UTAH LIFE SCIENCES SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 11, 2026
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AGENDA

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LOCATION: BALLROOM

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7:30 AM	**Buffet Breakfast** (Exhibitor Hall)	
8:00 AM	**Welcome Remarks**	**Kelvyn Cullimore,** President & CEO, BioUtah
8:10 AM	**Chairwoman's Report**	**Erin Barry,** Chair, BioUtah Board of Directors; VP of Government Affairs, Merit Medical Systems
8:20 AM	**Veterans Day Tribute**	**Chris Stewart,** Former Congressman and Air Force Veteran; President, Skyline Capitol
8:30 AM	**Friend of Industry Award**	
8:35 AM	**FDA Town Hall**	**Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD,** Director, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, FDA
9:20 AM	**Executive of the Year Award**	
9:25 AM	**Inside Utah's Recent Life Sciences Mergers & Acquisitions**	**David Bearss, PhD,** Co-Founder, CEO & President, Halia Therapeutics **Sunny Sanyal,** President & CEO, Varex Imaging Corporation **Rick Randall,** CEO, Scientia Vascular **Shingo Ono**, President & CEO, MC Dental Holdings America (Ultradent)
10:10 AM	**Entrepreneur of the Year Award**	
10:15 AM	**Emergence of AI in the Life Sciences and Beyond**	**Zach Boyd, Director,** Utah's Office of AI Policy **David Reshef, MD,** Venture Partner, Google Ventures **Greg Little**, CEO & Founder, Grodivo.ai
11:00 AM	**Innovation Impact Award**	
11:05 AM	**From Wall Street to the Wasatch**	**Robert Spendlove,** Chief Economist, Zions Bank
11:50 AM	**Lifetime Achievement Award**	
11:55 AM	**Networking Lunch**	

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LOCATION: BALLROOM | **HOST:** KELVYN CULLIMORE

1:15 PM	Assessing the Impact of the Midterm Elections on Life Sciences	**Tom Perez,** Partner, Mayer Brown; Former Secretary of Labor & White House Senior Advisor
2:00 PM	What Media Coverage Does for Your Company and How to Get It	**Nate Gibby,** Director of Marketing Communications, BioUtah **[Moderator]** **Catherine Bennett,** Executive Editor, Utah Business **David Politis,** President & CEO, Money Watch Research **Jennifer Coltrin Webb,** ColtrinMethod PR
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Partnering with Intermountain Health on Clinical Trials	**Kelvyn Cullimore,** President & CEO, BioUtah **[Moderator]** **Blake Gardner**, Sr. Medical Dir., Cardiovascular Clinical Program, Intermountain Health **Aaron Chamberlain**, Sr. Medical. Dir., Musculoskeletal Clinical Program, Intermountain Health **John Wirthlin,** AVP Research Operations, Intermountain Health
3:45 PM	Progress of Utah's Life Sciences Real Estate Developments	**Chris Kirk,** Managing Director, Colliers International **[Moderator]** **Stephen Smith,** AVP, Regional Project Area Development, Utah Inland Port Authority **John Dahlstrom,** Medical Innovation Technology Campus **Don Willie,** Director of Operations, The Point Utah **J. Steven Price,** President & Founder, Price Real Estate
4:30 PM	Closing Reception in Exhibit Hallways	

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LOCATION: ALPINE EAST | **HOST:** CHRIS PHILLIPS

1:15 PM	Expert Voices: New Initiatives in U.S. & Global Regulations	**Seth Olson, Partner,** Kirton McConkie **[Moderator]** **Michelle Tarver, MD, PhD,** Director, Center for Devices & Radiological Health, FDA **Jeevan Virk**, CEO, Sego Therapeutics **Johnathon Bis**, Commercial Operations Director, Regulatory Services - Americas, BSI Group America, Inc.
2:00 PM	How the Voluntary Improvement Program is Making a Difference for Utah Companies	**Kim Kaplan,** Principal Product Manager, MDDAP, LLC **[Moderator]** **Quinn Lavender,** Distinguished, Quality Systems, Edwards Lifesciences **Gavin Ogami,** VP Opex & Engineering, AuST Manufacturing
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Regulatory Conversations: The AI Footprint Across Life Sciences	**Chris Phillips,** VP of Regulatory Affairs and Quality, Epitel **[Moderator]** **Danielle Faruq,** Digital Health Specialist, Digital Health Center of Excellence, CDRH, FDA **Lars Mouritsen**, President & CEO, Avendium **John Durkin**, Associate General Counsel, Recursion **Brendan O'Leary**, Consultant; Former Deputy Dir., Digital Health Center of Excellence, FDA
3:45 PM	Implementing Effective CAPAs	**Siavash Ghaffari,** Quality and Regulatory Consultant, Lod-Max Biotech, LLC **[Moderator]** **Eric Scott,** Senior Director of Quality, bioMérieux **Kathleen Pinon**, Senior Director, Site Quality Head SLC, Teva Pharmaceuticals
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LOCATION: ALPINE WEST | **HOST:** BROOKE CLARK

1:15 PM	Companies are Dumber Than Their People and AI Isn't the Answer	**Jacob Andra,** CEO, Talbot West
2:00 PM	The Human in the Loop is You: Leading Yourself and Your Team Through AI-driven Change	**Brooke Clark,** Principal Advisor, Seat 1A **[Moderator]** **Jacob Andra,** CEO, Talbot West **Janelle Gordon**, VP of People, Blackrock Neurotech **Steve Moore**, Director Automation Engineering, bioMérieux
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Building Your Talent Pipeline: Internship and Recruitment Tools	**Jimmy McDonough**, Workforce Systems Leader, Talent Ready Utah **[Moderator]** **Tyler Dunn,** Industry Engagement Manager, Talent Ready Utah **Nate Gibby,** Director of Marketing Communications, BioUtah **Casey Slater**, Director K-12 Initiatives, Talent Ready Utah **Alison O'Mahony, PhD,** Senior VP, Research and Development, Seek Labs **Amy Andre**, State Director of Youth Apprenticeships, Utah Governor's Office & Utah Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
3:45 PM	Best Practices in Retention and Up-Skilling	**Tina Hazlett**, Division Managing Director, Waterstone Human Capital **[Moderator]** **Mike Voigt,** Chief Human Resources Officer, Merit Medical Systems **Britt McPartland**, Head of Talent Acquisition & People Operations, Stealth Radiopharma **Faith Chamas**, Program Director, AuST Group
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LOCATION: WASATCH ROOM | **HOST:** SCOTT YOUNG

1:15 PM	National Security Considerations in Biotech	**Thea Kendler,** Partner/Co-leader of Sanctions and Export Controls, Mayer Brown **Erin Barry,** Chair, BioUtah Board of Directors; VP of Government Affairs, Merit Medical Systems
2:00 PM	Tips from the Trenches: Strategies for Starting and Growing a Life Sciences Company in Utah	**Scott Young,** Partner, Mayer Brown **David Bearss, PhD,** Co-Founder, CEO & President, Halia Therapeutics **John Wirthlin,** AVP Research Operations, Intermountain Health
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	From Tariffs to Peptides: Navigating FDA Regulatory Uncertainty	**Scott Liebman,** Partner, Mayer Brown **Dominick DiSabatino**, Partner, Mayer Brown
3:45 PM	Financing Best Practices from Seed Round to IPO	**Brian Hirshberg,** Partner, Mayer Brown **Richard Scoville,** Emerging Companies, Venture Capital, M&A Associate, Mayer Brown
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