Fall Forum 2023
Talent and Technology – Thinking Out of the Box

Our CSCRL Fall Forum took place in the beautiful Wood Dining Room overlooking the Lehigh Valley with over 160 attendees on November 2-3, 2023. We had eight presentations that could be divided into three broad categories: Employee Focused (Attracting the Right Kind of Employees, Retaining Excellent Employees, Investing in your Employees and Developing Talent in the Modern Workplace), AI Focused (Exploring Machine Learning and Using AI in Hiring), and Logistics Focused (Automation in a DC and Technology in Logistics).

We learned a lot... (click on the photos to learn more about our speakers)
And had excellent food and plenty of time for networking...

Be sure to join us for the Spring Symposium on April 11-12, 2024! The theme will be “Rethinking Your Supply Chain - Preparing for The Future.”

Lehigh Students Attend Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence Symposium
The CSCRL recently funded travel for Maddie Dorish and Alua Bekbossynova to the University of Arkansas-Walton School of Business to attend the Women Impacting Supply Chain Excellence (WISE) Symposium.

Young female supply chain majors from across the country united to learn from other students, professors and industry professionals about what it means to be a woman in the supply chain industry. Students gained insightful knowledge from some of the most impactful and influential women working in the industry today. Speakers encouraged young women to allow themselves to be both bold and vulnerable, and to go after their goals without hesitation. Students learned that confidence is a choice that is made daily.

CEOs, presidents and executives from J.B. Hunt, Sam’s Club, Walmart and other large companies presented on the future of the supply chain industry and what female leaders can do to improve it and make a lasting impact. The advice provided by experienced women at the symposium will guide Maddie and Alua through their future careers as they navigate the field, while empowering and paving the way for other women.

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### Latest Research

**Lehigh Business Supply Chain Risk Management Index**

**2023 4th Quarter**

Cybersecurity is again the highest risk overall at 75.34, but this is a drop of 7.5 points compared to last quarter. Economic risk is again 2nd overall, and there has been a slight decrease in risk to 71.92 suggesting the economy still remains an important risk in the 4th Quarter. Interestingly, Supplier Risk has again become a top 5 risk.

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**Supply Chain Analytics**
December 5, 7, and 8, 2023, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET each day

**Utilizing Supply Chain Management for Competitive Advantage**
*If you missed the Program in September 2023, please look for it in Fall 2024*

**Demand and Inventory Planning**
*If you missed the Program in October 2023, please look for it in Fall 2024*

**Supply Chain Risk & Resilience**
*If you missed the Program in November 2023, please look for it in Fall 2024*

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