

# ASC 2026

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April 20-22, 2026

Grand Hyatt Nashville  
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*Connecting Industries: Innovations in Adhesives & Sealants*

## Preliminary Program

- Speakers & Schedule
- Exclusive Networking Events
- Caulks & Sealants Short Course
- Pressure Sensitive Adhesives Short Course
- Annual EXPO
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*Your Exclusive Sneak Peek at this Year's Program!*



# One Week in Nashville. A Year's Worth of Industry Insight!

Dear ASC Members and Industry Peers,

If being in Nashville is music to your ears, I have good news. The Annual ASC Convention and EXPO will be off the charts this spring as we gather in Music City April 20-22.

I invite you to join your industry peers at this unforgettable conference and exhibition. This year's theme is **Connecting Industries: Innovations in Adhesives & Sealants**. Never miss a beat as you move between sessions, exhibits, and events at the award-winning Grand Hyatt Nashville, situated 5-10 minutes from the heart of the nightlife on Broadway.

Just like a great tune, this week is built on moments that resonate long after the final note. Over the course of the Convention & EXPO, you'll hear from inspiring voices, explore cutting-edge ideas, and connect with peers who share your passion for education and collaboration. Whether you're here to learn something new, strengthen your network, or spark your next big idea, I hope you find the experience both energizing and innovative.

Featured topics you'll hear include:

- ▶ **Using Digital Tools for Adhesive & Sealant Development**
- ▶ **Circularity, Recyclability, & Performance;**
- ▶ **Supply Chain, Feedstocks, & Market Outlook;**
- ▶ **New Product Introductions**
- ▶ **Additives for High Performing Adhesives & Sealants**
- ▶ **Adhesive Formulation Development & Application**
- ▶ **Trends in Sealant Technology**
- ▶ **Trends & Developments in the EV Market;**
- ▶ **Regulatory Trends & Global Outlook;**
- ▶ **Emerging Standards in Sustainability**
- ▶ **End Use Applications**
- ▶ **Developments in Pressure Sensitive Adhesives**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- Early Bird Registration Deadline – **February 20, 2026**
- Regular Registration Deadline – **March 27, 2026**
- Hotel Deadline – **March 27, 2026**

I look forward to seeing you in Nashville this April. Let's share the stage and make it a hit.

Sincerely,



Bill Allmond, *President, Adhesive and Sealant Council*

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- Wednesday Keynote & Lunch
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# KEYNOTES & INNOVATION AWARDS

## Tuesday Opening Keynote



### Positive Disruption: How to Lead Growth Through Joyful Innovation & The Innovation Compass: Charting Your Course to Success

**Kaiser Yang, CEO & Co-Founder, Platypus Labs**

The business you're running today isn't the business you'll be running next year. In this moment of volatility and uncertainty, we are being called to lead in a radically different way... more decisive, creative, and adaptable. So how can we use this defining moment to ensure relevancy, sustainability, and success in the future? In this inspiring and practical keynote, innovation and leadership expert Kaiser Yang delivers an energizing and actionable framework to help leaders thrive in the face of uncertainty. Kaiser will share proven mindsets and techniques to help leaders of innovation in how to leverage their skills and resources and move into uncharted territory with confidence.

## Tuesday Afternoon Keynote and Awards Presentation Lunch



### State of the Association Address & Innovation Awards Presentation

**Bill Allmond, President, Adhesive and Sealant Council**

Join President Bill Allmond as he presents the recipients of the 2026 ASC Innovation Award. ASC's prestigious Innovation Award recognizes

outstanding companies that differentiate and make significant impacts in the marketplace through innovation. Additionally, recipients of this year's awards will provide a short presentation on their innovations.

## Wednesday Morning Keynote



### Economic Outlook

**Anirban Basu, MPP, MA, JD, Ph.D., Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Sage Policy Group, Inc.**

Everyone is speculating about what 2026 will bring. After an incredibly active 2025, can the U.S. economy maintain its momentum, or will lingering economic uncertainty translate into the next recession? In this fast-paced, data-driven presentation, we will monitor the latest trends in employment, housing, commercial real estate, financial markets, and output. You can expect some surprises, perhaps an insight or two, and maybe even a few laughs as we characterize the present and predict the future.

## Wednesday Afternoon Keynote



### Manufacturing and Supply Chain Digitization: From Intuition to Data Driven Decision Making

**Professor David Simchi-Levy, MIT**  
Supply Chain and Manufacturing Management requires addressing a

variety of complex decision-making challenges, from sourcing strategies to planning and execution all the way to detecting anomalies in manufacturing processes. Motivated by the recent advances in Large Language Models (LLMs), we will report how this disruptive technology can democratize manufacturing and supply chain technology and how we apply LLMs to address the challenges described above, thus substantially reducing the decision time from days and weeks to minutes and hours as well as dramatically increasing planners' and executives' productivity and impact.

