

THE STATE OF TECH '26



MAY 13, 2026



Tech Hill Commons
500 Interstate Blvd S
Nashville, TN 37210

The State of Tech brings together leaders from across Middle Tennessee to reflect on the region's growth, innovation, and future. The program features remarks from GNTC leadership. The program will include the induction of the newest member into the GNTC Hall of Fame.



AGENDA

- 7:30 am Breakfast & networking
- 8:30 am Formal welcome
- 8:35 am State of Tech address from GNTC CEO Mark Blaze
- 8:45 am *Panel 1: The State*
- 9:15 am *Panel 2: Power in Numbers*
- 9:45 am *Panel 3: AI in Music City*
- 10:15 am Hall of Fame induction
Andy Flatt
- 10:25 am Tech Titans plaque unveiling
- 10:30 am Program wrap up

Contact to secure sponsorship 

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PANELS



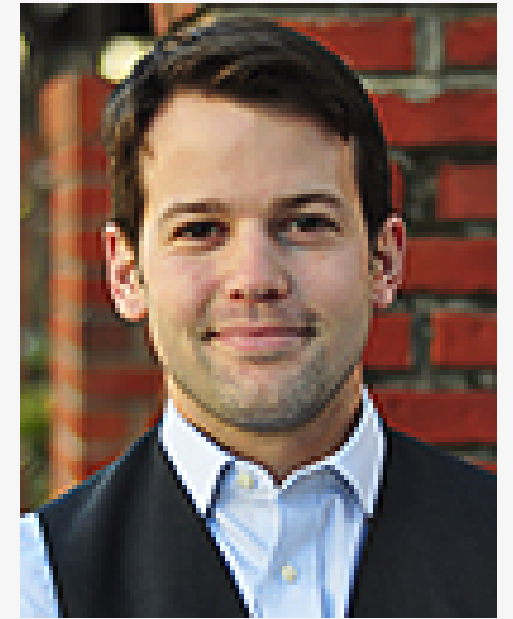
THE STATE PANEL



Kristin Darby
Chief Information Officer
State of Tennessee



Nathan Buttrey
Director of Innovation
State of Tennessee



Roger Waynick
Director of Artificial Intelligence
State of Tennessee

POWER IN NUMBERS PANEL



Hanna Terletska
Director of QRISE Center
MTSU



Brad Gibson
Chief Operating Officer
Middle Tennessee Electric



Ryan Haring
Director, Quantum Computing
IonQ

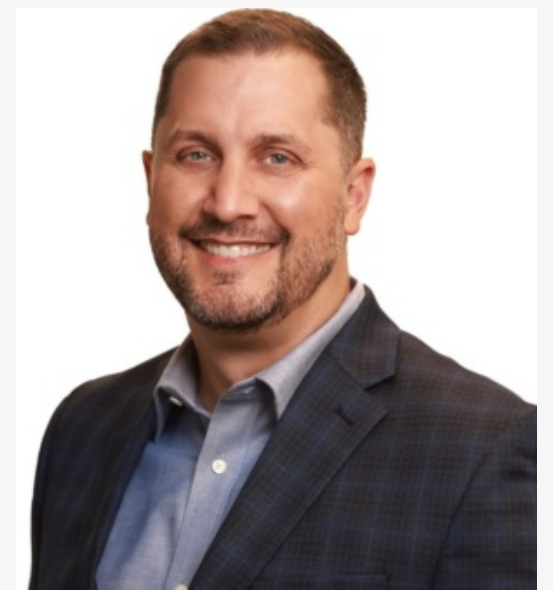
AI IN MUSIC CITY



Cindy Mabe
Founder & CEO
Joan of Arc Music



Chris Sloan
Co-Chair Emerging Companies & VC Team
Baker Donelson



Zach Evans
Chief Technology Officer
Xsolis

