

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, <i>Elliot Smith</i>
9:35 AM – 10:35 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; <i>Fadel Farhat</i>
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	YP Showcase: So You Have to Talk to the Public: An Engineer's Guide to Effective Communication, <i>Susan McGratten</i>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	YP Showcase: Filtration Process Optimization – Experiences at the Holland BPW WTP, <i>Adam Assink</i>
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	YP Showcase: Utility Rate Setting Methodology: Basics & Considerations, <i>Tai Verbrugge</i>
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM	YP Showcase: PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP PFAS RESPONSE: Bringing Municipal Water to over 1,000 Properties with Contaminated Groundwater, <i>Jeremy Kamp</i>
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: <i>Stefanie Burns & Alyssa Taube</i>
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Closing Remarks: Inspiring the Next Generation: From Humble Beginnings to Water Industry Leadership: <i>Quentin Clark</i>
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