

PERCY – USA (19.6. – 25.6.2022) AGENDA

June 19 Sunday - Travel Arriving in Newark/Philadelphia and drive to Williamsport Pennsylvania

June 20 – Monday (Williamsport/Lycoming Region – Erie)

Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites

- 8:30am Greeting & Welcome, Lycoming County Material Recovery Facility (MRF)
Address: 447 Alexander Drive, Montgomery, PA 17752
Website: <https://lyco.org/Departments/Resource-Management-Services/Recycling/Material-Recovery-Facility>
- 9:30am Leave for travel to Penn College of Technology
Address: One College Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701
Approx. travel time: 25 minutes
- 10:00am Welcome & Introductions at Pennsylvania College of Technology, www.pct.edu
The Plastics Innovation & Resource Center “PIRC”, Workforce Development Apprenticeships, etc.

Academic programs overview:
- 10:45am Tour Plastics & Machining/Manufacturing labs
- 12:15pm Lunch Williamsport/Lycoming Regional presentation
- 1:15pm Wrap from lunch and walk to the Exhibit/Networking hall
- 1:30pm Exhibit Hall & Networking opportunity
- 3:00pm Wrap up of the day’s activities
- 3:15pm Leave for travel to Erie, PA (Approx. travel time: 4.0 hours)

June 21 – Tuesday (Penn State Behrend, Erie, Pa)

Hotel: The Hampton Inn

- 8:30am Greeting & Welcome
Address: Burke Building, 5101 Jordan Road, Erie, PA.
Website: <https://behrend.psu.edu/>
- 9:00am Roundtable Presentations
Welcome and Introduction:
- Dr. Alicyn Rhoades, Interim Associate Dean of Research & Graduate Studies
<https://behrend.psu.edu/person/alicyn-rhoades-phd>



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- Dr. Gamini Mendis, Assistant Professor of Engineering, Overview of the Advanced Resource Efficiency Center “AREC”
 - o <https://www.mri.psu.edu/mri/facilities-and-centers/arec-usa>
 - o <https://behrend.psu.edu/person/gamini-mendis-phd>
- Jake Rouch, VP, Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership
- Tina Mengine, CEO Erie County Redevelopment Authority
- Patty Horvatich, Vice President, Business Investment (**tbd**)
 - o Shell Cracker facility – the Beaver County cracker plant is more than 95% built as the company prepares for full scale operations by the end of 2022.
 - o <https://www.timesonline.com/story/news/2022/01/25/shell-chemicals-cracker-plant-beaver-pa-more-than-95-complete/9202374002/>
 - o Tour of PennState Labs and Facilities

12:00pm Lunch (Clarke Café Patio)

1:30pm Exhibit Hall & Company Networking

Location: Clarke Café

Guests & Exhibitors:

- o TBD (Representatives from regional plastics cluster)

3:00pm Wrap up

4:00pm Leave for Duska Barn Networking event

7:00pm Wrap up/End of Day

June 22- Wednesday – June 24 Friday (Erie – Akron)

Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Akron Downtown - Drive from Erie to Akron (approximately 2 hours)

- Meet with representatives from the University of Akron School of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering, including their faculty researchers focused on sustainability
- Meet with representative(s) from the auto industry in the Northeast Ohio Polymer Industry Cluster
- Meet with representative(s) mid-sized companies in the Northeast Ohio Polymer Industry Cluster, and in particular those that are focused on sustainability

June 25 - Saturday - Travel: Leaving from Cleveland Ohio

Please note: Specific program points may be subject to change

If you would like to/can only participate in a part of the program, please feel free to do so!