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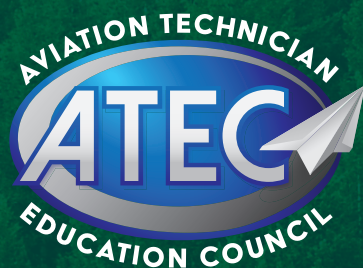


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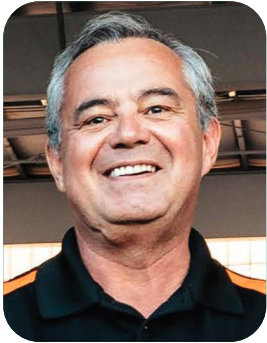
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From the Committee Chair



Fellow Conference Attendees,

Welcome to Portland, Oregon! On behalf of the ATEC Annual Conference Committee, I'm pleased to welcome aviation maintenance educators, industry partners, and workforce leaders from across the country to this year's conference.

We extend our sincere thanks to Portland Community College for hosting this year's event and for their continued leadership in aviation technician education. Their dedication to preparing the next generation of technicians reflects the strong collaboration between education and industry that defines the ATEC community.

This year's program brings together a wide range of sessions focused on workforce development, industry partnerships, and innovative approaches to aviation maintenance training. We hope you take advantage of the opportunity to learn from your peers, share ideas, and build new connections that support the future of our industry.

Portland's dynamic culture, natural beauty, and connection to the aviation sector make it a wonderful place to gather. While you're here, we encourage you to explore the city and enjoy everything the Pacific Northwest has to offer.

Thank you to our sponsors and partners for making this conference possible, and to the ATEC team—especially Crystal and Tarra—for their hard work behind the scenes.

Welcome to Portland and enjoy the conference.

Archie Vega

ATEC Annual Conference Committee Chair
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SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

11:00AM - 4:00PM

Registration

12:00PM - 3:00PM

Board Luncheon • SKYLINE II

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1:00PM - 4:00PM

Exhibitor Setup • GRAND BALLROOM

3:30PM - 4:30PM

Committee Meetings • SKYLINE III

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Welcome Reception •

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MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

8:00AM - 3:00PM

Registration • GRAND BALLROOM

8:00AM - 3:00PM

Exhibit Hall Open

8:00AM - 8:30AM

Breakfast

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8:30AM - 9:00AM

Keynote Address

Hear from airline executive leadership on workforce strategy, the evolving demands of modern airline maintenance operations, and the critical role collaboration between education and industry plays in building a resilient, highly skilled aviation maintenance workforce for the future.

Andy Schneider, CEO and President, Horizon Air

9:00AM - 9:30AM

Welcome and Exhibitor Spotlight

A fast - paced introduction to exhibitors and the products, services, and opportunities they bring to aviation technician education.

James Hall, ATEC President & Vice President, Aviation and Workforce Development, WSU Tech

9:30AM - 10:00AM

Networking Break

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Conference Agenda

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

10:00AM - 10:30AM

What Have We Done for You Lately • PAVILLION BALLROOM

Get an overview from council leadership on initiatives, accomplishments, and ongoing work undertaken on behalf of members. Panelists will highlight progress across advocacy, education, workforce development, and member services, and share how these efforts are delivering value to schools, employers, and partners. Attendees will gain insight into current priorities, upcoming initiatives, and opportunities to engage with and help shape ATEC's work in the year ahead.

PANELISTS:

Jared Britt, Legislative Committee Chair & President, Aviation Education Academy

Rhonda Cooper, ACS Working Group Lead, ATEC

Kelly Filgo, Director of Operations, Choose Aerospace

Sean Gallagan, Regulatory Committee Chair & Chief Executive Officer, Aviation Workforce Solutions

Michael Sasso, ATEC Academy Co - Facilitator & Aviation Maintenance Chief, Aims Community College

Archie Vega, ATEC Conference Committee Chair & Director of Maintenance and Development, Horizon Air

Moderator: Crystal Maguire, Executive Director, ATEC

10:30AM - 11:30PM

Session I: Understanding the Pipeline — Data, Drivers, and What Comes Next

Join a moderated discussion that goes beyond the data to explore what it means for aviation maintenance education and workforce planning. Drawing on the latest findings from ATEC's Pipeline Report, panelists will examine trends, underlying drivers, and consider how schools and industry are experiencing these challenges on the ground.

