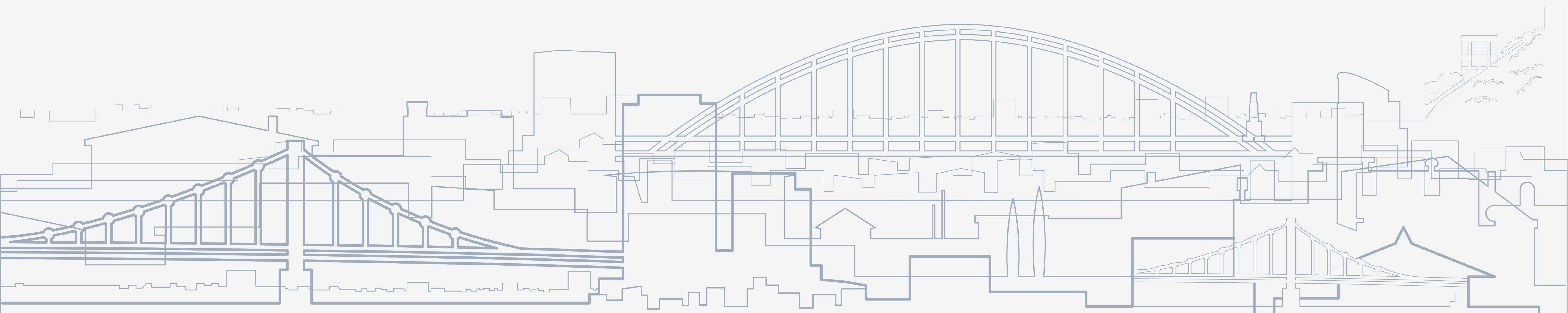


Forging the Future: The Intersection of Health, AI & Tech

 Oct. 19-21 Pittsburgh, USA



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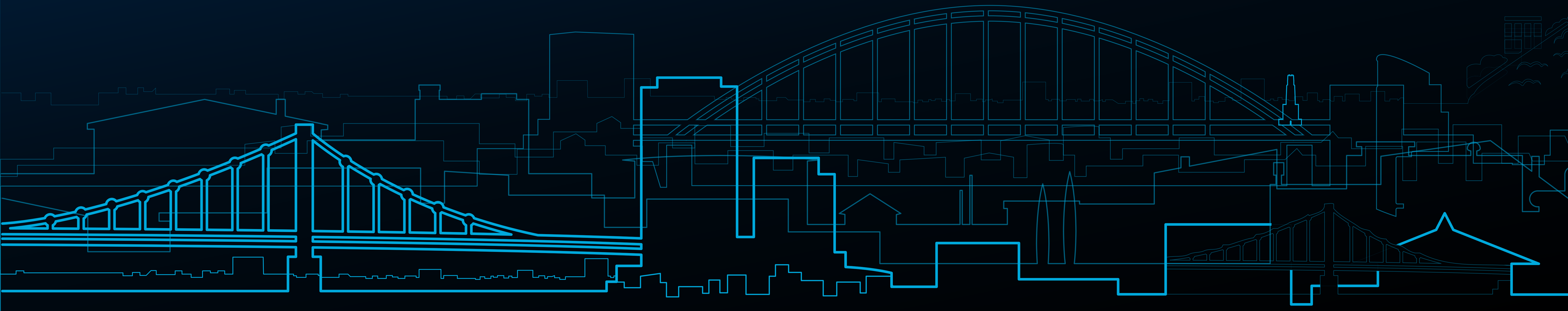
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Welcome to "Forging the Future"

We're thrilled to have you join us for this year's event. For the first time, the GFCC Global Innovation Summit is joining forces with the Council's Competitiveness Conversations Across America, creating a powerful and unique forum for discussion.

Hosted by the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, this event brings together leaders from industry, government, business, and academia. From October 19-21, we will explore how AI and other emerging technologies are shaping the future of health. You will also learn how new competitiveness strategies and place-making innovation are transforming Pittsburgh and other regions around the globe.

We hope you find this guide a valuable resource throughout the event, and we are excited about the discussions to come. We look forward to welcoming you to this special gathering and to the city of Pittsburgh.

