



2026 MUNICIPAL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE & GRADUATION CEREMONIES

OCTOBER 20 - 22

Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile
Convention Center, Mobile, AL

TUESDAY | OCTOBER 20

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

9:30 - 11 a.m.

3 - 5 p.m.

- **Registration** - Ballroom Atrium, Concourse Level
- **Economic Development Academy Orientation** - 106 B, Exhibit Level
- **Graduation and Awards Ceremonies** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
 - Welcome:**
Mayor Rusty Jessup, President, ALM; Greg Cochran, Executive Director, ALM
 - Invocation:**
Mayor Theoangelo Perkins, Harpersville
 - Commencement Address:**
TBD
 - Graduation and Awards Categories:**
 - Certified Municipal Official Program
 - Certified Municipal Achievement Awards
 - ACE Communities Designation
 - ACE Star Awards
 - Economic Development Academy Graduates
 - 2027 Economic Development Academy Announcement
 - DesignAlabama Mayors Design Summit Graduates
- **Graduation and Awards Reception** - East Ballroom, Concourse Level
Hosted bar with beer & wine, light hors d'oeuvres

5 - 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 21

7:30 - 8:15 a.m.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

8 a.m. - Noon

8:30 a.m.

8:45 - 10 a.m.

10 - 10:15 a.m.

10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

- **DesignAlabama Summit Breakfast** - 106 B, Exhibit Level (*Invitation only, RSVP required*)
- **Registration** - Ballroom Atrium, Concourse Level
- **Ask Your Attorney Booth** - Ballroom Lobby, Concourse Level
- **Welcome** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Mayor Rusty Jessup, President, ALM
- **The Responsibility to Lead** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Presiding: Mayor Rusty Jessup, President, ALM
Speaker: Matt Lehrman, Managing Director, Social Prosperity Partners
- **Break Service** - Ballroom Lobby, Concourse Level
- **Effective Leadership and Community Engagement: The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of the Parts** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Presiding: Mayor Jason Reeves, Vice President, ALM
Speaker: Dr. Chenavis Evans, CEO, Critical Insights, LLC



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- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. ○ **Lunch on your own**
- 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. ○ **ACE/EDA Summit Luncheon** - 107 A&B, Exhibit Level (*Invitation only, RSVP required*)
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. ● **Human Interaction (H.I.) in an A.I. Driven World** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Presiding: Baker Allen, Director of Governmental Affairs, ALM
Speaker: Thom Singer, CSP, Davis Hill Solutions
- 2:30 - 2:45 p.m. ○ **Break Service** - Ballroom Lobby, Concourse Level
- 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. ● **General Topic TBD** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Presiding: TBD
Speaker: TBD
- 4 - 6 p.m. ○ **Municipal Showcase Reception** - South Hall, Exhibit Level
Hosted bar with beer & wine, light hors d'oeuvres

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 22

- 8 - 10 a.m. ● **Registration** - Ballroom Atrium, Concourse Level
- 8 - 10 a.m. ● **Municipal Showcase Breakfast** - South Hall, Exhibit Level
- 10 a.m. - Noon ● **Ask Your Attorney Booth** - Ballroom Lobby, Concourse Level
- 10 - 11 a.m. ● **General Topic TBD** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Presiding: TBD
Speaker: Laura Quick, Founder, Good Grit Magazine
- 11 - 11:15 a.m. ○ **Break Service** - Ballroom Lobby, Concourse Level
- 11:15 a.m. - Noon ● **General Topic TBD** - West Ballroom, Concourse Level
Presiding: TBD
Speaker: TBD
- Noon ■ **MLI Adjourns**

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