



THE ASSOCIATION & VOICE OF THE US SEWN PRODUCTS INDUSTRY

Fall Annual Networking Conference

Astor Crowne Plaza French Quarter

New Orleans, LA

September 15 - 17, 2026

Agenda

TUESDAY, 9/15/26

5:30AM – 7:30PM

WEDNESDAY, 9/16/26

9:00AM – 4:30PM

9:00AM – 9:15AM

9:15AM – 10:15AM

10:15AM – 10:45AM

10:45AM – 11:05AM

11:05AM – 12:00PM

12:00PM – 1:15PM

1:15PM – 2:15PM

2:15PM – 2:45PM

2:45PM – 3:45PM

3:45PM – 4:00PM

5:30PM – 8:30PM

WELCOME NETWORKING RECEPTION

GENERAL SESSION

Welcome: Brent Jones & Will Duncan

Keynote Speaker: Joe Parrish, *upupdn Focus is AI*

Company Introductions

NETWORKING BREAK

On the Economic, Business & Political Climate:

Roger Tutterow, Kennesaw State University

NETWORKING LUNCH

Fireside Chat: Domestic Cut & Sew "How to Thrive, Not Just Survive"?

Lionel Vargas Cruz, ISAIC, Kaia Rhodes, Anatar, Frank Henderson, Henderson Sewing Machine Co.

Will Duncan (*Moderator*)

NETWORKING BREAK

FutureTEX - Revolutionizing the American Apparel

Industry: Stephen Sharp, Vice President, Gaston College

Wrap-up: Will Duncan

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THURSDAY, 9/17/26

8:00AM – 9:00AM

9:00AM – 12:00AM

9:00AM – 10:00AM

10:00AM – 10:30AM

10:30AM – 10:50AM

10:50AM – 11:45AM

11:45AM –

2:30PM – 4:00PM

5:30PM – 9:00PM

5:30PM – 5:45PM

5:45pm – 9:00pm

9:00pm –

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

GENERAL SESSION

SEAMS Member Supply Chain Panel:

Source Domestically – It Works!

Fechheimer, Denny Bogard & Cheryl Eckert, America Knits, Steve Hawkins, Contempora Fabrics, Ron Roach
Jim Hopkins (*Moderator*)

Mitch Cahn, Unionwear

Capacity Surfing with AI: Solving the Problems You
Already Know You Have

NETWORKING BREAK

Aidan Meany, Found Surface

Utilizing AI - Powered by designers, engineers, operators,
and technicians working side by side to build a
fundamentally sustainable future for U.S. apparel
manufacturing

CLOSING REMARKS

WOVEN Soiree

MARDI GRAS NETWORKING EVENT

Buses to Mardi Gras World

Mardi Gras World Tour, Mask Making, Dinner

Buses Return To Hotel