



2026 Conference Presenters



Kim Mager - is the Safety Services Director at Ashland University, appointed to the role in 2024 following the retirement of Dave McLaughlin. A 27-year veteran of the Ashland Police Department, Mager is known for her work on high-profile cases and is the author of *A Hunger to Kill*. As a detective with the Ashland Police Dept, Mager helped bring about the conviction of serial killer Shawn Grate in 2018 after he was captured in 2016 from a vacant city house where he was keeping a woman who had escaped and called 911.

Tom McLaughlin – is a certified peace officer in the state of Ohio since 2007. Tom started his career with the Fairport Harbor Police Department before being hired by the Sheriff's Office in 2010. Tom is employed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Office and has been assigned to the detective bureau since 2018 where he's investigated several felony and misdemeanor cases involving adults and juvenile.

Richard Warner - is a certified peace officer and the Lead Investigator for the Geauga County Prosecutor's Office serving the residents of Geauga County since 2016. He started his law enforcement career in 2000 with the Lake County Sheriff's Office; 2002 Waite Hill Police Department; 2005 Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force; 2008 Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation as a Special Agent and later Special Agent Supervisor in the Cyber Crimes Unit, Crimes Against Children, and the Sexual Assault Kit Task Force. He is a graduate of Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; the National Computer Forensic Institute with training in computer, mobile, and video forensics. He holds certifications in computer and mobile forensics

Jack Spiller - After receiving his Masters degree in Higher Education from Villanova University, Jack began his career working in various college and university offices including Admissions, Alumni Relations, and Workforce Development. Throughout all of these experiences, Jack recognized not only the need for his work to evolve with AI but also the growing need for AI Education, particularly in central Ohio. Jack's experience in education and accessibility make him especially equipped to bring AI training to businesses and individuals across Ohio.

Spencer Feig - Spencer Feig is the Director of Development at AI OWL, where he leads a team of 18 developers working on a mix of internal AI products and client facing projects. He is involved in hands-on development and working directly with clients to implement AI solutions across a wide range of industries. He helps lead development on AI OWL projects including Flash AI, an AI driven investigative assistant for law enforcement. Feig's background combines hands-on development, product thinking, and team leadership, with a focus on making AI effective, and accessible.

Frank Hall – (Coach Hall Foundation) Frank Hall is a husband, father, coach, and mentor, to the Chardon Schools and the Chardon community, Frank Hall is a hero, Coach Hall confronted the gunman in the 2012 Chardon High School shooting. He has since started a foundation to promote gun control.



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Kristina Knight - Kristina Knight has worked for over 18 years with youth, families, and individuals in community based, in-home and practice settings. Kristina is Phase II trained in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics which focuses on brain mapping, trauma's impact on the brain and practice interventions that fit client's needs. She currently works in a teaching and training capacity for clinicians at The Buckeye Ranch and provides ongoing mental wellness trainings to clients and companies via Enliven Resources. Kristina has served as an onsite clinician for The Columbus Division of Police during their CIT trainings, and well as provided on-site clinical services for several police departments in Ohio.

Judge Kristin Sweeney - Judge Kristin Sweeney attended Case Western Reserve University School of Law and began her career as an assistant public defender with the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office before being elected to the bench in 2004. She is the founder and presiding judge of the Phoenix Court and presides over the Family Recovery Court. With the support of the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland, the Office of Child Support Services, McDonald Hopkins LLC, and the CSU College of Law, Judge Sweeney also established a Pro Bono Pro Se Child Support Clinic, which served the community for many years. Judge Sweeney spearheaded the creation of the Behavioral Diversion and Education (BDE) Program, providing treatment options outside of formal court charges for children ages nine to thirteen. She partnered with the Guardian Ad Litem Project to shift court culture toward greater inclusion of children in abuse, neglect, and dependency proceedings. Judge Sweeney also served on the steering committee that launched the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) program. She was the Administrative Judge for the juvenile court for six years beginning in 2014 and concluding at the end of 2019. She has been teaching Juvenile Law at Cleveland State's Law School since 2022. In 2006, Judge Sweeney received both the ABA Young Lawyers Division Award for Child Advocacy and the Marshall Memorial Fellowship. She was honored for pro bono service by the 8th District Judicial Conference in 2009 and by the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland in 2013. In 2015, U.S. Representative Marcia L. Fudge nominated Judge Sweeney as an Angels in Adoption Honoree for her advocacy on behalf of foster children. In 2016, she received the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Stephanie Tubbs Jones Award for Excellence in Public Service.

Frank Zupancic - began his career in the juvenile justice system in September 2001 as a Juvenile Corrections Officer at the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center, where he served until August 2006. At that time, he became a Probation Officer with the Lake County Juvenile Court. In addition to supervising a regular caseload, he also served as the Probation Officer for the Achievement Docket, the court's drug program. In September 2014, he was appointed Superintendent of Services at the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center. In that role, he was responsible for maintaining the day-to-day operations of the detention center. After just under five years, he requested to return to probation in order to work more directly with court-involved juveniles. Upon returning, he quickly advanced to supervising a high-risk caseload of juveniles. In June 2022, he was appointed Chief Probation Officer at the Lake County Juvenile Court, where he supervises ten probation officers. Frank is a 2011 graduate of Kent State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. He is a certified T.A.P.S. (Therapeutic Assault Prevention System) instructor and is trained in Motivational Interviewing as well as Carey Guide Quality Control.

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