

CAPA's Annual Leadership Summit

CAPA hosted more than 145 registrants in our virtual Annual Leadership Summit at the end of October.

The event was a huge success with follow-up webinars requested and planned. The event was emceed by our CAPA Youth Chair, Ms. Anshi Pacha.

Steve Tobocman, Founder and Executive Director of Global Detroit kicked the event off with an in-depth look at the current labor gap and the talent shortage in Michigan and how international students can help bridge some of that labor gap - essentially building a Global Michigan.

The information shared in Steve's session could be invaluable to our business partners looking to reinvigorate their recruitment practices to hiring from a more diverse pool of talented candidates.

You can view Steve's keynote [here](#).

Annie Fenton, Creator and Program Director of Michigan International Talent Solutions at the Office of Global Michigan, closed the extremely informative session with a discussion on upskilling and reskilling the workforce.

She talked about career pathways, credential evaluation for the immigrant/refugee population and shared invaluable tools and resources that can help in this ever-changing workforce market.

You can view Annie's keynote [here](#).

Our esteemed panel, comprising Wayne Rourke, Associate Director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives; Carl Sumpter, Talent Acquisition Manager at AAA; Marinda Laws, Talent Acquisition Manager at AAA; Matthew Pfeffer, Manager at LeCom Utility Inc.; Parneet Sandhu, HR Director at NYX Inc. and Annie Fenton.

The panel covered a wide variety of topics related to our theme and you can view the panel discussion [here](#).

This event was sponsored by DTE and GM, organizations that strongly believe in the value of a diverse workforce.

We thank everyone who participated and everyone who contributed to this session becoming reality from an idea.

Those of you waiting on your gift cards for being the first 100 who registered and attending and staying for the entire event, rest assured - these will be e-mailed by the end of this month.

Here are some of the reviews we received from the participants:

".....I have been with CAPA for a while, but today, this was a great Leadership Summit, in my opinion. You guys hit a good topic - good panel"

"Congrats for the wonderful Leadership summit. Contents were very good. I am sure that so many young people can benefit from the information they shared."

"This is excellent program for newcomer Asian Pacific Islanders"

"The session today was fantastic. It was packed with a lot of information. Can you share a link to it and please invite me to the follow up webinars."

".....this is the best leadership summit I have attended for CAPA. Hats off to you and the team for pulling this off....."

Stay tuned as we continue this conversation and explore this topic further through a series of webinars next year!