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8:00AM – 9:30AM **Networking Breakfast**

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9:30AM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- **Kelly Schulz**, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Tech Council
- **Jim Gilroy**, State Government Affairs, PSEG

**Start-Up Zone Company Quick Pitch**

- **Rizkly, Experio Labs, CamoText, Cursive Technology, Esurgi, Optimaflo**
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9:45 AM – 11:50 AM  
**SME Sessions**

**AI for Your Business – Hype Versus Reality**

Andersen Consulting will share experiences from working with our clients and discuss how AI is different from previous tech revolutions. The session will explore what this means for your business now, in the immediate future, and in the near term, including how much time organizations have to adapt. Attendees will also examine whether it makes sense to make a big bet or take a more cautious, risk-mitigating approach to AI adoption.

- **Dale Fedun**, Partner, Head of Technology Transformation, Andersen Consulting

**The LLMs for Ideation in HealthTech—they may not be the experts you hoped for.**

LLMs can accelerate ideation in HealthTech, but they are not domain experts and they will confidently fill gaps with plausible nonsense. Ivan will show how experienced teams can use AI safely and productively by pairing it with clear problem framing, structured evaluation, and human validation.

- **Ivan George**, Founder and CTO, HealthTech Navigators, Assistant Director, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Surgery

**AI Without the Hype: How Chat Agents Really Work and How to Use Them Well**

AI tools like ChatGPT are everywhere but most people misunderstand what they actually do. In this session, we will break down how modern AI and large language models really work, debunk common chat agent myths, and explore their quirks and limitations. You will walk away with practical prompting techniques and real world guidance you can apply immediately without the hype or fear.

- **Mo Ezderman**, Director of AI, Mindgrub

11:10 AM - 11:50 AM

### Quantum Technologies in Business Today

Quantum technologies are moving beyond research labs and into early commercial use, but they are only applicable to a specific class of problems at this stage. This session explores how businesses are beginning to use quantum technologies across areas such as optimization, simulation, sensing, communications, materials science, and post-quantum cryptography, with a focus on where value is being tested today and where near-term innovation is opening new possibilities. Attendees will gain a practical understanding of current use cases, the types of business challenges best suited for early experimentation, and how Maryland's unique quantum ecosystem positions organizations to engage with these technologies.

Moderator:

- **Jason Michael Perry**, Founder & CEO of PerryLabs

Panelists:

- **Kimberly Mentzell**, Director of Cybersecurity, Lead for Emerging Technologies, Maryland Department of Commerce
- **John Sawyer**, Director, Strategic Research Initiatives at University of Maryland, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance
- **Dan Stick, Ph.D.**, Manager of the Trap Design and Modeling Group, IonQ

11:15 AM

### Remarks from Secretary Harry Coker

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM  
Roundtables

### Roundtable 1: The LLMs for Ideation in HealthTech— they may not be the experts you hoped for.

- **Ivan George**, Founder and CTO, HealthTech Navigators, Assistant Director, Johns Hopkins University, Department of Surgery

### Roundtable 2: AI for Your Business – Hype Versus Reality

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM **Networking Lunch**

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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM **Keynote Fireside Chat**

Gautam Mukunda will lead a fireside chat with Kelly Schulz, MTC's Chief Executive Officer, where he will share his take on bold leadership, disruptive innovation, and making tough calls, skills today's tech leaders need amid fast-moving change. His perspective, shaped by work across academia, industry, national security, and media, offers practical guidance for executives, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

- **Gautam Mukanda**, Yale School of Management Lecturer / Executive Fellow / Author of two books, 'Picking Presidents: How to Make the Most Consequential Decision in the World' and 'Indispensable: When Leaders Really Matter'
- **Kelly Schulz**, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Tech Council

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
**SME Sessions**

**Advancing the Space Industrial Base through Technology Partnerships**

NASA's Space Communication and Navigation (SCaN) Program leads the development of communication and navigation technologies that enable NASA missions near Earth, at the Moon, and throughout the solar system. SCaN's deputy program manager, Greg Heckler, will share two examples of how SCaN has partnered with Maryland space leaders, other government organizations, and the space industry to advance technologies that impact both NASA missions and everyday life.