PANELISTS:

Etain Connor, Director of Community Affairs, FEAM AERO

Livia Hayes, Director, Oliver Wyman Vector

Deja Hubbard, Director Talent Acquisition Outreach, Alaska Airlines

Suzanne Markle, President/CEO, Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics

Moderator: Sean Broderick, Senior Air Transport & Safety Editor, Aviation Week

11:30PM - 1:30PM

Awards Luncheon

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Honoring the Educator of the Year, Student of the Year, Choose Aerospace Teacher of the Year, and recipients of the Choose Aerospace SkillPointe Scholarship, celebrating outstanding achievement, dedication, and impact within the aviation technician community.

EMCEE:

Ryan Goertzen, President, Choose Aerospace

SPEAKER:

Melissa Mullinix, Director of Scholarships, SkillPointe Foundation

Conference Agenda

MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

1:30PM - 2:30PM

Session II: Bridging the Gap: Plane Talk

Employers share candid insight into skill gaps, professionalism, and workforce readiness in entry - level technicians.

PANELISTS:

Scott Colling, Director, Tech Ops Training Programs, Southwest Airlines

Jessica Istas, Director of U.S. Academia, Community Relations and Aftermarket Environmental Health & Safety, Bombardier

Mike Rothlein, Director Talent Management, NORDAM

Archie Vega, Director of Maintenance and Development, Horizon Air

Moderator: Justin W. Madden, Vice President, Safety and Technical Operations, Airlines for America

2:30PM - 3:00PM

Networking Break

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3:00PM

Bus Departs for Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum

4:15PM - 5:15PM

Session III: Leadership Perspectives in Maintenance Operations • EVERGREEN THEATER

A senior - level discussion on airline maintenance strategy, workforce development, and future challenges and opportunities.

PANELISTS:

Baron Converse, Vice President of Maintenance and Engineering, Horizon Air

Nathan Engel, Vice President of Maintenance Operations, Alaska Airlines

Andy Schneider, CEO & President, Horizon Air

Carlos Zendejas, Senior Vice President of Operations, Horizon Air

Moderator: Archie Vega, Director of Maintenance and Development, Horizon Air

5:15PM - 7:30PM

Dinner & Reception • UNDER THE SPRUCE GOOSE

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7:30PM

Bus Returns to Hilton Downtown

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

8:00AM - 4:00PM

Exhibit Hall Open

8:00AM - 8:30AM

Breakfast

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Conference Agenda

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

8:30AM - 9:00AM

Welcome & Keynote Address

Begin the day with remarks from our host institution, highlighting their commitment to aviation and aerospace workforce education.

Dr. Adrien L. Bennings, President, Portland Community College

Dr. Jennifer Ernst, Vice President, Academic Affairs, Portland Community College


9:00AM - 9:15AM

Networking Break

Breakout Sessions

See full Breakout Descriptions on page 7

9:15AM - 10:15AM

	A. POLICY	B. SYSTEMS	C. INSTRUCTION	D. PATHWAYS
	Pavilion East	Pavilion West	Broadway I & II	Broadway III & IV
	1. Airman Certification & Safety Update	1. NASA and CAET	1. Defining the AMT Skillset	1. Discover Choose Aerospace
10:30AM - 11:30AM	2. Tracking Student Certification Outcomes	2. Advancing ATEC Legislative Priorities	2. Modernizing the Mechanic ACS	2. Building High School Pathways
11:30AM - 1:00PM	Lunch SPONSORED BY 			
1:00PM - 2:00PM	3. Modernizing Airman Testing Systems	3. Early Pipeline Development & CTE Engagement	3. Measuring Soft Skills Effectively	3. AMTS Leveraging Choose Aerospace
2:15PM - 3:15PM	4. Strengthening Oral & Practical Testing	4. Industry-Airport Partnership Models	4. AR & VR in Classrooms	4. Employer-Based Training Pathways
3:30PM - 4:30PM	5. Delegation Program Updates	5. Expanding Early Work-Based Learning	5. Electric Propulsion Instruction	5. Launching an A&P School