## Wednesday Closing Keynote



### Invisible But Indispensable: How Adhesives Drive Product Sustainability Across Industries

**Elizabeth Staab, Global Packaging Sustainability Manager, H.B. Fuller**

Adhesives may be small and often overlooked, yet they play a pivotal role in enabling product performance, durability, and increasingly, sustainability. As consumer expectations rise and legislation such as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) expands across sectors—from electronics to packaging—brands are being held accountable for the full lifecycle of their products, including end-of-life outcomes. In this presentation, Elizabeth Staab, Global Packaging Sustainability Director, will explore how adhesives contribute to sustainable design, recyclability, and repairability. Through real-world examples across diverse industries, she will demonstrate how adhesives empower producers and brands to meet environmental goals, comply with evolving regulations, and deliver on their sustainability promises.

TUESDAY

**2026 ASC AWARDS**  
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# DAILY OVERVIEW

## MONDAY, APRIL 20

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Registration &amp; Speaker Ready Room Open</b>
7:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Caulks &amp; Sealants Short Course</b> <i>(registrants only)</i>
7:30 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.	<b>Pressure Sensitive Adhesives Short Course</b> <i>(registrants only)</i>
9:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>ASC Board of Directors Meeting</b>
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	<b>ASC Gives Back Program</b> <i>(offsite)</i>
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	<b>ASC First Time Attendee &amp; New Member Reception</b>
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Honky Tonk Welcome to Nashville Opening Reception</b>

ASC's 2026 Annual Convention includes two days of concurrent educational sessions. Review the sessions and confirmed speakers to plan out your time during the convention.

All events will take place at the Grand Hyatt Nashville unless otherwise noted.

*(Times, presentation titles and speakers subject to change.)*

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Registration &amp; Speaker Ready Room Open</b>
7:15 – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>
7:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	<b>Caulks &amp; Sealants Short Course</b> <i>(registrants only)</i>
7:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	<b>Pressure Sensitive Adhesives Short Course</b> <i>(registrants only)</i>
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE &amp; BREAKFAST</b> <i>Positive Disruption: How to Lead Growth Through Joyful Innovation &amp; The Innovation Compass: Charting Your Course to Success</i> Kaiser Yang, CEO & Co-Founder, Platypus Labs
9:15 a.m. – Noon	<b>AM Sessions</b> <i>(see details on the following pages)</i>
9:15 a.m. – Noon	Networking & Refreshment Lounge Open
Noon – 1:15 p.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE &amp; LUNCH</b> <i>State of the Association Address &amp; Innovation Awards Presentations</i> Bill Allmond, President, Adhesive and Sealant Council
1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>EXPO &amp; Reception – NEW HOURS!</b>

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Registration &amp; Speaker Ready Room Open</b>
7:15 – 8:00 a.m.	<b>Networking Breakfast</b>
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE &amp; BREAKFAST</b> <i>Economic Outlook</i> Anirban Basu, MPP, MA, JD, Ph.D., Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Sage Policy Group, Inc.
9:15 a.m. – Noon	<b>AM Sessions</b> <i>(see details on the following pages)</i>
9:15 a.m. – Noon	Networking & Refreshment Lounge Open
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	<b>GENERAL SESSION KEYNOTE &amp; LUNCH</b> <i>Manufacturing and Supply Chain Digitization: From Intuition to Data Driven Decision Making</i> Professor David Simchi-Levy, MIT
1:15 – 3:50 p.m.	<b>PM Sessions</b> <i>(see details on the following pages)</i>
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.	<b>CLOSING KEYNOTE SESSION</b> <i>Invisible But Indispensable: How Adhesives Drive Product Sustainability Across Industries</i> Elizabeth Staab, Global Packaging Sustainability Manager, H.B. Fuller
4:45 – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Reception</b>

**Tuesday,  
April 21**

7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**Networking Breakfast**

**General Session Keynote & Breakfast**

*Disruption: How to Lead Growth Through Joyful Innovation & The Innovation Compass: Charting Your Course to Success*  
Kaiser Yang, CEO & Co-Founder, Platypus Labs

