



Bright Minds College Experience at the MT Series SOUTHEAST, Greenville, SC

Wednesday, October 22, 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 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Java-Talk

An Informal Chat with a Manufacturing Executive

Engage in an informal chat over coffee 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 a.m. – 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 memberships.

10 a.m. – 12 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 SOUTHEAST 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

12:15 – 1 p.m.

Networking Lunch & Industry Exchange

(Lunch is for attendees of both the Bright Minds College Experience and the Corporate/Institutional Membership Roundtable)

Grab lunch and connect with fellow students, professors, and industry pros in a relaxed setting. This is your chance to ask questions, swap stories, and build real connections with leaders in manufacturing—while also meeting peers who share your interests and goals. Come hungry for both food and fresh perspectives.

1 – 2 p.m.

Stronger Together

Connecting Students, Educators & Industry for the Future of Manufacturing

(Joint session with the Corporate/Institutional Membership Roundtable)

This session unites Bright Minds students and Corporate/Institutional members for a dynamic conversation on the future of manufacturing careers. Through interactive dialogue and shared perspectives, students gain real-world insights, educators learn about emerging skill needs, and industry leaders connect with the next generation of talent.

2 – 2:30 p.m.

Break/Relocate back to the BMCE room

2:30 p.m. – 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 p.m. – 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.