

Hello, COAA Connect Spring 2025 Attendee!

Looking forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh and hope you're as excited as we are!

Conference Location

Westin Downtown Pittsburgh
1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Getting There:

The Downtown Westin Pittsburgh is located approximately 17 miles from the Pittsburgh International Airport. Taxi or Uber fare from the airport to the hotel is between \$40 and \$50.

- [Directions: Westin Hotel Downtown Pittsburgh](#)
- [Pittsburgh International Airport](#)
- [Ride Sharing](#)
- [Limousines, Taxis, Shuttles, Charter Buses](#)
- [Public Transportation](#)

Parking

The hotel offers both self-parking and valet parking for your convenience:

- Self-parking is available for \$28 per day. Please note that this rate does not include in-and-out privileges. Additional charges will apply each time you exit and re-enter the garage.
- Valet parking is offered at \$41 per day.
- Onsite hourly parking is also available at a rate of \$8 per hour.

Conference Registration Hours

Wednesday, May 7 | 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursday, May 8 | 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Friday, May 9 | 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Meals

Conference registration includes these meals, which will be served in the Allegheny Grand Ballroom on the 3rd floor:

Breakfast

Thursday, May 9 7:15 – 8:15 AM

Friday, May 10 7:30 – 8:30 AM

Lunch

Wednesday, May 7 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Thursday, May 8 12:15 – 1:15 PM (with scholarship presentation)

Friday, May 10 12:00 – 1:00 PM

App It Up!


Stay connected and in the know with the **COAA Event Hub** app – your go-to resource for real-time updates and networking throughout the conference.

The app includes:

- The full agenda (education sessions + events)
- Speaker bios
- Maps and venue info
- Attendee messaging and more

Here's how to get started:

1. Download the **COAA Event Hub** app (note: this is a new app provider – see below).
2. Open the app and enter our unique **Event Code: CC25A**
3. Sign in using **your name and work email**

 **Important:** We've switched app providers this year. If you used our app in the past, please **uninstall the old version and install the new one.**

Need help? Just swing by the conference registration desk – we're happy to assist!



Download from your favorite app store, then sign in using your name and your work email. If you have difficulty logging in, please uninstall and reinstall the app or come to the conference registration desk for assistance.

Important note: Evaluations are only available via the conference app.

Event Wi-Fi: Network ID = **Westin_CONFERENCE** | Password = **McKimCreed**

COAA Cares

Attendees will have the opportunity to support [The Jared Box Project](#) through the COAA Cares initiative. You'll help brighten the day of some very sick kids by assembling and decorating boxes with small gifts, toys, games, crayons, coloring books, and other items selected for a specific age and gender.

Program/Agenda

Click [HERE](#) to see the detailed conference agenda.

Evening Receptions

Please note that receptions are only open to attendees of the full conference or attendees of the day a reception is held. For example, someone who is only attending the conference on Wednesday is not eligible to attend the Thursday reception.

- The Wednesday night reception will be held 5:30 – 7:30 pm in the Allegheny Foyer Area of the Westin on the third floor.
- The Thursday night reception will be held 5:30 -7:30 pm at Bill's Burgers Bar and Grill located on the first floor

Conference Tours and Outings (optional)

Pre-purchased tickets for either tour and/or the baseball game will be tucked inside your conference badge, which you'll receive when checking in at the conference registration desk.

Pittsburgh Sightseeing Tour – Wednesday, May 7 | 9:30-11:30 am

Participants are asked to meet in the lobby by the front desk of the Westin at **9:15 AM**. Please note that **only registered conference attendees** can participate in the tour.

UPMC Presbyterian Hospital Project Prefab Facility Tour – Friday, May 9 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm

This event is sold out. Participants are asked to meet in the lobby by the front desk of the Westin at **12:45 PM**.

Pirates vs. Braves Game – PNC Park – Friday, May 9, | 6:40 pm first pitch

This event is sold out.

Continuing Education Credits

COAA is an AIA-approved CES provider. Participants must complete an evaluation for each attended session to receive a certificate for continuing education credits or American Institute of Architects (AIA) learning units. *Evaluations are only available via the conference app.*

Please enter your AIA number into the Review Text Box at least once when evaluating conference sessions. COAA will report your attendance directly to AIA. Certificates may also be used to report CE credits to other organizations.

Post on social media! Share your experience with colleagues and friends by posting your thoughts and photos with any of these hashtags throughout the week!

#coaconnect25PITT

#thecoaaway

#coaacares

We look forward to seeing you in The STEEL City and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!