Tuesday AM Session	Supply Chain, Feedstock & Market Outlook	Trends and Developments in EV Market	Regulatory Trends & Global Outlook
9:15-9:40 a.m.	<b>Adhesives and Sealants Outlook Remains Resilient Amidst a Structural Shift</b> Panuswee Dwivedi, Project Manager, ADI Analytics	<b>Emerging Needs for Adhesives and Sealants in EV Batteries</b> Marc Benevento, President, Industrial Market Insight LLC	<b>State and Federal Chemical Regulation Impacting Adhesives and Sealants</b> John Bobka, Senior Attorney, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
9:45-10:10 a.m.	<b>Speaker to be Announced</b>	<b>Decoupling Processability from Performance: A Scalable PS2S Tape Platform for EV Cell-to-Pack Assembly</b> Lasith Kariyawasam, Senior Research Specialist, Avery Dennison	<b>European Regulatory Developments</b> Kristel Ons, FEICA Secretary General, FEICA - Association of the European Adhesive & Sealant Industry
10:15-10:40 a.m.	<b>Alternative Feedstocks as Part of Industry's Journey Towards a More Sustainable Future</b> Rochele Novakoski, Technical Support, Strategy & Business Development, Braskem	<b>Improving Rheology of Highly Filled Thermally Conductive Adhesives and Sealants</b> Greg Treich, Technical Marketing Manager, Evonik Corporation	<b>International Trade Issues Impacting Adhesives and Sealants</b> V.M. (Jim) DeLisi, President, Fanwood Chemical, inc.
10:40-10:55 a.m.	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:55-11:20 a.m.	<b>Global Update on Hydrocarbon Based Tackifiers – 2025</b> Steven Williams, VP, C5 and Hydrocarbon Resins, Argus Media, Inc.	<b>Addressing Thermal and Reliability Challenges in High-Heat End-Use Applications Through Advanced Adhesive Formulation Strategies</b> Bob Umland, Director of Sales & Marketing, FlackTek	<b>Public Policy Implications for the U.S. Adhesive and Sealant Industry</b> Bill Allmond, President, Adhesive & Sealant Council
11:25-11:50 a.m.	<b>The North American Adhesives and Sealants Market to 2030</b> Adam Page, Vice President, Reports, Smithers	<b>Innovative Dispensing Solutions for EV Battery Module Assembly: Overcoming Precision and Process Challenges</b> Chad Sosnowski, Business Manager Equipment, Applied Adhesives	<b>Speaker to be Announced</b>
Noon – 1:15 p.m.	<b>General Session Keynote &amp; Lunch</b> <b>State of the Association Address &amp; Innovation Awards Presentations</b> Bill Allmond, President, Adhesive and Sealant Council		
1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	<b>ASC EXPO &amp; Reception – NEW HOURS!</b>		



## Additives for High Performing A&S



### Lightweight Fillers for Sustainable, Durable Architectural Joints

Jon Stuart, Technical Director, Kish Company

### Next-Generation of Polyamide Rheology Modifiers with Easier Activation for Broader Formulation Flexibility

Mark Piggott, Sales & Market Development Manager, Arkema

### Study of Co-Crystallization Compatibility and High-Temperature Stability of Wax-Polymer Systems in Hot-Melt Adhesives

Jian Yuan, Wax Product Development Engineer, ExxonMobil

BREAK

### Improving Rheology and Sustainability in MS Polymers: The Role of Functional Minerals

Shruti Agarkar, Senior Scientist, Imerys Performance Minerals Americas

Speaker to be Announced

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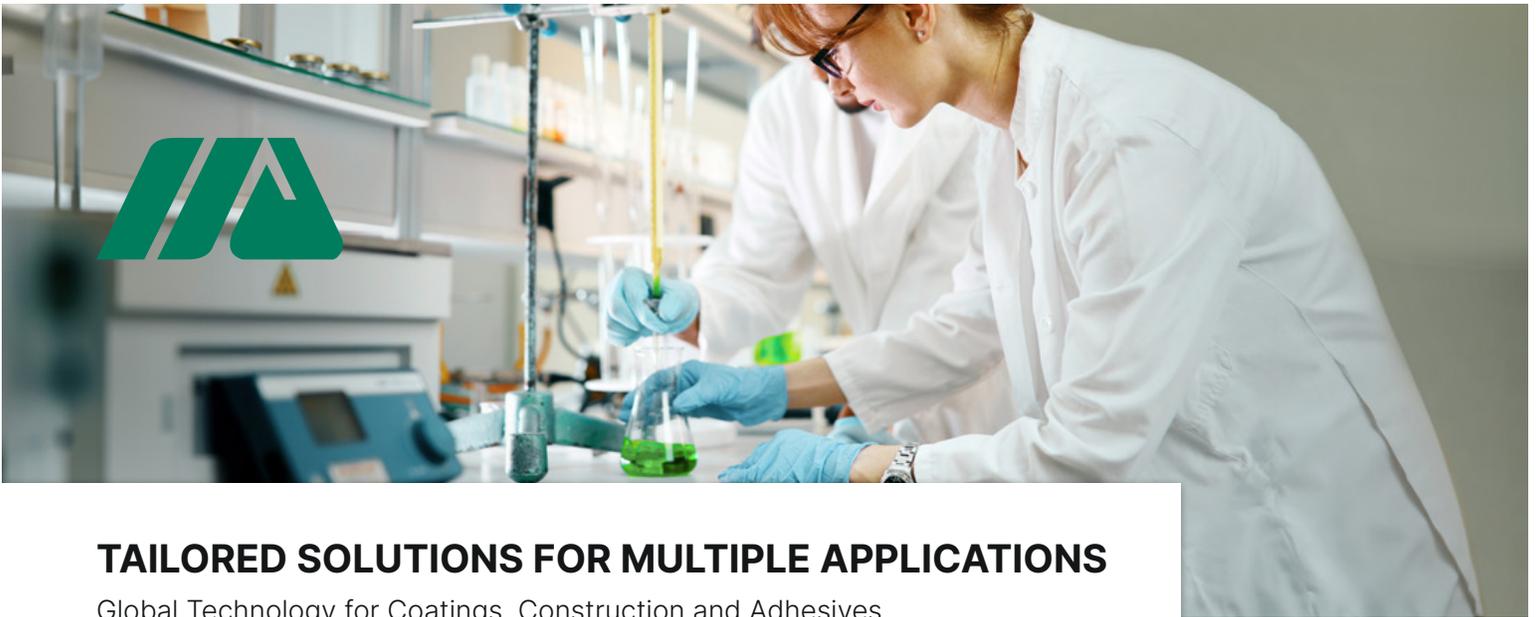
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Training Academy Certificate Program – TAC