- **Greg Heckler**, Deputy Program Manager for Capability Development, NASA's Space Communications and Navigation Program

**Cybersecurity – Engineering the Transformation: How AI, Automation, and Zero Trust Are Rebuilding IT and Security Operations**

Technology transformation is no longer theoretical. It is happening inside real environments, and teams are being forced to rethink how they build, operate, and secure modern systems.

This mainstage panel brings together engineering and operations leaders from Arctic Wolf, Pixee.ai, Xemplify IT, and Advantage Technology to discuss how AI, automation, and Zero Trust principles are being applied in practice across IT and security operations. The conversation will focus on what is actually changing on the ground, where automation delivers real value, where it falls short, and why foundational elements like endpoints, identity, and operating models matter more than ever. This is a practitioner-led discussion designed to give both technical and non-technical audiences a clear, honest view into how modern organizations are engineering transformation without marketing hype.

- **Chris May**, Vice President of Security and Growth, Advantage.Tech
- **Barqat Bari**, Founder & CEO Xemplify IT
- **Arshan Dabirsiaghi**, CTO & Co-founder, Pixee
- **Christopher Fielder**, Field CTO, Arctic Wolf

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM **Cocktail Reception**

3:50 PM – 4:30 PM  
**Roundtables**

**Roundtable 1: Keynote**

- **Gautam Mukunda**, Yale School of Management Lecturer / Executive Fellow / Author

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**Roundtable 3: Advancing the Space Industrial Base through Technology Partnerships**

- **Greg Heckler**, Deputy Program Manager for Capability Development, NASA's Space Communications and Navigation Program

**Roundtable 4: AI Beyond the Hype: What Actually Changed—and What Didn't**

AI is everywhere today—but much of what is discussed is hype rather than clarity. While AI itself is not new, technologies like Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs) are, and this distinction matters for how businesses make long-term decisions.

In this roundtable, we will discuss:

- What is genuinely new in AI, and what is not
- The difference between Consumer AI and Business AI, and why the same expectations don't apply
- The reality of building Business AI with a very limited number of LLM and API providers
- How enterprise API behavior and feedback differ from consumer tools like ChatGPT
- Whether everything should be built with GenAI—or only where LLMs are truly strong
- The role of data ownership and control: if organizations don't fully control their data, can AI realistically deliver control?
- This will be an open, executive-level discussion focused on practical understanding rather than tools or vendors.

- **Gokhan Erodogdu**, Founder and CEO, CloudOffix

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**Gautam Mukanda**  
Yale School of Management  
Lecturer / Executive Fellow / Author

Gautam Mukunda is an internationally recognized expert on leadership and innovation whose work has consistently predicted what conventional wisdom missed. He is the author of *Indispensable: When Leaders Really Matter* and *Picking Presidents*, and his new book *The Innovator's Revolution* (Crown Currency, Under Contract) proposes a new theory of innovation that builds on and challenges the work of his mentor, Clayton Christensen. He is an Executive Fellow and a Lecturer of the Practice of Management at the Yale School of Management, a Senior Advisor to McKinsey & Company, a weekly columnist for Bloomberg Opinion, and a board member of Alden Scientific. Previously, he was a professor at Harvard Business School and Distinguished Visiting Professor at Tsinghua University's Schwarzman College.



**Barqat Bari**  
Founder & CEO  
Xemplify IT

Barqat Bari is the Founder and CEO of Xemplify IT, an enterprise technology firm focused on cybersecurity, endpoint platforms, and automation. Bari has led large-scale cybersecurity and modern endpoint initiatives across the NIH and NASA, supporting tens of thousands of systems. Bari's work centers on Zero Trust-aligned device security, continuous compliance, and translating enterprise-scale strategy into sustainable operational execution for commercial and regulated organizations.

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**Secretary  
Coker**  
Maryland  
Department of  
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The Honorable Harry Coker Jr was appointed by Governor Moore as Maryland’s Secretary of Commerce on February 5, 2025. At Commerce, the state’s primary economic development agency, Coker is focused on working collaboratively to help Maryland “Win the Decade” by developing and sustaining an equitable, robust and competitive economy.

Secretary Coker is a retired Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) senior executive, former National Security Agency (NSA) senior executive and career Naval Officer. He was previously America’s National Cyber Director, serving in the White House from 2023 – 2025.



