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SUPPLY CHAIN LEADERS’ FORUM

Held biannually, the forum fosters peer-to-peer discussions of current issues in logistics and supply chain management and to seek commonalities in business practice. The invitation-only program is intended for mid- to senior-level supply chain professionals and is one of the signature events on the CSCR® calendar.

RECENT FORUM TOPIC

Leading the Supply Chain by Employing Enabling Technologies: Global supply chains continue to change rapidly and sometimes unpredictably. The variety of products, market participants, customer demands, geographies, and uncertainties seem endless—making supply chains ever more complex and challenging. To incorporate seamless information sharing, collaboration, and operational agility, leaders are looking at both software and hardware solutions to reduce costs, drive sustainable growth and have a meaningful impact on the customer experience.

CORPORATE SPONSOR MEETING

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Our Advisory Board works on behalf of our sponsors and CSCR® to ensure that we are achieving our mission. Board members commit to a two-year appointment, act in a brand and sponsor development role for Penn State, Smeal, and CSCR®, and take an active role in events like our forums, symposiums, and meetings.

SUPPLY CHAIN TALENT SYMPOSIUM

Employers worldwide continue to report chronic skill gaps and a struggle to fill key vacancies. Properly executed, talent management can be a major game-changer. Research shows that organizations with leading talent management practices have significantly outperformed other organizations by a wide margin. For this reason, effective talent management is critical and can become an organization’s backbone for economic success. The biennial CSCR® Supply Chain Talent Symposium connects thought leaders, industry experts, and peers to address the needs of today’s uncharted human capital landscape.

TOP SOURCE OF TALENT

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