## PROGRAM STATS



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Total  
Graduates



**120**  
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**30**  
Countries  
Represented



**1,800**  
Professionals  
Accessing the  
Program



**16,000**  
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Delivered

A must have for companies and staff to develop a deeper understanding in adhesives and sealants to secure your future!

## ASC Training Academy Certificate (TAC) Program

The Adhesive and Sealant Council's Training Academy Certificate (TAC) program was developed in response to ASC's 'Long Range Plan' strategic initiative to create a curriculum for adhesive and sealant professionals to grow and learn throughout their career.

### COURSE DETAILS

TAC offers a structured curriculum to provide the necessary fundamentals and focused adhesive and sealant education for a holistic understanding of the technical and business issues within the adhesive and sealant industry. TAC is a 100% web-based program utilizing live and on demand recorded webinars.

Each registrant will be required to complete and pass the required 12 courses in 12 months. The six mandatory CORE courses include: Adhesion, Adhesives, Sealants, Polymer Science, Testing and Formulation Principles. The remaining six FOCUS courses are chosen to round out education and maximize relevancy. Participants choose from courses pertaining to: Markets and Technologies, Chemistries and Elective topics of their choosing. Additionally, subscribers have access to the 'Sustainability Core Course', designed to help adhesive and sealant professionals navigate rising sustainability, carbon reporting, and regulatory demands.

### SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS

**Full Corporate Subscription** - UNLIMITED access to ALL live and OnDemand webinars in the library PLUS an UNLIMITED number of certificate registrations per calendar year.

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**Single** - Access for ONE employee to participate in the TAC program. This option allows one learner to access/select 13 courses within the Learning Platform in order to meet the 12 course graduate requirement with one year.



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**Wednesday,  
April 22**

7:15 – 8:00 a.m.

**Networking Breakfast**

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

**General Session Keynote & Breakfast**

*Economic Outlook*

Anirban Basu, MPP, MA, JD, Ph.D., Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Wednesday AM Session	Developments in Pressure Sensitive Adhesives	Emerging Standards in Sustainability  	Adhesive Formulation Development & Application  
9:15-9:40 a.m.	<b>Transforming Blushing Assessment in Acrylic Clear Label Adhesives: From Qualitative to Quantitative</b> Robert Sandoval, R&D Technical Director, EPS - Engineered Polymer Solutions	<b>Beyond Chemistry: The Business Case for Sustainable Construction Adhesives &amp; Sealants</b> Sanjay Luthra, Co-founder, Sansara International	<b>Role of Organofunctional Silanes in Improving Water Resistance and Wet Adhesion of Silylated Polyurethanes</b> Anne Dussaud, Principal Scientist, Momentive
9:45-10:10 a.m.	<b>Styrene-Butadiene Copolymers in Photocurable Hot-Melt Adhesives for Industrial Tapes</b> Jesus Rodriguez, Senior Adhesive Applications Technician, Dynasol Group	<b>Driving Sustainability Through Transparency</b> Casey Mahalick, Director Sustainability – NA, Henkel	<b>Differences in Solid Benzoate Esters for PUR Hot-Melt Adhesive Cleanout</b> My (Mia) Nguyen, Business Manager – Industrial Solutions, Hallstar Industrial Solutions
10:15-10:40 a.m.	<b>Improved Performance of Emulsion Polymers Used in Adhesives</b> Shailesh Majmudar, Technical Manager, Syensqo	<b>The CLIMA Approach: How to Future Proof Your Product Portfolio to Include Low Carbon Products</b> Lukas Jongkind, Sustainability Director, Synthomer	<b>Faster Application and Longer Performance from a New Class of Dynamic Aminopolyolefins for Cleaner Industrial Applications</b> Damon Gilmour, Vice President - Research, A2O Advanced Materials Inc.
10:40-10:55 a.m.	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
10:55-11:20 a.m.	<b>Innovative Hydrocarbon Resin Solutions for PSA Adhesives: Specialized Resins and a Novel Liquid Hydrogenated Tackifier</b> Ema Hoxha, Sales Manager, Resins and Modifiers, Rain Carbon Germany GmbH	<b>Product Category Rules for Adhesives and Sealants Updated and Expanded Version</b> Milena Rangelov, Director of Standards and Innovation, Smart EPD	<b>Next Generation Non-CMR Structural Adhesives</b> Matt Freeman, Subject Matter Expert-Formulated Adhesives, Huntsman Corporation
11:25-11:50 a.m.	Speaker to be Announced	<b>Environmental Product Declaration and Generator Tool for Adhesives and Sealants</b> Anthony Mayer, Business Development Manager, Sphera Solutions	<b>Innovative Polycaprolactone Polymers and Their Use in the Advancement of Polyurethane Reactive Hot Melt Adhesives</b> Matthew Ma, Market Segment Manager – Adhesives, Ingevity
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	<b>General Session Keynote &amp; Lunch</b> <b>Manufacturing and Supply Chain Digitization: From Intuition to Data Driven Decision Making</b> Professor David Simchi-Levy, MIT		
1:15 – 3:00 p.m.	Networking & Refreshment Lounge		