4:45PM - 5:15PM

Exhibitor Door Prizes

5:30PM - 8:00PM

Evening Reception • PUNCH BOWL AT PIONEER SQUARE MALL, 3RD FLOOR

Join us for a relaxed evening of networking and fun featuring a buffet dinner, open bar, bowling, karaoke, shuffleboard, arcade games, and Snap - on's annual Trivia Challenge.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

- 10:00AM **Bus Departs Hilton Downtown**
- 10:30AM - 1:00PM **Horizon Air Operations Center Tour & Lunch**
- 1:00PM - 2:00PM **Bus drop at Airport, Hilton Downtown, and Deschutes Brewery**
- 2:00PM **Wrap Party • DESCHUTES BREWERY**

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

- 8:00AM - 4:00PM **ATEC Academy • PCC CLIMB CENTER, 1626 SOUTHEAST WATER AVE, ROOM 301**
Navigate the classroom with confidence! This two - day session kicks off an immersive three - month training course intended to equip new educators with essential teaching tools. Separate registration required.
- 8:00AM - 5:00PM **FAA Designated Mechanic Examiner Recurrent Training Seminar • PCC CLIMB CENTER, 1626 SOUTHEAST WATER AVE, ROOM 302 - 303**
Required recurrent training for designated mechanic examiners, presented by the FAA. Advanced and separate registration with the FAA is required.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

- 8:00AM - 12:00PM **ATEC Academy • PCC CLIMB CENTER, 1626 SOUTHEAST WATER AVE, ROOM 301**

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A. POLICY

A1. Airman Certification & Safety Standards Update

FAA senior leaders share a high-level overview of priorities shaping aviation technician education and airman certification. Discussion focuses on coordination across FAA offices and the general direction of certification, oversight, and evaluation efforts. Attendees will gain perspective on emerging trends and considerations relevant to part 147 schools as the system continues to evolve.

Tanya Glines, Aviation Safety Inspector, Airmen and Special Programs Group (AFS-320), FAA

Kevin Morgan, Manager, Airman and Special Programs Group (AFS-320), FAA

Shelly Waddell Smith, Testing Standards Section Manager, Training and Certification Group (AFS-810), FAA

A2. Tracking Student Success: Advancing Insight into Certification Outcomes

Interest is growing across education and industry in better understanding student certification outcomes under the performance-based rule. Panelists will review the current state of outcomes reporting, discuss opportunities for expanded insight, and share how some schools are developing internal approaches to track results in the absence of centralized agency reporting. The session explores how improved data visibility can support continuous improvement and stronger alignment between training and certification.

Sean Gasperson, Associate Vice President, Assessment Services, PSI Services LLC

Brett Greenwood, Senior Vice President Federal Programs, PSI Services LLC

James Hall, Vice President, Aviation and Workforce Development, WSU Tech

Alexander Hart, Director, Product Development, Aviation Institute of Maintenance

A3. Modernizing Airman Testing: Industry Perspectives and Agency Updates

Industry representatives provide an overview of the airman testing system—where we've been and where we're going—and share key agency priorities and community partner

recommendations for continuous improvement as we move toward the next generation of airman testing.

Sean Gasperson, Associate Vice President, Assessment Services, PSI Services LLC

Brett Greenwood, Senior Vice President Federal Programs, PSI Services LLC

Ryan Smith, Airman Certificate Testing Service Program Manager, Training and Certification Group (AFS-810), FAA

Jackie Spanitz, General Manager, Aviation Supplies & Academics

A4. Strengthening the Oral and Practical Test

Members of the Airman Certification Standards Exam Board provide an update on enhancements to the oral and practical mechanic test including alignment with the ACS, improved cohesion between oral questions and practical projects, support for scenario-based evaluation, and appropriate use of examiner professional judgment to ensure consistent, competency-based assessments.

Tanya Glines, Aviation Safety Inspector, Airmen and Special Programs Group (AFS-320), FAA

Paul D. Meyer, Aviation Safety Inspector, Training and Certification Group (AFS-810), FAA (virtual)

Cody Hennecke, Aviation Safety Inspector, Training and Certification Group (AFS-810), FAA

A5. Delegation Program Updates: Training, Capacity, and Authorization

FAA representatives provide updates on the delegation program, covering both individual designees (DMEs) and organizational designation authorization (ODA). Topics include changes to designee training, capacity and appointment trends, and guidance related to Airman Certification ODA. The session explores how delegation supports oversight while expanding testing access.