**Arshan  
Dabirsiaghi**  
CTO & Co-founder,  
Pixee

Arshan Dabirsiaghi, CTO & Co-founder. Chief Scientist at Contrast Security scaling detection to \$1B valuation. OWASP leader, created AntiSamy/ESAPI security frameworks used by millions. After a decade watching backlogs grow despite perfect detection, co-founded Pixee to solve the other half: intelligent triage eliminating 80% noise + automated fixes developers actually merge.

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**Gokhan Erodogdu**  
Founder and CEO,  
CloudOffix

Gokhan Erodogdu is a business leader with over 20 years of experience in digital transformation, working closely with SMEs and enterprise organizations. His work focuses on helping leadership teams rethink how technology, data, and decision-making come together—especially as AI moves from experimentation into the core of business operations.



**Mo Ezderman**  
Director of AI,  
Mindgrub

Mo is a builder driven by impact, designing and developing AI systems that solve real problems, deliver tangible outcomes, and push the boundaries of what technology can do. As Director of AI at Mindgrub, he helps organizations uncover new growth opportunities by implementing AI. With over 20 years of experience, he has developed both generative and traditional AI applications that deliver real-world results. His work includes co-developing a generative AI music platform with Siri Co-Founder Tom Gruber to boost artist revenue, creating AI tools with NCMEC to accelerate the identification of child exploitation victims, and helping build fraud detection systems that dismantled the largest ad fraud operation in collaboration with the FBI and Google. Mo thrives at the intersection of innovation, execution, and meaningful change.

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**Dale Fedun**  
Partner, Head of  
Technology  
Transformation,  
Andersen Consulting

Dale leads Andersen Consulting's rapidly expanding Technology Transformation practice, delivering innovative solutions and cutting-edge capabilities that enable new business models and create competitive advantage for clients. From creating a completely new customer experience in insurance, to re-thinking the role of SAAS in the AI Age, Andersen Consulting's Technology Transformation practice embeds innovation at the heart of solutions and project delivery.



**Christopher  
Fielder**  
Field CTO, Arctic  
Wolf

Christopher Fielder has worked within the cybersecurity world for over 26 years and holds 18 industry certifications along with a Master's Degree in Information Security. His experience ranges from military, government, and corporate environments with security roles that cover offensive, defensive, and analytical positions. Christopher has also helped train some of the next generation of security professionals as a University instructor and former member of the SANS Institute. Today his role as the Field CTO and Editor-in-Chief allows him to focus on trending security concerns, modern defense techniques and the power and intelligence of Arctic Wolf.

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**Ivan George**  
Founder and CTO,  
HealthTech  
Navigators, Assistant  
Director, Johns  
Hopkins University,  
Department of Surgery

Ivan George has worked at the intersection of clinical care, healthcare operations, and strategic innovation since the mid-1980s. Across hospital systems, academic medicine, and industry-facing initiatives, he has shaped decisions in operating rooms, boardrooms, and innovation pipelines. His work includes leading perioperative services, guiding vendor and partner strategy, and building scalable education and evaluation platforms used by clinicians and health systems nationwide. As Founder and CTO of Health Tech Navigators (HTN), he currently leads strategic design and domain validation to support smarter health technology innovation and investment. He also serves as Managing Director of Johns Hopkins' MISTIC surgical training center and Lead for the Lung Transplant Recovery Support team.



**Greg Heckler**  
Deputy Program  
Manager for Capability  
Development, NASA's  
Space Communications  
and Navigation  
Program

Gregory W. Heckler is the Deputy Program Manager for Capability Development within NASA's SCA<sub>N</sub> Program. He leads a multifaceted effort to transition NASA's near-Earth missions to commercial communication and navigation services and away from government assets, such as the Tracking Data Relay Satellite System (TDRSS). Greg also provides leadership in the formulation, execution, and integration of SCA<sub>N</sub>'s Artemis infrastructure elements, including upgrades to the Deep Space Network, expansion of SCA<sub>N</sub>'s ground assets, and the procurement of Lunar relay services.

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**Chris May**  
Vice President of  
Security and Growth,  
Advantage.Tech

As Vice President of Security & Growth at Advantage Technology, Chris May leads the charge in integrating advanced cybersecurity strategies with business development to drive organizational resilience and client success. May works directly with C-suite leaders and technical teams to identify risks, implement tailored security frameworks, and transform cybersecurity from a cost center into a catalyst for growth and innovation. At Advantage Technology, I continue to advise enterprise and mid-market clients across industries, with a particular focus on Biotech/MedTech, ICS/IoT environments, breach readiness, and cyber risk reduction.