**New Product Introductions**

**New Sustainable Defoamer  
 BYK-1745**

Michael Drewery, Market  
 Manager Adhesives & Sealants,  
 BYK USA Inc.

**Kerilon® 3000T, A Workhorse  
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Qiang Luo, Technical & Business  
 Director, Risun Polymer  
 China Co., LTD.

**High Functionality Polyether  
 Polyol – Unique Product and  
 Performance Characteristics  
 in High Performance One-  
 component PU Applications**

Xuhui Liu, Researcher, AGC Inc.

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**Elastomers for Modifying SIS-  
 based Adhesives and For Cross  
 Linkable Adhesives**

Mizuki Nambu, Technical Sales  
 Representative, Kuraray Co., Ltd.

**Novel C5 Hydrocarbon  
 Technology: Improving PSA  
 Performance using US Produced  
 C5 Tackifiers**

Liwei Yu, Research & Development  
 Director, Neville Chemical Company

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Wednesday PM Session	<b>Digital Tools for A&amp;S Development - Digitalization, AI/ML</b>	<b>Circularity, Recyclability and Performance</b>	<b>Trends in Sealant Technology</b>
1:15-1:40 p.m.	<b>AI/ML in Advanced Materials and 3D Printing of Adhesives</b> Rigoberto Advincula, Professor & Group Leader, Oak Ridge National Lab/ University of Tennessee	<b>Grounds for Innovation: Brewing Better Adhesives</b> Kathryn Williamson, CEO & Cofounder, Unspent	<b>Advancing Sealant Technology: Leveraging Dow's Expertise in Silicone and Novel SMP Polymers</b> Hannah Wedge, Senior Research Specialist, Dow
1:45-2:10 p.m.	<b>Embrace AI (Artificial Intelligence) Today to be More Productive and Make Better Business Decisions Tomorrow</b> Liz Andert, Digital Customer Experience Director, H.B. Fuller	<b>Advancing Sustainable Packaging Through Integrated Barrier Coating and Adhesive Technologies</b> Clark Reifsnider, Senior R&D Manager, H.B. Fuller	<b>Acrylic Polymer Development for True Clear Sealant Application</b> Robert Hull, Senior Staff Technician, Arkema
2:15-2:40 p.m.	<b>What an AI Agent Really Is (Explained by a Software Engineer)</b> Andrew Bass, Founder, CTO Poka Labs	<b>Sustainability in Flexible Food Packaging</b> Bret Chisholm, Senior Research Scientist, Bostik	<b>A Silane-Terminated Polyurethane Resin for Clear Sealant Applications</b> Rosemeire Ciro, Technical Lab Manager, Momentive Performance Materials
2:40-2:55 p.m.	BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
2:55-3:20 p.m.	<b>Advancing Adhesive Product Development Through a Multi- Scale, Interface-Centered Diagnostic Method</b> Carolyn Carta, Principal Scientist & CEO, CArtLab Solutions	<b>Compostable Adhesives: Testing, Standards, and Certification</b> Ethan Stinchcomb, Research Faculty, University of Georgia	<b>Development and Rheological Evaluation of a High-Performance UFPC for Liquid Sealants</b> Shingo Hirata, Researcher, Shiraishi Central Laboratories Co., Ltd.
3:25-3:50 p.m.	<b>Unlocking Innovation with Data: The Future of Sustainable Product Development</b> Nicolas Velez, Global Business Director, Knowde	<b>Uncovering the Growing Sustainability Gap Between One- Ways and Reusable Packaging</b> Chris Winkler, Senior Vice President, Hoover CS	<b>Color Without the Chaos: Why Dispersions Beat Pigment Powders Every Time</b> Emily Fisher, R&D Chemist, Holland Colours Americas Inc.
4:00–4:45 p.m.	<b>Closing Keynote Session</b> <b>Invisible But Indispensable: How Adhesives Drive Product Sustainability Across Industries</b> Elizabeth Staab, Global Packaging Sustainability Manager, H.B. Fuller		
4:45-6:00 p.m.	<b>Closing Reception</b>		