Jennifer Lentz, Manager, Airworthiness Delegation Section (AFS-850), FAA

Melanie Weddle, Aviation Safety Inspector, ODA Office Performance Improvement & Implementation Section (AVS-62), FAA

Breakout Descriptions

B. SYSTEMS

B1. Where Aviation Can Take You: From Hangar to Space

Explore how careers in aviation maintenance can open doors across the broader aerospace ecosystem—including advanced avionics and space. NASA will share updates on its renewed focus on skilled trades, CTE, and community college partnerships, highlighting opportunities to engage with technician workforce initiatives. The session also features an overview of an industry-developed avionics standard and how A&P programs can use it to enhance coursework and support Certified Aircraft Electronics Technician (CAET) certification pathways.

Nick Brown, Director of Workforce Development, Aircraft Electronics Association

April Lanotte, Stakeholder & Workforce Development Lead, NASA

B2. Legislative Advocacy: Advancing ATEC's Priorities

ATEC leaders outline the organization's legislative priorities for the current Congress and provide an update on advocacy efforts supporting aviation maintenance education and workforce development. The session also highlights the ATEC Fly-In as a tool for elevating member voices and engaging policymakers through shared stories and data.

Rob Cush, Legislative Affairs Director, Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association

Ryan Goertzen, Vice President Workforce Development, AAR

B3. Feeding the Pipeline – Early Exposure to Competency-Based Learning

Join Snap-on for a discussion on successful models that strengthen the CTE pipeline by providing better-prepared students entering aviation maintenance programs. Learn how schools are engaging students at earlier ages through intentional exploration and competency-based learning to build awareness, skills, and interest—helping fill the future funnel into your program.

Dr. Angela Andersson, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director, KTEC Schools of Innovation

Cody Eckert, Program Manager - Snap-on/Starrett/Daniels Manufacturing Corporation, NC3

B4. Industry Meets Education: A Public-Private Partnership Model

FEAM Aero and CVG Airport share a workforce development partnership that demonstrates the value of collaboration beyond recruiting. Discussion focuses on aligning training, infrastructure, and long-term workforce strategy to support sustainable aviation maintenance pipelines.

Etain E. Connor, Director of Community Affairs, FEAM Aero

Jessica Warner, Workforce Development Program Manager, CVG Airport Authority

B5. Breaking the "Come Back When You're 18" Barrier

Innovative work-based learning models are connecting high school students—including those under 18—to hands-on aviation maintenance experience. Panelists discuss approaches that address liability and compliance while expanding early career exposure and workforce pathways.

Ryan Goertzen, Vice President Workforce Development, AAR

Tonja Norwood, Apprenticeship Manager, Oklahoma CareerTech

Deja Hubbard, Director Talent Acquisition Outreach, Alaska Airlines

C. INSTRUCTION

C1. Defining the Aviation Maintenance Skillset for Today and Tomorrow

This session provides an update on a NASA-funded research initiative led by Clemson University, in partnership with ATEC, to assess the competencies required of aviation mechanics across today's and emerging aerospace technologies. Presenters will share key findings from Phase 1 of the study, including insights informing the ATEC Mechanic ACS working group, and preview early themes and participation opportunities for Phase 2.

Kapil Madathil, Professor, Departments of Industrial and Civil Engineering, Clemson University

Zack Nicklin, Director of Aviation Maintenance, St. Cloud Technical and Community College

C2. Modernizing the Mechanic ACS: Proposed Revision Overview

Building on recommendations from partner organizations, an ATEC working group presents an overview of the proposed Mechanic ACS Revision 01. The discussion highlights competency-based training and assessment, integration of Bloom's Taxonomy, and risk-based framing. Attendees will review the recommendation, provide feedback, and discuss implications for future training and testing.

