



## MCAA27

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## MCAA

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### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	<b>MCAA Registration &amp; Information Center</b>	Pinnacle Peak 3
7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	<b>Awards of Excellence Breakfast Featuring Inky Johnson</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom <i>SPONSORED BY MILWAUKEE TOOL</i>
6:45 A.M.	Doors Open	Pinnacle Peak Foyer
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	Political Action Committee Fundraiser	Ballroom Foyer
9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.	Refreshment Break	
	<i>SPONSORED BY DEWALT INDUSTRIAL TOOL COMPANY</i>	
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Student Chapter Connection Corner	Grand Saguaro Ballroom Foyer <i>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</i>
9:15 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.	<b>Education Seminars</b>	
	Featured Speaker: The Power of Leaving Your Comfort Zone <i>Michael Easter</i>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom E - G
	<i>SPONSORED BY REECE</i>	
	State of AI <i>Chris Carr</i>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom A - D
	The Data Center Explosion: What's Fueling It and What's the Impact? <i>Tom Doig, Rick Gopfhardt, Chris Madello, Patrick Miller &amp; Adam Snavely</i>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom H - K
11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	<b>MCAA Hub: Events &amp; Education</b>	Pinnacle Peak 1
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	<b>Education Seminars</b>	
	Business Succession & Exit Planning <i>Kevin Clift, Matt Sheldahl &amp; Les Williams</i>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom A - D
	Game On - The Future Winner's Circle for Your Company <i>Facilitated by Andrew Palcan, Chair, MCAA Career Development Committee</i>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom H - K
	Intro to AI for Mechanical Contractors <i>Chris Carr / Class is limited to 50 participants. Pre-registration required.</i>	Wildflower Ballroom
	Technology and Fabrication Roundtable: Lessons Learned from Contractors <i>Sean McGuire &amp; Jeff Elwell</i>	Desert Suites 4 - 6
12:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Fabrication Committee Lunch & Meeting	Botanical Boardroom
12:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	Executive Committee and Past Presidents Lunch & Meeting	Desert Suites 3 - 5
12:45 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.	WiMI Committee Lunch & Meeting	Tia Carmen Agave Room
2:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.	Student Chapter Competition Consultations	Desert Suites 4 - 6 Ballroom Lawn
4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	<b>Closing Reception</b>	
	<i>SPONSORED BY MILWAUKEE TOOL</i>	
6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.	<b>Closing Dinner</b>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom & Grand Saguaro Ballroom <i>BEVERAGES SPONSORED BY DAIKIN GROUP</i>
8:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.	<b>Lady A in Concert</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom <i>DINNER SPONSORED BY WATTS WATER TECHNOLOGIES</i>
	<i>BEVERAGES SPONSORED BY DAIKIN GROUP</i>	

### THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	<b>MCAA Registration &amp; Information Center</b>	Pinnacle Peak 3
7:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.	Student Chapter Connection Corner	Grand Saguaro Ballroom Foyer <i>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</i>
7:30 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	Annual Business Meeting	Desert Suites 3 - 5
8:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.	<b>Closing Breakfast</b>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom <i>SPONSORED BY MUELLER INDUSTRIES</i>
9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	<b>Closing General Session &amp; Changing of the Guard Featuring Ken Schmidt</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom
8:45 A.M.	Doors Open	
11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	MCAA Board of Directors Closing Meeting	Wildflower Ballroom A & B
11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.	MCAA Board and Past Presidents Partners Reception	Wildflower Ballroom C

### MCAA HUB: EVENTS & EDUCATION

#### PINNACLE PEAK 1

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15** | 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**MONDAY, MARCH 16** | 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17** | 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18** | 11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Visit the **MCAA Hub: Events & Education** to connect with MCAA Program Directors throughout the week. Our team is ready to answer your questions about specific programs, resources and opportunities. Whether you're interested in exploring MCAA's diverse educational offerings or learning how to get more involved, stop by and let us guide you!