**End Use Applications**



**Hidden bonds, loud music: adhesive insights from Instrument makers**

Raphael Schaller, CTO, Collano AG

**Polyolefin Polymers for High Performance Hot Melt Adhesives in Woodworking and Furniture Applications**

Kelven Feng, Principal Scientist, Synthomer

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**EXPO Hours:**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026 • 1:30-5:30 p.m.**

*(reception starts at 4:30 p.m.)*

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# NETWORKING EVENTS

Networking is a crucial component of the Annual Convention & EXPO experience, offering attendees extensive opportunities to connect with industry professionals. Opportunities for connection are integrated throughout the event, occurring between educational sessions, during the community service project, at receptions, lunches, and dinners, as well as while exploring the EXPO hall. For additional information and to register, please visit [www.ascouncil.org/events](http://www.ascouncil.org/events).

## ASC Gives Back Community Service Project

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Across Middle and West Tennessee, 1 in 8 people—and 1 in 6 children face food insecurity. Second Harvest combats this by taking donated surplus food from grocery stores, farmers, and others, diverting the supplies from landfills to feed those in need. Volunteers will pack and sort food donations. Join us as we help be a part of the change in the community by serving for a couple hours during your time in Nashville!

Co-partnership is available. Contact Malinda Armstrong for more information.

## First Time Attendee & New Member Welcome Reception *(Invitation only)*

This exclusive invitation-only reception offers new members and first-time attendees an opportunity to engage with the ASC Board of Directors and staff while learning more about ASC programs and services.

## Nashville Honky Tonk Themed Welcome Reception & Dinner

*(Full convention attendees)*

Get ready for a night of fun at the kickoff event for the 2026 Annual Convention & EXPO! This is your chance to network with peers, share interesting facts about Nashville, and unwind. The evening promises a relaxing atmosphere, Nashville style—so don't forget your cowboy hat and boots!



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## EXPO & Reception *(NEW HOURS)*

This is the **LARGEST** tradeshow exclusively dedicated to the adhesive and sealant industry. It's a can't miss event. At 4:30 p.m. join the exhibitors for an evening refresher during the EXPO reception. **Tuesday, April 21 from 1:30-5:30 p.m.**

## Networking Breakfast & Lunch

Meet a colleague for a refreshing breakfast before the start of the day. Not a breakfast person, be sure to join us for lunch to network with your peers.

## ASC Closing Reception & Keynote

Conclude your convention experience by attending the closing keynote and reception on Wednesday night. This final gathering is the perfect opportunity to ask remaining questions, solidify the professional contacts you've built over the past two days, and network one last time before heading out to explore Nashville.

## Convention App

Maximize your event experience by downloading the official app to network with attendees, schedule meetings, and review the full program schedule. Use the app to share your journey by posting photos directly to social media. Hardcopies of the attendee list will not be available; all networking and attendee information is exclusively accessible through the app.

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# CAULKS *and* SEALANTS SHORT COURSE

APRIL 20-21, 2026 • GRAND HYATT NASHVILLE • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

The course is designed for professional working with manufacturers, suppliers and end user companies as well as design-engineering professionals. A basic chemistry background is assumed; however, no advanced knowledge is required. This course is ideal for RD&E, Application engineers, Technical Sales/Service, Architects, Specifiers, Project managers, Sales and marketing professionals.

## Co-located with the 2026 Annual Convention & EXPO in Nashville, Tennessee

### Course Description

Co-located with the 2026 Convention & EXPO, caulks and sealants are primarily used in building construction and transportation to bond surfaces together, fill gaps and serve as a physical barrier. Due to their use in bonding substrates with differing coefficients of thermal expansion, sealants are formulated to have higher elongation and paste like viscosities to allow for gap filling applications. Taught by industry experts, ASC's 1.5-day technical short course will help you gain a better understanding of the functions and applications of caulks and sealants.

**Participants are invited to attend the Annual EXPO at no additional charge to network and learn about the latest innovations in the industry.**

### Program Topics (tentative):

#### Monday, April 20

- Introduction to Sealants and Testing for Building Applications, Angelina Sprecher, DAP
- Sealants for Mobility Applications, Ryan Kruger, Bostik
- Sealant Performance from Design and Use Perspective, David Nicaastro, Abbae
- Introduction to Rheology, Michael Berlin, Elementis
- Acrylic Sealants, Farhan Ansari, Dow
- Polyurethane and Hybrid Sealants, Ruolei Wang & Jonathan Barrus, Kaneka
- Silicone Sealants, David Speer, Wacker Chemical Corporation

#### Tuesday, April 21

- Plasticizers, Emily Mayes, Lanxess
- Adhesion Promoters, Anne Dussaud, Momentive
- Functional Fillers, Navin Patel, Imerys
- Establishing Performance, Christopher White, Ramboll
- Dispensing Applications in Automotive Sealants and Sealers, Kyle Williams, OTC Industrial Technologies

