

SOAR SUMMIT17

August 4

8:00 - 9:00 **Registration and Networking (With Music by the Kentucky Opry Junior Pros)**

8:55 - 9:00 **National Anthem**

- Performed by Marlana VanHoose

9:00 - 10:00 **SOAR Summit 2017 Kickoff**

- Welcome from Presenting Partners
- Matt Bevin, *Kentucky Governor, SOAR Co-Chair*
- Hal Rogers, *Kentucky 5th District Congressman, SOAR Co-Chair*

Keynote

- John Calipari, *University of Kentucky Men's Basketball Coach*

10:00 - 10:30 **Greeting from the Gates Foundation**

- Max Espinoza, *Senior Program Officer, Postsecondary*

Blueprint for a 21st Century Appalachia

- Jared Arnett, *Executive Director, SOAR*

SPARK Session 1: Innovation Showcase

Highlighting Inspiring projects in the region aligned with our blueprint

KentuckyWired: Connecting Appalachia

- Phillip Brown, *Executive Director, Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA)*

10:30-10:40 **Break**

10:40-11:05 **“Stay in Clay” | Original Song written and performed by students from Clay County**

SPARK Session 2: Innovation Showcase

Highlighting Inspiring projects in the region aligned with our blueprint

11:05-11:40 **The Future of STEM and the Opportunity in Appalachia**

- Joan Ferrini-Mundy, *Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation*

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Opportunities in the Digital Economy

- John Stephenson, *Senior Manager, AWS Public Policy, Amazon*

11:40-12:00 Final Comments

- Hal Rogers, *Kentucky 5th District Congressman, SOAR Co-Chair*
- Matt Bevin, *Kentucky Governor, SOAR Co-Chair*
- Jared Arnett, *Executive Director, SOAR*

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

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12:00 – 4:30 Solution Showcase Expo

Explore Solutions showcased on SOAR.network and connect with project leads



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1:00-2:00 Breakout Session #1

Broadband and the Digital Economy

- **Moderator: Dr. Jay Box, President, KCTCS**
- Phillip Brown, *Executive Director, KCNA*
- Lonnie Lawson, *President/CEO, The Center for Rural Development*
- Darrell Maynard, *President/CEO, Eastern Telephone and Technologies*
- Jeff Whitehead, *Executive Director, EKCEP*

2:30-3:30 Breakout Session #2

Aerospace and Manufacturing Opportunities in Appalachia

- **Moderator: Dr. Jay Box, President, KCTCS**
- Matt Satterwhite, *President/COO, AEP Kentucky Power*
- Blaine Holt, *Executive Vice President for Operations, Braidy Industries*
- Joan Ferrini-Mundy, *Chief Operating Officer, National Science Foundation*
- Tim Gibbs, *President/CEO, Ashland Alliance*
- Chuck Sexton, *President/CEO, One East Kentucky*
- Bob Schena, *President/CEO, Rajant Technologies*

6:00 – 10:00 Optional Entertainment

Main Street Live on the plaza in front of the Expo