

Michigan Section Young Professionals Summit

March 25 – March 26, 2026 / Wayne State University

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Water Works Park Treatment Plant Tour
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Sponsor Dinner and Networking Event

Thursday, March 26, 2026

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Registration & Breakfast
8:45 AM – 8:50 AM Intro/Welcome: MI-AWWA Update
8:50 AM - 9:35 AM Keynote Address: Water Infrastructure in Focus: How Technology and Data are Rebuilding Trust in our Systems, *Elliot Smith*
9:35 AM – 9:40 AM Association Update (AWWA), *Margo Hatton*

9:40 AM – 10:40 AM **Break with structured networking**

10:40 AM-11:10 AM YP Showcase: First Step Build Your Foundation, Joseph Callahan
11:10 AM-11:30 AM YP Showcase: How to build the next generation of Asset Management Professionals; *Fadel Farhat*
11:30 AM-12:00 PM YP Showcase: So You Have to Talk to the Public: An Engineer’s Guide to Effective Communication, *Susan McGratten*

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM YP Showcase: Filtration Process Optimization – Experiences at the Holland BPW WTP, *Adam Assink*
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM YP Showcase: Utility Rate Setting Methodology: Basics & Considerations, *Tai Verbrugge*
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM YP Showcase: PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PFAS RESPONSE: Bringing Municipal Water to over 1,000 Properties with Contaminated Groundwater, *Jeremy Kamp*

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM **Break with structured networking**

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM YP Showcase: The Art of Water: Making Water Education Accessible and Memorable: *Stefanie Burns & Alyssa Taube*
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Closing Remarks: Inspiring the Next Generation: From Humble Beginnings to Water Industry Leadership: *Quentin Clark*
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