### Registration Fees:

**Short Course ONLY:** ASC Member/End-User: \$780 • Nonmember: \$1,220

#### Short Course with Convention:

Early bird: ASC Member/End-User: \$1,140 • Nonmember: \$1,962

Regular: ASC Member/End-User: \$1,245 • Nonmember: \$2,065

*NOTE: Registration for the short course should be processed under the course. If you are registering for the convention and the short course, you MUST select the 'Convention Combo Fee' to register for the convention at the discounted rate. Early bird combo rates expire on February 20, 2026. No refunds after March 27, 2026.*

### Accommodations\*:

Grand Hyatt Nashville, 1000 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203 • 888-591-1234

*\*Special group rate of \$329 single/double occupancy before March 27, 2026.*



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# PSA SHORT COURSE

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## Co-located with the 2026 Annual Convention & EXPO in Nashville, Tennessee

### Course Description

Co-located with the 2026 Convention & EXPO, the Pressure Sensitive Adhesives (PSA) Short Course offers in-depth knowledge of the fundamentals and latest developments for pressure sensitive adhesives. Presented by industry experts, this course covers formulation strategies, based on application and performance requirements. Learn how polymers, plasticizers, tackifiers and other additives are used for optimized processing and enhanced properties. Learn about the current methods of characterization including rheology, tack/shear test methods and details of PSA production. Gain an insight into the innovation and sustainability efforts in PSA technology.

**Participants are invited to attend the Annual EXPO at no additional charge to network and learn about the latest innovations in the industry.**

### Program Topics (tentative)

#### Monday, April 20

- PSA Technology and Market Overview, Aideen Gallagher, H.B. Fuller
- PSA Hot Melt Formulations, Cristina Dejesus, Henkel
- PSA Formulation Stabilization, Alan Cramer, Mayzo
- Emulsion PSA, Raj Hariharan, Mapei
- Acrylic PSA, Robert Sandoval, EPS Adhesives
- Medical Adhesives, Leon Dean, Solventum
- Tackifiers, Brett Neumann, Kraton Chemical, LLC

#### Tuesday, April 21

- Testing, Dave Yarusso, Yarusso Consulting
- Optimal Converting, Keith Andes, Arkema
- Introduction to Debondable Technologies, Kristoffer Stokes, Geisys Ventures
- Silicone PSA, Kwanho Chang, Momentive
- Security and Athletic Applications of PSA, Raphael Schaller, Collano

### Registration Fees:

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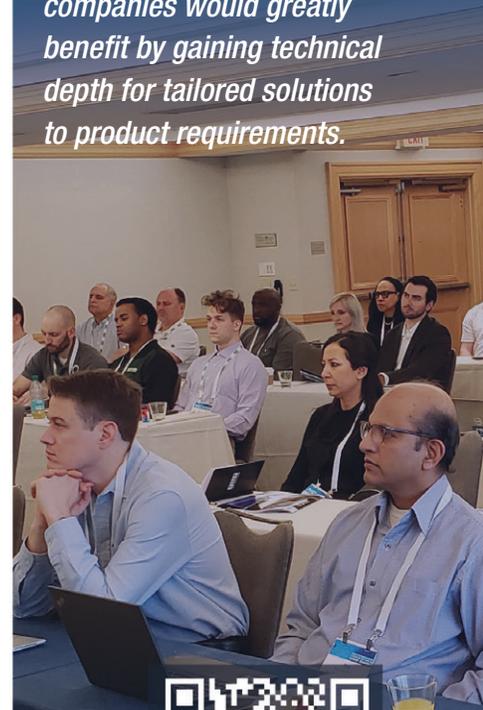
### Accommodations\*:

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*\*Special group rate of \$329 single/double occupancy before March 27, 2026.*

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

*Professionals involved with formulating or converting pressure sensitive adhesives for specific applications. Lab and Tech support personnel will gain valuable insight into the technology that will help them with formulations and understand the test methods. Technical, Sales and Marketing personnel working with manufacturers, suppliers and end user companies would greatly benefit by gaining technical depth for tailored solutions to product requirements.*



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## About the Grand Hyatt Nashville

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## What do I need to know about airport security regulations, while traveling to or in the United States?

Not sure about what you can carry on the plane and what you need to check? The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has a comprehensive website that answers all of your travel concerns.

Visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

## How far is the airport from the hotel?

### Nashville International Airport

Book your flight using the airport access code BNA to locate Nashville International Airport. The airport is located approximately 9 miles from the hotel. Additional flight options are available via John C. Tune Airport (JWN) located approximately 9 miles from the hotel.

### Parking

Grand Hyatt Nashville offers valet services \$60 per night, per car. Additional public self-parking is in the Music Row/Downtown Nashville area, a few blocks away from the hotel for potentially lower rates. Rates vary based upon the garage. Please contact the hotel directly for information.