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## FRIDAY, MARCH 13

5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.	MCAA Board of Directors, Past Presidents & Invited Guests Reception	Tia Carmen Fire Pits
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.	MCAA Board of Directors, Past Presidents & Invited Guests Dinner	Tia Carmen
8:30 P.M.	MCAA Board of Directors, Past Presidents & Invited Guests Dessert & After Glow	Tia Carmen Fire Pits

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	MCAA Board of Directors Breakfast	Wildflower Ballroom A
8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	MCAA Board of Directors Meeting	Wildflower Ballroom B & C
9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	MCAA Board of Directors, Past Presidents and Invited Guests Partners' Breakfast & Activity	Grand Sonoran Ballroom E & F
12:15 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	MCAA Board of Directors Lunch with Allied National Associations	Wildflower Terrace
<b>1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MCAA Registration &amp; Information Center</b>	Pinnacle Peak 3
1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	MCAA Sports Desk (Golf Pairings, Fun Run/Walk, Pickleball)	Pinnacle Peak 1
1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Political Action Committee Fundraiser	Pinnacle Peak Foyer
2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	MCAA Executive Committee Meeting with Local Association Executives & Presidents Moderated by Steve Thomas	Grand Sonoran Ballroom A - D

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15

6:30 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.	<b>MCAA Registration &amp; Information Center</b>	Pinnacle Peak 3
7:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.	<b>Annual Golf Tournament</b>	Wildfire Golf Club
	<small>SPONSORED BY VICTAULIC &amp; CARRIER CORPORATION</small>	
7:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.	Continental Breakfast	
7:00 A.M.	Shotgun Start	
<b>7:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>5th Annual Pickleball Tournament</b>	JW Marriott Pickleball Courts
	<small>SPONSORED BY NIBCO INC.</small>	
7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.	Breakfast & Check-In	
8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.	Pickleball Tournament	
11:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.	Awards & Photos	
<b>7:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Annual 5K Fun Run &amp; 1-Mile Walk</b>	Sunset Lawn
	<small>SPONSORED BY ASC ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS</small>	
7:00 A.M. – 8:45 A.M.	Breakfast, Photos, Registration, Waivers & Bib Collection	
8:30 A.M. – 8:55 A.M.	Safety Announcement & Warm-Up	
9:00 A.M.	Shotgun Start	
9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	Post-Race Refreshments	
10:30 A.M.	Event Concludes	
9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Student Chapter Connection Corner	Grand Saguaro Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Political Action Committee Fundraiser	Pinnacle Peak Foyer
<b>11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MCAA Hub: Events &amp; Education</b>	Pinnacle Peak 1
1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.	Career Development Committee Meeting	Desert Suites 3 - 5
3:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.	Headshots with Townsend	Pinnacle Peak Foyer
3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	Faculty/Industry Advisor + Student Chapter President Meeting	Wildflower Ballroom
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.	First Time Convention Attendee Reception	Sunset Lawn
5:00 P.M. – 6:15 P.M.	Student Chapter Orientation	Wildflower Ballroom
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
<b>6:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Opening Party</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom
	<small>BEVERAGES SPONSORED BY PROCORE</small>	
	<small>DINNER SPONSORED BY GF UPONOR</small>	
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## MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	<b>MCAA Registration &amp; Information Center</b>	Pinnacle Peak 3
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Student Chapter Connection Corner	Grand Saguaro Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
<b>7:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.</b>	<b>Opening Breakfast</b>	Grand Sonoran Ballroom
	<small>SPONSORED BY ZURN ELKAY WATER SOLUTIONS</small>	
<b>8:00 A.M. – 10:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Opening General Session Featuring President Brian Hughes, UA General President Mark McManus and Drew Brees</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom
7:45 A.M.	Doors Open	
10:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.	Refreshment Break	Ballroom Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY TRANE</small>	
10:15 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Headshots with Townsend	Pinnacle Peak Foyer
10:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.	Political Action Committee Fundraiser	Pinnacle Peak Foyer
<b>10:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Education Seminars</b>	
	Featured Speaker: Boots on the Ground	Grand Sonoran Ballroom E - G
	Ron Denver	
	Beyond the Horizon: Shaping the Next Era of Mechanical Contracting	Grand Sonoran Ballroom A - D
	Robert Beck, Curtis Harbour, Brian Helm & Mark Rogers	
	Why Aren't Your Sales People Closing More Deals?	Grand Sonoran Ballroom H - K
	Jorge Chavez	
	Working Through the Aftermath of a Fatality or Extreme Injury on the Job Site	Wildflower Ballroom
	Don Campbell	
<b>11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MCAA Hub: Events &amp; Education</b>	Pinnacle Peak 1
<b>12:10 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.</b>	<b>Lunch Featuring Zack Kass</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom
	<small>SPONSORED BY SLOAN</small>	
12:05 P.M.	Doors Open	
12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	PCA Board Lunch & Meeting	President's Board Room
12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Industry Funds Committee Lunch & Meeting	Chairman's Board Room
12:15 P.M. – 1:15 P.M.	Student Chapter, Faculty & Industry Advisors Lunch & Meeting	Sunset Lawn
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Refreshment Break	Ballroom Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY TRANE</small>	
<b>1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Education Seminars</b>	
	Featured Speaker: Beyond the Horizon	Grand Sonoran Ballroom E - G
	Mark Matteson	
	Continuous Improvement: Enhancing Business Efficiency and Minimizing Waste	Grand Sonoran Ballroom A - D
	Chris Cornick, Kit Fransen, Alan Gasvoda, Chris Hutchings, Trey Kukwa, Jack Murphy & Jon Sillerud	
	Career Path Mapping	Grand Sonoran Ballroom H - K
	Stephane McShane	
	Importance of ITR Economics Outlook for 2026 and Early 2027	Wildflower Ballroom
	Taylor St. Germain	
	<small>SPONSORED BY BALTIMORE AIRCOIL COMPANY</small>	
	Advanced Leadership Institute Graduates Reception	Wildflower Ballroom Terrace
	Women in the Mechanical Industry Reception	Botanical Garden
	Open for Private Events - Local Association Functions	
3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.		
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<b>EVENING</b>		