Nick Brown, Director of Workforce Development, Aircraft Electronics Association

Rhonda Cooper, ACS Working Group Lead, ATEC

Michael Sasso, Aviation Maintenance Chief, Aims Community College

C3. Assessing Soft Skills in Aviation Maintenance Education

Teamwork—and soft skills more broadly—are essential for success in aviation maintenance, yet they are often the most difficult to measure and cultivate in the classroom. Faculty from LeTourneau University share methods developed to assess teamwork and other soft skills within the A&P curriculum. Drawing on multiple years of data, presenters discuss practical approaches for evaluating collaboration and embedding soft skills assessment into technical training programs.

Nick Pool, Instructor, LeTourneau University

C4. Augmented and Virtual Reality in the Classroom

Educators explore how immersive platforms are being used to support aviation maintenance instruction. Discussion includes classroom and lab applications, visualization of complex concepts, and considerations for integrating AR/VR tools into existing curricula.

Fernando D. Cifuentes Sanchez, Assistant Professor, Middle Tennessee State University

Ross Kasun, Vice President of Content Strategy and Innovation, Transfr

Thomas Laxson, Faculty Department Chair, Portland Community College

Ken Rutschow, Assistant Professor, Middle Tennessee State University

C5. Electric Propulsion in Maintenance Education

Purdue University presents modular learning resources introducing aviation maintenance students to electric propulsion systems and associated regulatory frameworks. Attendees will see how the modules can be integrated into existing courses to support instruction on emerging technologies and standards. Supported by NIST Award 70NANB22H200.

Mary Johnson, Professor, Associate Head for Graduate Education and Research, Purdue University

Tracy Yother, Assistant Professor, Aeronautical Engineering Technology, Purdue University

Breakout Descriptions

D. PATHWAYS

D1. Discover Choose Aerospace

An overview of the Choose Aerospace general aviation maintenance curriculum, developed with ATEC to support secondary pathways into part 147 programs. Topics include curriculum implementation, lesson planning, lab development, and the ATEC credential opportunity for program completers.

Kelly Filgo, Director of Operations, Choose Aerospace

D2. From Vision to Workforce: Building High School Aviation Pathways

This session highlights successful high school aviation pipeline models that connect secondary education to aviation maintenance careers. Presenters will share how school districts and industry partners collaborate to design and launch aerospace academies, implement aligned curricula such as Choose Aerospace, and prepare students for part 147 pathways. Attendees will gain practical insight into program design, employer engagement, and strategies for strengthening the transition from high school to aviation maintenance training.

Brett Campbell, Career Counselor, Union Public Schools

Archie Vega, Director of Maintenance and Development, Horizon Air

D3. Aviation Maintenance Schools Using Choose Aerospace

Part 147 programs share how they are using Choose Aerospace to strengthen recruitment, completions, and outreach. Panelists discuss best practices, lessons learned, and strategies to maximize enrollment impact and partnerships with secondary programs.

Jess Hendricks, Program Manager, WSU Tech

Mark Holloway, Executive Director of Aviation Maintenance, Aviation Institute of Maintenance

Suzanne Markle, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics

Stormy Sykes, Learning Development, US Aviation Academy

Moderator: Kelly Filgo, Director of Operations, Choose Aerospace

D4. Employer-Based Pathways in Action

Employer-driven training models are helping address workforce needs through apprenticeships, technical education centers, and partnerships with community colleges. Panelists share examples from across the country and discuss how these approaches combine classroom learning with hands-on experience to support certification and talent development.

Mike Couch, Technical Training Coordinator, Duncan Aviation

Darwin Godemann, Technical Education Team Leader, Duncan Aviation

Joe Irwin, Manager for Technical Training, West Star Aviation

Katie Johnson, Chief People Officer, West Star Aviation

D5. Launching Your A&P School

Experienced leaders share practical considerations involved in launching a part 147 program, including costs, equipment, funding options, and regulatory requirements. Attendees will gain insight into common challenges, lessons learned, and strategies for building sustainable aviation maintenance training programs.

Sean Gallagan, Chief Executive Officer, Aviation Workforce Solutions

Michael Sasso, Aviation Maintenance Chief, Aims Community College

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Choose Aerospace

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The Choose Aerospace aviation maintenance curriculum is a resource for A&P schools to build student pipelines in their communities. The computer-assisted content covers the general subject areas in the mechanic airman certification standards and is intended to support dual enrollment and credit-bearing opportunities for high school students matriculating into a post-secondary part 147 program.

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