With gratitude,

The Forging the Future event team

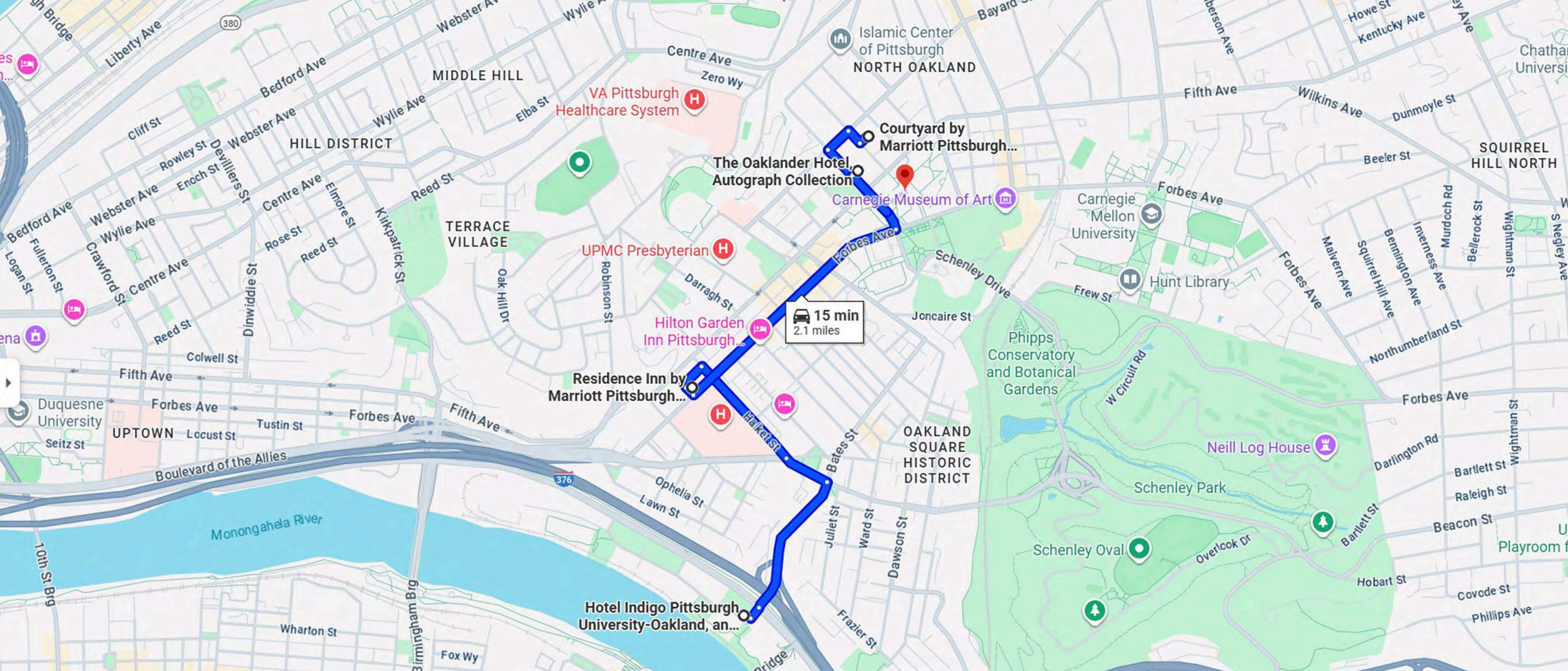
Venue Information

The main event sessions for the Forging the Future event will be held at the Assembly and the University of Pittsburgh campus.

Event	Day	Location
GFCC Annual Meeting (exclusive to GFCC members and fellows)	October 19, afternoon	The Assembly
Welcome Dinner (open to all attendees)	October 19, evening	Cathedral of Learning, Commons Room
Summit Sessions	October 20-21	Alumni Hall
Site Visits and Demonstrations	October 20	UPMC Mercy and University Club
Formal Dinner	October 20, evening	LeMont

Addresses

Name	Address
The Assembly	5051 Centre Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
Alumni Hall	4227 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260
Cathedral of Learning	4200 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260
UPMC Mercy Pavilion	1400 Locust St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219
University Club	123 University Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
LeMont	1114 Grandview Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15211



Lodging

The **Oaklander Hotel** (Recommended) is the closest and most convenient option, located directly on the University of Pittsburgh campus. You can book your stay using the event website: <https://www.gfcc-coc-25.pitt.edu/plan-visit>. See the table below for alternative options.

