



2024 WLA FALL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

**RADISSON HOTEL LA CROSSE
LA CROSSE, WI**

October 29, 2024

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



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