

# Montana's Future at Work Summit

Montana's Future at Work Summit 2025  
Flathead Valley Community College  
Arts and Technology Building Room AT139  
October 2-3



## Meeting the Needs of Rural Montana in Workforce Readiness

**Thursday, October 2**

Time	Session
8:30 am	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>
9:00 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <b>Dr. Angela McLean</b> , Director of American Indian/Minority Achievement and K-12 Partnerships, OCHE
9:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Welcome by FVCC Representative</b>
	<b>Opening Keynote: What is Rural?</b> <b>Dr. Andrew Koricich and Mr. Adam Ray</b>
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	<b>State of the State – DE, CTE, and Micro Pathways Data</b> <b>Chase Stahl</b> , Data Specialist, OCHE
11:30 am	<b>Employer T Profile Session</b>
12:15 pm	Lunch (Sit with regional partners.)
1:00 pm	<b>Dr. Minzi Thomas</b> , Senior Designer, Education Design Labs
2:15 pm	<b>Jon Bennion</b> , Executive Director, The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation
2:30 pm	Break
2:45 pm	<b>2024-25 Montana's Future at Work Spotlight</b>
3:15 pm	<b>FVCC - Kalispell Dual Enrollment Student Panel</b>
4:00 pm	<b>FVCC Campus Tour</b>
5:30-8:00 pm	<b>Night of the Trades at FVCC Trades Institute</b> Business Exhibit

	Healthcare Trauma Simulation at Rebecca Chaney Broussard Center for Nursing and Health Science
TBD	<b>Tentative reception on campus</b>
6:30 pm	<b>Dinner on your own</b>

### Friday, October 3

Time	Session
8:00 am	<b>Networking &amp; Coffee</b>
8:30 am	<b>Review of Day 1</b>
8:45 am	<b>2025-26 Montana Future at Work Spotlight</b>
10:00 am	<b>State of Montana Workforce Initiatives</b> <b>Mr. Joe Thiel</b> , Deputy Commissioner of Academics, Research and Student Affairs, OCHE
	Break
10:45 am	<b>Conversation with Industry Partners</b>
11:00 am	<b>Closing Keynote</b>
11:50 am	<b>Summit Summary</b>
12:00 pm	<b>Conclusion and Lunch to Go</b>