



# 2024 WLA FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

RADISSON HOTEL LA CROSSE  
LA CROSSE, WI

**October 29, 2024**

7:30-8:15 AM	<b>Registration and Continental Breakfast Buffet</b>
8:15- 8:30 AM	<b>Welcome</b> Jake Parr- WLA President
9:10 – 9:40 AM	<b>ISO 17025 Accreditation</b> Jon Anderson-Ag Source
9:40 – 9:55 AM	<b>Product Spotlight-Mettler Toledo</b>
9:55 – 10:45 AM	<b>Supplier Networking – Break</b>
10:45 – 11:20 AM	<b>ESG/Sustainability Food Safety</b> Mathew Bartkowiak-Nelson-Jameson
11:20 – 11:50 AM	WLA Business Meeting/Board Introductions/Open Board Positions Nominations
11:50 – 12:30 PM	<b>RCA/CAPA</b> Gale Beard- Grande Cheese Co.
12:30 - 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch &amp; Supplier Networking</b>
1:30 –1:45 PM	<b>Product Spotlight-Thermo Fisher Scientific</b>
1:45 – 2:30 PM	<b>Disability Accommodations/Inclusivity in the Lab</b> Andrew Ives, ACCESS Center UW-La Crosse
2:30 –3:00 PM	<b>Supplier Networking – Break</b> Snack Bar Available
3:00 – 3:40 PM	<b>Laboratory GLP's</b> Kyle Schweisthal -Hormel
3:40-4:00 PM	<b>Product Spotlight</b>
4:00pm	<b>Adjourned – Prepare for Evening Activities</b>
5:00 PM – 10:00 PM	<b>5:00 - 6:00 PM – Dinner</b> <b>7:00 -10:00PM – La Crosse Distillery- Evening Event</b>



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8:00 – 9:00 AM	<b>Registration &amp; Plated Breakfast</b>
9:00 – 9:45 AM	<b>Meat Food Safety and Organisms of Concern</b> Ashley Lembke-American Foods Group
9:45 – 10:45 AM	<b>Retaining Quality People in the Workforce</b> Jeff Meiners- Crest Foods Co.
10:45– 11:00 AM	<b>Break</b>
11:00 –12:00 PM	<b>Servant Leadership</b> Thomas Thibodeau- Viterbo University
12:00 – 1:00 PM	<b>Lunch- Voting results</b>
1:00 – 2:00 PM	<b>Convenience: Protecting the C-Store Guests and Food Brand</b>  Dr. Jay Ellingson-Kwik Trip
2:00 – 2:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
2:15 –2:45 PM	<b>NCIMS Update</b> Laura Traas-WI DATCP
2:45 – 3:30 PM	<b>Regulation Sanitation- Meat and Dairy Perspectives</b> WI-DATCP
3:30 PM	<b>Closing Remarks &amp; Dismissal</b> Janine Mercer, WLA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President- 2025 Conference Chair