates	A111
FCCLA Updates	A112
HOSA Election & Updates	Exhibit Hall 1

Opening Session Speaker



TRAE RAHILL

Trae Rahill serves as the CEO of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission (OESC) and Secretary of Workforce Development for the State of Oklahoma. Appointed by Governor Kevin Stitt, Rahill is the state's leading strategist for workforce modernization, focusing on connecting education, credentials, and emerging technologies like AI to high-demand careers.

Trae Rahill is dedicated to building a data-driven, business-centric workforce system that aligns Oklahoma's talent with the needs of evolving industries. A proud Oklahoma City native, he earned his Master of Health Administration and Policy from the University of Oklahoma.

Before leading Oklahoma's workforce transformation, Rahill built a diverse career in private sector operations and public healthcare administration, serving as Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. Today, he champions strategic initiatives to equip students and job seekers with the skills, certifications, and resources needed to thrive in Oklahoma's growing economy.

Workshop Descriptions

CAREERTECH CHAMPIONS PANEL

Hear from CareerTech Champions who turned their classroom experiences into real-world success. This interactive panel gives you the chance to ask questions, gain inspiration, and see how CareerTech can launch your own future.

WELCOME TO THE WORKFORCE - STARTING STRONG PRESENTED BY OU HEALTH ONBOARDING

Getting the job offer is exciting, but saying “yes” is only the beginning! Join professionals from OU Health for a practical look at what happens between accepting your first job and showing up for your first day. Learn what new employees need to know about onboarding, benefits and insurance, required paperwork, workplace expectations, and other important decisions that may be completely new to a first-time employee. Walk away better prepared to navigate the transition from student to healthcare professional with confidence.

WORK THE ROOM: MAKE YOUR PRESENCE KNOWN! PRESENTED BY DENISE MORRIS, RETIRED FCCLA STATE ADISER

From hellos & handshakes to conducting yourself at a social event, learn the art of professional presence.

DISRUPTING AGEISM IN THE WORKPLACE PRESENTED BY AARP

What does age have to do with quality work outcomes? More than you might think! This interactive session challenges future professionals to recognize stereotypes and age-related bias. Students will explore real-world healthcare situations, rethink assumptions about aging, and discover practical ways to provide respect and care to people at every stage of life.

Workshop Descriptions Continued...

READERS ARE LEADERS

PRESENTED BY DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY AND THE FUTURE OF OKLAHOMA EDUCATION

What can a book do for a child's future? Join us to explore why early access to books matters and how students in FCCLA, HOSA, and DECA can support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. You'll leave with ideas for reading with children, organizing a fundraiser, and creating a service project your chapter can make its own.

NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

Learn how joining the national marrow donor registry could give someone a second chance at life. An NMDP representative will explain the process, answer questions, and offer eligible adults the opportunity to join through a quick cheek swab.

GOOGLE YOURSELF: SCROLL, SEARCH, YOU'RE HIRED!

PRESENTED BY KAREN TALBOTT, LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AT OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF CAREERTECH

Your digital footprint can shape first impressions before you ever meet someone. Explore what others may find when they search your name, how social media can affect opportunities, and simple ways to build an online presence that reflects who you want to be.

