

USITCC 2025 Meeting & Event Schedule

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ALL events will be held at the University Plaza Hotel Convention Center unless noted otherwise

Convention Center Wi-Fi: SSID: "USITCC" Password: ITSA2025 (No Charge in your hotel room)

Thursday, March 27 2025

1:00pm – 4:00pm	Optional IT-Centric Tours with limited capacity (Sign-up Details coming soon) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Missouri CyberCenter• UndergroundSpringfield site visit
04:00pm – 06:30pm	Regi-ception (Combination Registration & Welcome Reception) *Optional 21-n-up ONLY: JMARK IT Industry Break-In Mixer At the Moxy Hotel Subterranean Lounge and Registration is required!
06:00pm – 07:00pm	CONTEST: Hackathon Kickoff
07:00pm - 11:00pm	CONTEST: Microsoft Office

Where?

Springfield, MO area
Conv Center Foyer
Conv Center Nebraska
Conv Center Iowa

Friday, March 28, 2025

07:00am - 04:00pm	Registration and Information
07:30am – 09:00am	Continental Breakfast
07:00am - 09:00am	Sponsor/Exhibitor/Recruiter Setup
09:00am – 04:00pm	Sponsor/Exhibitor/Recruiter Tables

Where?

Conv Center Foyer
Conv Center Arizona/Georgia
Conv Center Foyer
Conv Center Foyer

08:30am – 9:30am

USITCC 2025 Keynote Session:

***"Selling Yourself as an Aspiring IT Professional"* by Mike Miller, CISO at Appalachia Technologies, LLC**

- Your Network is your Networth - Mike will explain how he networked to the top of his 25+ year career by surrounding himself with knowledgeable people to learn from. His broad career went from Desktop Support, IT Consultant, SOC Analyst, Penetration Tester, Compliance, and eventually founding his own firm only to have it acquired years later.
- This session will talk about how keeping your knowledge broad and relevant alongside of power networking, will land you opportunities you never saw coming. Build your dream career into existence.

Conv Center Arizona/Georgia

9:30-10:00am

Morning Break with the Recruiters/Exhibitors

Conv Center Foyer

10:00am – 11:00am

Breakout Session:

A1: *"The How-To's of Selling Yourself as an Aspiring IT Professionals"* by Mike Miller, CISO at Appalachia Technologies, LLC

- We are all in the business of selling our talents, skills, and wisdom.
- This breakout session will break down a detailed way to bring yourself to the top of the candidate list by leveraging power networking, LinkedIn, and engaging with the Tech / Cybersecurity community.
- Landing a job in Cybersecurity requires two things which Mike will break down these paths in detail:
 - First, developing the skills needed (building our portfolio)
 - Second, bringing your portfolio to the market.

John Q (off hotel lobby)

11:30-1:00pm

USITCC Luncheon featuring an Online quiz game to WIN Prizes!

by answering questions about the keynote/breakout sessions and with the conference exhibitors, competing and general IT knowledge plus ITSA & USITCC trivia to maximize your chance of winning some prizes!

Conv Center Arizona/Georgia

01:00pm - 05:00pm

CONTEST: PC Troubleshooting (Qualifying Exam & Finals)

CONTEST: Database

Conv Center Iowa

Conv Center Nebraska

01:00pm - 02:00pm

Breakout Session:

B1: *"The Future of Voice AI in Corporate Environments"*

T.Goree/CityCenter John Q (off hotel lobby)

- Be among the first to experience the Com Badge—a revolutionary wearable Voice AI device that's about to hit mass production.
- This session will explore how AI-driven voice automation is transforming corporate environments, replacing outdated walkie-talkies and expensive smartphones with smarter, more secure, and more efficient communication tools.
- We'll break down game-changing workflows made possible through the orchestration of Voice AI software, cutting-edge hardware, and big data storage—and provide a framework for how IT professionals and leaders can evaluate and implement these technologies ethically and securely.

B2: *"Student Organization/Chapter Leadership Forum"*:

F.Kitchens/BSU

John Q (off hotel lobby)

- Open to ALL current & future chapter/organization leaders & advisors
- Join us to share your ideas of what makes your IT student organization successful plus get some great ideas to implement in your chapter!

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02:30pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Break	Conv Center Foyer
02:30pm - 3:30pm	Breakout Session: C1: "ITSA Affiliation + FITE student organization awards program" F.Kitchens/BSU	John Q (off hotel lobby)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to and what it means to affiliate your student organization as an ITSA affiliate Learn how YOUR student organization can be recognized nationally by simply reporting the great things you have done and are doing! 	
05:00pm - 06:30pm	VIP Networking Mixer *For Sponsors, Exhibitors, Speakers, Faculty and Invited Guests ONLY!	<u>Hotel Outdoor Pool Deck</u>
07:00pm - 11:00pm	CONTEST: Business Analytics CONTEST: Security (Qualifying Exam & Finals)	Conv Center Nebraska Conv Center Iowa

Saturday, March 29, 2025:

07:30am – 11:30am	Registration and Information
07:30am – 9:30am	Morning Beverage Service
08:30am – 11:30am	Sponsor/Exhibitor/Recruiter Tables
09:00am – 09:45am	CONTEST: Hackathon Finalist Presentations

Where?

Conv Center Foyer
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John Q (off hotel lobby)

10:00am – 11:00am	Breakout Session: D1: "IT Pro to CIO: Critical Considerations on your Career Journey"	John Q (off hotel lobby)
	Tim Goree, Connection app/CityCenter AI	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you go from being a great IT professional to a true technology leader? The path from IT pro to CIO isn't just about technical expertise—it's about mastering leadership, strategy, and influence. If you want to accelerate your career, avoid common pitfalls, and take control of your leadership trajectory, this session is for you. Attendee Takeaways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clear understanding of what it takes to transition from IT pro to IT leader - Practical strategies for developing leadership skills while in a technical role - Awareness of different career paths in IT (technical vs. managerial vs. hybrid) 	
11:30am – 01:30pm	Conference Closing Awards Luncheon <i>*Don't forget to look sharp for YOUR contest winner pictures!</i>	Conv Center Arizona/Georgia
01:30pm +++	FREE TIME to explore Springfield, Missouri area and beyond! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe travels as you head back to campus! Check out ALL the area attractions, activities, sights and more in the area if staying over! 	

USITCC 2025 Contest Schedule: Convention Center Space

Day	Time	Lab A Conv Ctr: Iowa	Lab B Conv Ctr: Nebraska
Thu 3/27/2025	6-7pm		Hackathon Kickoff!
	7-11pm	Microsoft Office	
Fri 3/28/2025	1-5pm	PC Troubleshooting*	Database
	7-11pm	Security*	Business Analytics

HACKATHON COMPETITION EVENT SCHEDULE:

Day	Time	Objective	Deliverable(s)
Thu 3/27/2025	6-7pm	Kickoff/Mixer	Team Formation (Name/Schools/Project Team)
	10pm	Market Assessment	Project Idea/Solution/Project Overview
Fri 3/28/2025	8am	Prototype	Wireframe/Screen Mockups/DFD's/ERD's...
	4pm	Minimal Viable Product (MVP)	Basic working functionality/Proof of Concept
	9pm	Prototype Solution	The "almost done" project
	10pm	Finalists Announcement	List of the TOP Finalist Teams to Present
Sat 3/29/2025	9am	Finalists Presentations	10-minute presentation and demonstration