



Business & Industry Fall Conference

Monday, September 14, 2026 | The Grove Park Inn

TIME		SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER	LOCATION
7:00 am	8:00 am	Registration & Hot Breakfast		
8:00 am	9:15 am	(GS1) Ready - Reset - Grow as a Financial Leader	Wassia Kamon	Grand Ballroom AB
9:15 am	9:30 am	Stretch Break		
9:30 am	10:35 am	(GS2) Separating the Economic Wheat from the Chaff	Ted Abernathy	Grand Ballroom AB
10:35 am	10:45 am	Stretch Break		
10:45 am	11:45 am	(GS3) From Insight to Impact: Real World Perspectives from Industry Leaders	Jon Lokhorst Brandon Laws Michael Scott Stephen Watson	Grand Ballroom AB
11:45 am	1:00 pm	Lunch		Grand Ballroom C
1:00 pm	2:15 pm	(1A) Controller to CFO	Paige Cocke	Grand Ballroom A
		(1B) Impacts of Tariffs on A&A and Financial Planning	Tom Groskopf	Grand Ballroom B
2:15 pm	2:30 pm	Stretch Break		
2:30 pm	3:35 pm	(2A) Beyond the Numbers: Turning Analysis into Action	Paige Cocke	Grand Ballroom A
		(2B) Building an Ethical Culture in the Age of AI	Jon Lokhorst	Grand Ballroom B
3:35 pm	3:50 pm	Stretch Break		
3:50 pm	4:55 pm	(3A) Budgeting from the Bottom Up	Ruth King	Grand Ballroom A
		(3B) How to Sharpen Your Team's Critical Thinking Skills	Jon Lokhorst	Grand Ballroom B
Optional				
5:00 pm		Reception & Bar		Vanderbilt Terrace



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Tuesday, September 15, 2026 | The Grove Park Inn

TIME		SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER	LOCATION
7:00 am	8:00 am	Registration & Hot Breakfast		
8:00 am	9:00 am	(GS4) Strategic Storytelling	Deborah Grayson Riegel	Grand Ballroom AB
9:00 am	9:15 am	Stretch Break		
9:15 am	10:30 am	(GS5) Industry and Legislative Hot Topics	Mark Sotichack Robert Broome Alex Lehmann	Grand Ballroom AB
10:30 am	10:45 am	Stretch Break		
10:45 am	11:45 am	(GS6) Beyond the Fed: How AI and the Capital Spend Boom are Redrawing the Economic Map	Mark Vitner	Grand Ballroom AB
12:00 pm	1:00 pm	Lunch		Grand Ballroom C
1:00 pm	2:15 pm	(4A) Navigating Conflict and Tricky Conversations	Deborah Grayson Riegel	Grand Ballroom A
		(4B) A Strategic Approach to Selecting Your AI Tools	John H. Higgins	Grand Ballroom B
2:15 pm	2:30 pm	Stretch Break		
2:30 pm	3:35 pm	(5A) Better Management Reporting Clear + Simple	Bob Mims	Grand Ballroom A
		(5B) Microsoft 365: Supercharging CPA Productivity	John H. Higgins	Grand Ballroom B
3:35 pm	3:50 pm	Stretch Break		
3:50 pm	4:55 pm	(6A) The Talent Paradigm: People-Centric Finance is the Differentiator	Bob Mims	Grand Ballroom A
		(6B) 2026 Technology Update: Emerging Trends that Matter	John H. Higgins	Grand Ballroom B
5:00pm	6:00 pm	Meet the Board Social	Meet the Board of Directors	Vanderbilt Terrace



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Wednesday, September 16, 2026 | The Grove Park Inn

TIME		SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER	LOCATION
7:00 am	8:00 am	Registration & Hot Breakfast		
8:00 am	9:05 am	(GS7) Agentic AI: the Future of Work	Jack Cathey	Grand Ballroom AB
9:05 am	9:15 am	Stretch Break		
9:15 am	10:30 am	(GS8) Rising to the Future Together: Navigating Technology, Talent & Transformation	Tom Hood	Grand Ballroom AB
10:30 am	10:40am	Stretch Break		
10:40 am	11:45 am	(GS9) The Future-Ready Finance Organization: Leading Change in a Rapidly Evolving Profession	David DeFreitas	Grand Ballroom AB