

INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATES SYMPOSIUM

THURSDAY, October 23rd, 2025

7:30 AM – 7:30 PM Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E Main St

7:30 – 8:15 AM: Networking Breakfast

Grand Lilac Ballroom

8:15 – 8:45 AM: Welcome from The Institute of Optics

Tom Brown, Director and Professor
University of Rochester | The Institute of Optics
Grand Lilac Ballroom

8:45 – 9:00 AM: Welcome from Rochester Institute of Technology

Jan van Aardt, Director and Professor
Rochester Institute of Technology | Center for Imaging Science
Grand Lilac Ballroom

9:00 – 9:15 AM: STELLAR Regional Innovation Engine

Alexis Vogt & Leah George VanScott
Monroe Community College & Greater Rochester Enterprises
Grand Lilac Ballroom

9:15 – 9:45 AM: PhD Showcase

UR and RIT Students
Grand Lilac Ballroom

9:45 – 10:15 AM: Coffee Break

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10:15 – 10:30 AM: Faculty Showcase

UR and RIT Faculty
Grand Lilac Ballroom

10:30 – 11:00 AM: Optical Processors to Address the Insatiable Demand for AI

William Renninger, Associate Professor
University of Rochester | The Institute of Optics
Grand Lilac Ballroom

11:00 – 11:15 AM: Master Student Showcase

UR and RIT Students
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11:15 – 11:30 AM: Honoring Emery Moore and Tina Kidger

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11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: Lunch & Optifab

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12:30 – 1:30 – Women in Optics

Aqueduct A/B

1:30 – 2:30 PM – Poster Session

Riverside Court

2:30 – 3:30 PM – Company Introductions

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3:30 – 5:00 PM: Company Connection Showcase

Highland Ballroom

5:30 – 7:30 PM: Reception

Grand Lilac Ballroom

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