

2026 AGENDA – Tentative Schedule

Thursday, October 22nd

THE AGILE ENTREPRENEUR

- 8:15-8:40 a.m. ***Light continental breakfast*** - networking and innovator showcase
- 8:40 a.m. ***Welcome remarks***
- 8:45 - 9:15 a.m. ***The Agile Entrepreneur will be AI-Driven***
No One Works Here, Paul Cheek
- 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. ***Successful Entrepreneurs Embrace Change and Adapt***
Unlikely Entrepreneurs, Lou Shipley & Patricia Favreau
- 10:00 – 10:20 a.m. ***Coffee break*** – book signing, innovator showcase
- 10:20 – 11 a.m. ***Agile Entrepreneurs Use Cognitive Trainers***
The Collision: Eric So | *In conversation with Daniel Acheampong*
- 11 – 11:45 a.m. ***The New Labor Landscape***
Disposable Workers, Paul Osterman
Help Wanted, Jerry Rubin
- 11:45 – 12:30 p.m. ***Working Lunch*** - Innovator presentations
- 12:35 – 1:15 ***Breakout sessions***
- M&A: What's New for Buyers & Sellers
 - AI & Scaling: (Mike Grandinetti)
 - Social Entrepreneurship
 - Futurescape: Upskilling for What's Next
- 1:20 – 2 p.m. ***Agility Essentials: Experimentation & Innovation***
Launching From the Lab, Maureen Stancik Boyce & Lita Nelsen
The Scientific Mindset, Stefan Thomke
- 2 – 2:45 p.m. ***Tips for an Agile Financing Strategy***
Untamed Unicorns: Renee Jones
Fundraising for the Rest of Us, Allison Byers
- 2:45 – 3:00 p.m. ***Book signing Break/Visits with Innovators***
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. ***Communication Means Understanding: Now More Than Ever***
Why Don't You Understand Me, Yael Schonbrun | *In conversation with Debi Kleiman*
The Power of Pull, Rob Snyder
- 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. ***Agility, Grit, & Adaptability: Enduring Entrepreneurial Values***
Life and Lobster, Jim Tselikis
- 4:15 – 6:15 p.m. ***Wine and Cheese reception with networking (and Cousins Lobster Food Truck!)***