## TUESDAY, MARCH 17

<b>7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MCAA Registration &amp; Information Center</b>	Pinnacle Peak 3
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Headshots with Townsend	Grand Saguaro Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
7:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Political Action Committee Fundraiser	Grand Saguaro Foyer
<b>7:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Annual Manufacturer/Supplier Council Exhibit</b>	Grand Saguaro Ballroom
	"Hire Me" Job Fair at the Manufacturer/Supplier Council Exhibit	Grand Saguaro Ballroom Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.	Association Executives Council Business Meeting	Wildflower Ballroom A
10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.	Student Chapter Connection Corner	Grand Saguaro Ballroom Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY VIEGA</small>	
<b>10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.</b>	<b>Brunch Featuring Michael Massimino</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom
	<small>SPONSORED BY FERGUSON</small>	
9:45 A.M.	Doors Open	
<b>11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.</b>	<b>MCAA Hub: Events &amp; Education</b>	Pinnacle Peak 1
11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Lunch & Learn: The Presentation Transformation	Grand Sonoran Ballroom E - G
	Gerry Sandusky	
	<small>SPONSORED BY WOMEN IN THE MECHANICAL INDUSTRY</small>	
11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Lunch & Learn: PFAS and Plumbing: What Contractors Need to Know Now	Grand Sonoran Ballroom A - D
	Adrienne Bennett, Scott Nielsen & Michael Wallenstein	
	<small>SPONSORED BY PLUMBING CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA</small>	
11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.	Lunch & Learn: The Real Cost of a Service Hour: Uncovering the True Cost of Service	Grand Sonoran Ballroom H - K
	David Geith	
	<small>SPONSORED BY MECHANICAL SERVICE CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA</small>	
11:45 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.	Manufacturer/Supplier Council Annual Meeting & Lunch	Wildflower Ballroom B & C
12:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Nominating Committee Meeting	Chairman's Board Room
1:00 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.	Refreshment Break	Ballroom Foyer
	<small>SPONSORED BY DEWALT INDUSTRIAL TOOL COMPANY</small>	
<b>1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Student Chapter Competition</b>	Grand Canyon Ballroom
	Open for Private Events - Manufacturer/Supplier Functions	