## What is the conference dress code?

To encourage a feeling of comfort and friendship, the dress code is "business casual."

## What does my registration fee cover?

Full convention registration fee covers Monday through Wednesday. All networking receptions, meal functions, keynotes, educational sessions and EXPO.

EXPO only registration fee covers access to the EXPO Only along with the Monday welcome reception. This fee **does not** cover any other sessions, meals functions, keynotes or educational sessions.

Speaker registration option is for those individuals that are confirmed as a SPEAKER in the Annual Convention Program.

EXPO booth staffer registration includes staffing the booth ONLY and access to the opening and exhibitor appreciation receptions. It **does not** include any other networking events, meal functions, keynotes or educational sessions.

One day registration includes the one day that you are registered. Example if you are registered for Tuesday only you have access to the full day on Tuesday (only).

Reserve a booth click on the 2026 EXPO at [www.ascouncil.org/Events](http://www.ascouncil.org/Events) or contact Malinda Armstrong, CMP at [malinda.armstrong@ascouncil.org](mailto:malinda.armstrong@ascouncil.org)

## How can I book a meeting room?

You can contact the hotel directly. Please note that ASC approves all requests for meeting rooms. We will only approve meeting rooms for confirmed exhibitors under certain circumstances. ASC discourages any unauthorized meetings being conducted outside of the scheduled program.

## I would like to attend the short course with convention. How should I register?

If you are attending the short course with convention, please process your registration under the short course and select the convention add on.

## Do I need to make a hotel reservation or does ASC reserve my room?

ASC **does not** make hotel reservations. You can reserve a room by clicking on the "Hotel" tab. Registration is required to access the group rate.

## Will my badge be mailed?

All badges will be available for pick up onsite at the designated registration area.

## I need to cancel my registration. How can I get a refund?

Please review the cancellation policy on the "Registration" tab. There are **NO REFUNDS** after March 27, 2026.

## Interested in learning more about ASC?

Information on member services, programs and so much more is a click away on the ASC homepage located at [www.ascouncil.org](http://www.ascouncil.org).

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION



**REGISTER BY FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> TO SAVE \$100**

Convention ONLY (April 20-22)	By 02/20/2026	After 02/20/2026
ASC Member/End User .....	\$995	\$1,095
Nonmember.....	\$2,009	\$2,112
Speaker (Convention or Short Course) and Academia .....	\$545	\$545
One-Day Only—Member, End User .....	\$645	\$645
One-Day Only—Nonmember.....	\$1,174	\$1,174
Trade Press .....	\$550	\$550

Short Course ONLY (April 20-21)	By 02/20/2026	After 02/20/2026
ASC Member, End User .....	\$780	\$775
Nonmember.....	\$1,220	\$1,185
Student .....	\$200	\$200

Short Course PLUS Convention Combo	By 02/20/2026	After 02/20/2026
ASC Member, End User .....	\$1,140	\$1,245
Nonmember.....	\$1,962	\$2,065
Student .....	\$400	\$400

### April 21 EXPO + April 20 Monday Opening Reception ONLY

*This fee includes attendance to the EXPO and Monday Opening Reception ONLY. It does NOT include attendance to the technical sessions or include any other meals.*

EXPO Only Attendee—Member .....	\$495	\$495
EXPO Only Attendee—Nonmember .....	\$645	\$645

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*\*\*These Early Bird rates end 2/20/25 and go up \$100 afterwards automatically.*

## HOW TO REGISTER

Visit [www.ascouncil.org/events](http://www.ascouncil.org/events).

Please click on the REGISTER button to register for the convention, short course or EXPO only admission.

**REGULAR REGISTRATION ENDS MARCH 27, 2026, rates increase by 20% afterwards automatically. No refunds after March 27, 2026.**

**\*\*IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE SHORT COURSE OR SHORT COURSE WITH CONVENTION YOU MUST REGISTER UNDER THE SHORT COURSES PAGE.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY: There are NO REFUNDS after March 27, 2026.**

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Malinda Armstrong, CMP at (301) 986-9724 or [malinda.armstrong@ascouncil.org](mailto:malinda.armstrong@ascouncil.org)

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Phone: 1-888-591-1234

reference the "ASC 2026 Annual Convention"

**ASC Discount Group Rate**  
**\$329** Single/Double

You can make your reservation at [www.ascouncil.org](http://www.ascouncil.org) or contact the hotel directly. To secure the group rate, please mention that you will be attending the ASC 2026 Annual Convention & EXPO.

**The group rate is available until March 27, 2026.** Reserve your room as soon as possible as the group rate will not be available if the ASC room block sells out at any time prior to March 27, 2026.

**IMPORTANT: ASC works directly with Grand Hyatt Nashville and does not work with third parties working on behalf of Grand Hyatt Nashville and/or the Council. ASC kindly asks that you only reserve the number of rooms you need, so other attendees will not be turned away because the ASC hotel room block is full. You must be registered for the event to take advantage of the group rate. We appreciate your consideration.**





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