**Kimberly Mentzell**  
Director of  
Cybersecurity, Lead for  
Emerging Technologies,  
Maryland Department  
of Commerce

Kimberly is the Director of Cybersecurity and Lead of Emerging Technologies for Maryland Department of Commerce with over 20+ years of tech experience ranging from programmer and network engineer to educator and cyber professional. Kimberly serves as a member of the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, Maryland Cyber Coordinating Council, Cyber Maryland Board, Cybersecurity Association Board, TechFrederick Board, and the TAC Board. She is also a founding and executive board member of the Capitol Technology University Center for Women in Cyber, the Industry Liaison/member of the Computer Science Teachers Association (CSTA), and co-chair for the MD Cyber Education Committee in conjunction with the MD Center for Computing Education (MCCE) Steering Committee.

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**Jason Michael Perry**  
Founder & CEO of  
PerryLabs

Jason Michael Perry is the Founder of PerryLabs and the host of Thoughts on Tech & Things, a biweekly newsletter and podcast exploring how emerging technologies move from concept to real-world impact. Through PerryLabs, he works with organizations to define strategy and implement technologies such as artificial intelligence, robotics, and quantum computing. With more than two decades of experience across Fortune 50 companies, government agencies, and startups, Jason brings a practical, operator's perspective to his talks. He also serves as a Senior Advisor to the World Trade Center Institute, leads its AGILE Global Innovation Series, and is an Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the University of Baltimore. In 2025, he released *The AI Evolution*, a guide for organizations implementing AI and navigating the role of the Chief AI Officer.



**John Sawyer**  
Director, Strategic  
Research Initiatives at  
University of Maryland,  
Executive Director, Mid-  
Atlantic Quantum  
Alliance

John P. Sawyer is the Director of Strategic Research Initiatives for the University of Maryland, where he builds and manages major programs and partnerships that enhance the impact and visibility of the university. As part of the Capital of Quantum Fearlessly Forward Initiative, Sawyer serves as the coordination lead for quantum-related efforts across campus and the Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Quantum Alliance, which enhances collaboration with regional partners. Sawyer was also the main architect of a large-scale regional autonomy and AI research collaboration that brings together nearly 300 researchers supported by a \$68 million cooperative agreement with the Army Research Laboratory.

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**Kelly Schulz**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
Maryland Tech Council

Kelly Schulz is a mother, wife, successful small business owner, and served seven years in Governor Hogan's administration as the Secretary of Labor and Secretary of Commerce. She currently serves as the CEO of the Maryland Tech Council. In her most recent role as Secretary of Commerce, Kelly oversaw the state's primary economic development agency, responsible for attracting new businesses, job growth, and workforce development. Kelly likes to promote Prosperity with a Purpose – bringing more opportunities to the state has an effect on those that would not otherwise have opportunities.



**Dan Stick, Ph.D.,**  
Principal Scientist,  
IonQ

Dr. Daniel Stick manages the trap design and modeling group at IonQ. His team focuses on simulating and optimizing the electric, magnetic, photonic, and thermal properties of the ion traps that form the core of IonQ's quantum computers. Prior to IonQ, Dr. Stick was a Senior Scientist at Sandia National Laboratories where he worked on trapped-ion experiments and scalable technology integration. He has held leadership roles in multiple quantum information sciences programs funded by the DOE and other agencies, recently serving as the Deputy Director of the Quantum Systems Accelerator. He was the recipient of a 2012 Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE) for his research in trapped-ion quantum computing.

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Cursive uses Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence for continuous authentication and authorship to secure communication, validate authenticity, and verify learning through the written word. We work with colleges and universities around the world to validate learning, including University of Maryland, Mars Hill University (NC), Murdoch University (Australia), Shanghai International Studies University (China).



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A trusted partner for millions of customers, Ecolab (NYSE:ECL) is a global leader in water, hygiene and infection prevention solutions and services that protect people and the resources vital to life. For more than a century, Ecolab has advanced innovation by integrating science-based solutions, data-driven insights, AI technology and world-class service. This unique combination enables Ecolab to partner with customers to define what best-in-class looks like and scale it across their operations, helping them achieve peak performance.



