



## BUILDING ILLINOIS' BIOECONOMY CONSORTIUM

### **Building Illinois' Workforce:**

New Skills, New Jobs in the  
Bioeconomy and  
Advanced Manufacturing Industries

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**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**  
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The *Building Illinois' Workforce: New Skills, New Jobs in the Bioeconomy and Advanced Manufacturing Industries Regional Summit* addresses the skills gap between Metro-East residents and open jobs in the Bioeconomy and Advanced Manufacturing industries while looking at potential solutions through educational resources and hands-on training opportunities.

Through this event, we are bringing together stakeholders across Southwestern Illinois to bridge the skills gap between residents and open jobs in the Bioeconomy and Advanced Manufacturing industries. Through working with prominent organizations like yours, we are looking to reach Metro-East residents to build a workforce that meets the needs of employers.

At the Summit, education and economic development leaders and a panel of industry employers will lead the conversation about careers in these industries and the education and training programs that are available to provide the skills needed to fill these jobs.

Please join us as we discuss aligning industry and education in our region and come together to identify opportunities to both meet the needs of employers and connect Metro-East residents to jobs with sustainable living wages.



**We'd like to say a special thank you to all of today's speakers, employer panelists, and participants. Additionally, we'd like to thank all of those who assisted in making this event possible which includes Hawthorne Strategy Group and SIUE Event Services.**

The Building Illinois' Bioeconomy Consortium is a collaboration between Illinois educational institutions, made possible by funding from the U.S. Department of Labor. BIB is dedicated to providing flexible, educational training programs that lead to in-demand, skilled and high-wage jobs.



# Employer Panel

10:40 AM – 11:25 AM

*Moderated by John Caupert*

This discussion will follow a panel format with an introduction from each panelist, followed by moderated questions that will be asked by John.

In the last 15 minutes of the panel, we will gather questions via the note cards that have been placed on the tables and will take the last 10 minutes of the panel to answer questions from the audience.

## Panelists:

**Melissa Erker from Phillips 66**

**Alex Bradley from Green Plains**

**Matt Jones from Madison County Employment and Training**



# Agenda

Doors open and light breakfast is available. 8:45 AM

**Guest arrival and check in** 8:45 AM - 9:10 AM

**Welcome and Guest Introductions** 9:10 AM – 9:20 AM

## Opening Sentiments and Remarks

Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville,

Dr. Randy Pembroke

9:20 AM – 9:30 AM

President of Lewis and Clark Community College,

Dr. Dale Chapman

9:30 AM – 9:40 AM

## High School Students/Technical Training Presentation

Dr. Bob Daiber of ROE 41

9:40 AM – 10:00 AM

**Success Story Video** 10:00 AM - 10:05 AM

## Grow Your Future / Education Presentation

Courtney Breckenridge of BIB Consortium

10:05 AM – 10:25 AM

**Breakfast/ Restroom Break**

10:25 AM – 10:40 AM

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## Speaker Questions

11:25 AM - 11:40 AM

Courtney Breckenridge and Dr. Bob Daiber will resume the stage and answer questions from the audience.

## Call-To-Action

11:40 AM - 11:55 AM

Courtney Breckenridge

## Closing Remarks

11:55 AM - 12:00 PM



# Speaker Biographies



**Dr. Randy Pembroke,**  
**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**

Dr. Pembroke became the ninth chancellor in Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's history on August 1, 2016. The Metro East native returned to the campus where he had earned both bachelor's and master's degrees.

Before his return to SIUE, Pembroke served as the vice president for academic affairs at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas from 2011-16. He was the chief academic officer at Washburn, working with faculty, staff, students and administrators from the College of Arts and Sciences; Schools of Applied Studies, Business, Law, and Nursing; the Washburn Institute of Technology; Mabee Library/Student Success Center and Academic Outreach.



**Dr. Dale Chapman**  
**Lewis and Clark Community College**

Dr. Chapman is Lewis and Clark Community College President as well as the Executive Director of the L&C Foundation. He has served as President of Lewis and Clark Community College since 1992. During his tenure, the college has completed more than \$54 million in new buildings and renovation projects and nearly two decades of record enrollment. Dale is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, Michigan State University and earned an Ed.D. from Harvard. He is married to Dr. Linda Chapman. They reside in Alton and have two children.

A Greenfield native, Randy and his wife Mary Jo have two daughters, Sarah and Rachel.

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**Dr. Robert Daiber**  
**ROE 41**

Dr. Daiber has over 38 years of experience in public education and government, including serving as Regional Superintendent of Schools since 2007. He lives in Marine as the proud owner of a centennial farm in Alhambra township where he enjoys the outdoors. While being known as a provincial farmer, he is also known for being a strong advocate for public education, local government, and organized labor. Dr. Daiber was a public school teacher for 28 years before he became regional superintendent. He also has served as a Madison County Board member, Marine Township supervisor and on the Marine Village Board.

## **Courtney Breckenridge** **Building Illinois' Bioeconomy Consortium**



Courtney is the Project Director of the Building Illinois' Bioeconomy Consortium. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Mass Communications from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) in 2007 and is working on her Master's degree in Communications with an emphasis on media and public policy. She began working at the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center (NCERC) at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) in 2011 as a Marketing and Policy Graduate Assistant before joining the Center's full-time staff as the Director of Communications and Client Relations in 2013. Today, Courtney also leads the Building Illinois' Bioeconomy, a consortium of SIUE and community colleges supported by a Department of Labor grant and committed to building a pipeline of job-ready workers for careers in the bioeconomy, specifically in the areas of bioprocessing and water management.