



## **Bright Minds College Experience at the MT Series SOUTHWEST, Dallas, TX**

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025**

**8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

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### **Welcome Coffee**

Each attendee will do a 1–2-minute self-introduction including their college, major, and what they hope to gain from the day.

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

### **Java-Talk**

#### **An Informal Chat with a Manufacturing Executive**

Engage in an informal chat featuring a top executive from the manufacturing industry. Students will get a behind-the-scenes look at leadership, innovation, and career growth in manufacturing.

9:30 – 10 a.m.

### **SME for Students by Students**

Curious about how SME can support your academic and professional journey? Hear directly from student leaders who've leveraged SME's resources, networks, and opportunities to grow their careers in manufacturing. This session will cover the value of student chapters, national programs, and ways to get involved, plus real stories from peers who've made the most of their membership.

10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

### **Choose Your Own Adventure**

This is your time to explore and make the event your own by choosing from the options below

- Check out the [MT Series SOUTHWEST Keynote](#) at the SME Theater
- **Wander the show floor** and see the latest tech and innovations
- **Meet and mingle** with other BMCE attendees and industry pros
- Take a break and have **lunch (lunch vouchers provided)**

12:45 – 2 p.m.

**Bridging Academia and Industry: Exploring Careers in Manufacturing**

This panel brings together professionals from across manufacturing to share how they built their careers after college. Hear diverse perspectives on career paths, real-world applications of classroom learning, and the skills and mindset employers value most.

2 – 2:30 p.m.

**Break**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Student Roundtable Discussions and Focus Group**

This session is all about *your* voice. Join fellow students in moderated roundtable discussions to share your experiences, perspectives, and ideas on how to strengthen the connection between education and industry. What excites you about manufacturing? What challenges are you facing? What support do you need to thrive? This is your space to be heard.

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.

**Special Announcements and Closing Remarks**

Wrap up the day with final thoughts, key highlights, and a look ahead. This session will include special announcements, recognition of student participation, and opportunities to stay connected beyond the event.

*The show floor is open until 5 p.m., so take advantage of this time to explore—or head home when you're ready.*