## Electronics Value Recovery

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Ecolab Life Sciences Software Solutions help pharmaceutical manufacturers digitalize cleaning validation, work instructions with logbooks, and electronic batch execution to move faster, reduce risk, identify trends and stay inspection-ready. Designed for real GMP operations, our solutions replace paper and fragmented systems with guided digital execution, real-time data capture, with complete traceability. Backed by Ecolab's unmatched life sciences and contamination control expertise, customers gain fewer deviations, faster batch release, stronger data integrity, and clear visibility across their manufacturing operations.



**Esurgi**

**Start-Up Zone Exhibitor**

Esurgi is a Maryland-based med-tech company that improves access to care and reduces provider burden for world's largest problems, by automating high-friction clinical tasks. Our flagship home-based therapy platform is like having a physical therapist or athletic trainer at home—capturing objective, continuous, personalized data that helps providers deliver better outcomes at lower cost. We're currently collaborating with clinical partners including physical therapists, payers, mission-aligned advisors and early contributors, and funding partners.



**Experio Labs**

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Experio AI is the AI operating system built exclusively for consulting and professional services firms. Powered by advanced knowledge graphs and large language models, Experio captures your firm's institutional memory, embeds AI intelligence into your existing workflows, and empowers consultants with real-time, domain-specific insights — without replacing the human expertise that drives client trust. From faster onboarding to smarter decision-making, Experio transforms fragmented knowledge into a living, growing competitive advantage. Stop losing your firm's best insights to turnover and silos. With Experio, your firm doesn't just use AI — it becomes AI-native.

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Iron Thread Collective is a fractional HR and learning consultancy for small business owners who are great at what they do but never planned to become HR departments. We help bring clarity and consistency to hiring, onboarding, training, and leadership by building practical, human-centered systems that actually work. The result is calmer days, stronger teams, and a business that can grow without burning out its owner.

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Leica Microsystems is a global leader in microscopy and scientific instrumentation, delivering innovative imaging solutions for life science research, clinical diagnostics, and industrial applications. Renowned for optical precision, quality, and reliability, Leica Microsystems helps scientists and professionals visualize, measure, and analyze the microscopic world to advance discovery and improve outcomes.



**Midpoint Technologies**  
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MidPoint is the central hub of technology systems integrating them together to work synergistically. We are a technical services company providing integration of system solutions to include Audio-Visual, Electronic Security, Structured Cabling, Data Centers and IT-Wireless Services.



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The Division of Continuing Studies at Mount St. Mary's University offers undergraduate, graduate, certificate, and professional development programs designed for working adults. Courses are offered in-person, online, and in flexible formatting. The Mount is committed to providing programs that are affordable, convenient, and accommodating in a supportive academic environment



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The Maryland Department of Commerce is the state's primary economic development agency, dedicated to creating quality jobs by attracting new businesses, stimulating private investment and encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies. The Department also promotes the state's many economic advantages and markets local products and services at home and abroad to economic development and international investment, trade and tourism. The Office of Strategic Industries and Entrepreneurship works to support, attract and expand emerging industries ranging from Life Sciences, Cybersecurity and Aerospace, Agribusiness and Energy, and more.



**OptimaFlo**  
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OptimaFlo exists to help leaders connect to their data with clarity and ease, so they can focus on impact, not infrastructure. As companies grow, data becomes essential to daily operations. Yet many teams find themselves spending more time managing tools, pipelines, and reporting delays than actually using insights to move the business forward. OptimaFlo was built to remove that operational burden and make modern data infrastructure practical for companies.



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PerryLabs partners with leadership teams to design, build, and scale enterprise-grade AI systems that deliver measurable impact.



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Public Service Enterprise Group is a diversified energy company. For 120 years and counting, we have rolled up our sleeves to tackle any challenge. We work hard to keep the lights on, homes warm, and businesses bright so our customers can live and work safely and comfortably. PSEG has a vision of a future where people use less energy, and it's cleaner, safer and delivered more reliably than ever. PSEG has a successful history of completing large, cost-effective transmission projects that provide reliable electricity. 500kV transmission is the backbone of the electric grid that provides energy to homes and businesses. PSEG has an extensive transmission team that is made up of transmission planners, engineers, permitting and environmental specialists, real estate professionals, outreach professionals and more. The team works together to design and execute transmission projects, while being socially responsible to the communities in which they are built and maintained. PSEG is now bringing its expertise and experience to Maryland with MPRP.



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