

- 8:00–9:00am **Breakfast & Networking**
- 9:00–9:05am **Welcome – Doug Rothwell, President & CEO, Business Leaders for Michigan**
- 9:05–9:20am **Michigan’s Future Is Now**
For the past decade, BLM has championed economic and policy objectives that advance Michigan’s economic growth. Find out what’s worked well, what remains to be done, and how our state can continue its trajectory toward becoming a “Top Ten” state for jobs, personal income and a healthy economy.
Doug Rothwell, President & CEO, Business Leaders for Michigan
- 9:20–9:30am **Global Economic Overview**
Aditya Bhawe, Vice President & Global Economist, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research
- 9:30–10:00am **Is Michigan Recession Ready?**
Our state has made tremendous economic gains since the Great Recession. But will the many fiscal and policy changes we’ve made be sufficient to help us weather future downturns? What more can we do to safeguard Michigan’s economy?
Aditya Bhawe, Vice President & Global Economist, Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research
Dr. Gabriel Ehrlich, Director, Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics, University of Michigan
Rachael Eubanks, State Treasurer, State of Michigan
Moderator: Daniel Howes, Columnist & Associate Business Editor, The Detroit News
- 10:00–10:25am **Keynote: The Pizza (R)evolution**
As the largest pizza chain in the world approaches its 60th anniversary in business, the velocity of change has been unstoppable. From robot deliveries to competitors new, old and unknown, hear directly from the man who has been at the helm for just over a year now. Ritch Allison will share how a legacy company stays fresh and competitive – and why he’s decided robots will never make his pizza.
Ritch Allison, Chief Executive Officer, Domino’s
- 10:25–10:45am **Break**
- 10:45–11:15am **Here Come the Zs: Effective Multigenerational Communications in the Workplace**
Rapid technological innovation and cultural change have drawn bright lines between different generations of employees. How do successful companies create a dynamic work environment among team members, and what does the newest, freshest talent want in a workplace?
Whitney Eichinger, Vice President, Communications, Bedrock & Rock Ventures
Julie Lodge-Jarrett, Chief Talent Officer, Ford Motor Company
Amy Klimek, Senior Vice President of Global Human Resources, Wolverine Worldwide
Moderator: Dustin Walsh, Senior Reporter, Crain’s Detroit Business
- 11:15–11:35am **The Untapped Workforce**
Returning citizens offer a strong labor pool, thanks to rehabilitation programs in Michigan’s correctional facilities. Hear how you can recruit and work with this underutilized population of workers.
Heidi Washington, Director, Michigan Department of Corrections

- 11:35–12:05pm **The Future is in Your Hands—And Your Voice**
Artificial intelligence is changing how we live and how business is done. Learn what's possible and how you can capitalize on the future of this powerful technology.
David Allard, M.D., Chief Medical Information Officer, **Henry Ford Health System**
Jeanine Heck, Vice President, AI & Discovery Product, **Comcast**
Rich Pople, Director, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Center, **General Motors Company**
Moderator: Christy McDonald, One Detroit Anchor, Detroit Public Television
- 12:05–12:15pm **Break**
- 12:15–1:25pm **Luncheon Keynote Speaker: (lunch 12:15-12:55; fireside chat 12:55-1:25)**
The Reality of Retail
As customers, we want what we want, and we want it now. With the retail landscape changing rapidly, how does a consumer giant adapt to buyer demands while competing digitally and retaining an authentic corporate culture? Craig Menear comes home to Michigan to reflect on 20+ years at The Home Depot and how his roots help guide the company's leadership.
Craig Menear, Chairman, CEO & President, **The Home Depot**
Moderator: Christy McDonald, One Detroit Anchor, Detroit Public Television
- 1:25–1:30pm **Closing Remarks**
Doug Rothwell, President & CEO, **Business Leaders for Michigan**
- 1:30–2:00pm **Reception & Networking**