[Book my stay at Oaklander Hotel](#) 

Hotel	Description	Distance (km or miles)
<u>Courtyard by Marriott Pittsburgh University Center</u>	A comfortable and walkable alternative	350m or 0.2 miles
<u>Residence Inn Pittsburgh Oakland/University Place</u>	Approximately a 15-minute walk from the main venues. This option is also easily accessible via a short rideshare or public bus ride	1km or 0.6 miles
<u>Hotel Indigo Pittsburgh University-Oakland</u>	Approximately a 7-minute drive or 20-minute walk from the main venues. This option is also easily accessible via a short rideshare or public bus ride	1.9km or 1.2 miles

Campus Map

For a comprehensive view of the campus, please refer to the map on the next page. The Oaklander Hotel, Alumni Hall, Cathedral of Learning and the University Club are highlighted in the map.

You can read more about these outstanding venues at the event website: <https://www.gfcc-coc-25.pitt.edu/venues>

A map of the University of Pittsburgh campus and its buildings is accessible in this link: <https://catalog.upp.pitt.edu/mime/media/view/235/24837/Campus+Map+--+Pittsburgh.pdf>

We also recommend exploring the interactive 3D Map for a more detailed look: <https://map.concept3d.com/?id=1315>.


Transportation - Getting to the Event

Airport Transportation: Attendees are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT).

On-Campus Travel: All key event locations on the University of Pittsburgh campus, including The Oaklander Hotel, Alumni Hall, and the Cathedral of Learning, are within walking distance of each other.

Off-Campus Transportation: Transportation will be provided for all activities and dinners held outside of the University of Pittsburgh campus. Shuttles will depart from and return to The Oaklander Hotel.

Note: In the event you miss the transportation provided, please plan to arrange your own trip to these locations.

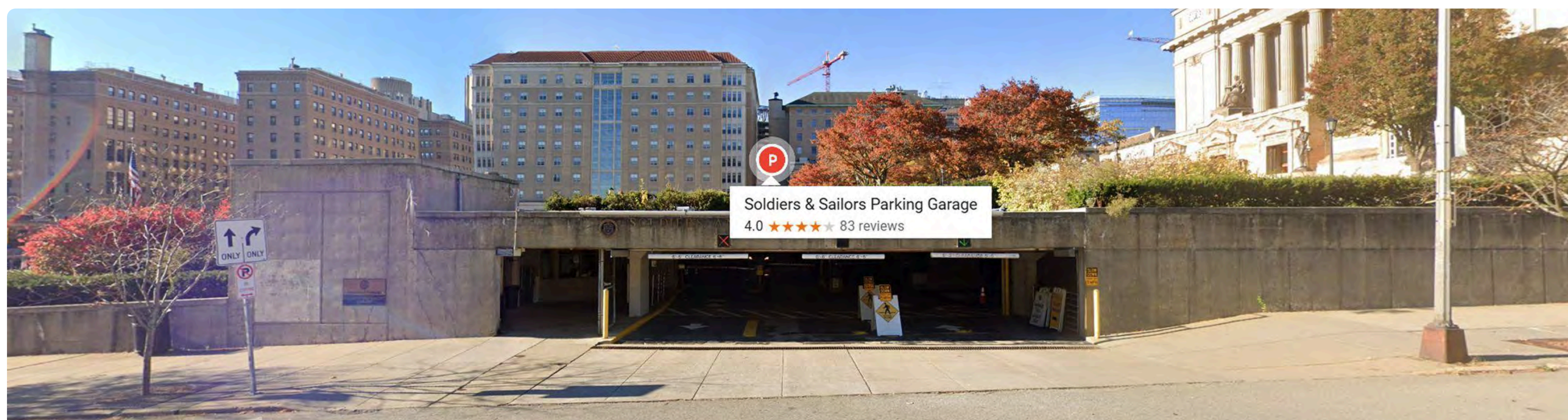
 If you plan to stay at the Residence Inn or Hotel Indigo and are interested in shuttle service, please let us know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

Parking

If you plan on driving to the event, we recommend using the public parking garage located beneath the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum. The garage entrance is on Bigelow Blvd, directly across from The Oaklander Hotel. For current rates and additional information, please visit the Soldiers & Sailors Parking Garage website: <https://alcoparking.com/lot-garage/soldiers-and-sailors-parking-garage/>.

 **Soldiers & Sailors Parking Garage**, 4390 Bigelow Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

 **Hours of Operation:**
Monday - Friday: 6:00 AM - 12:00 AM | Saturday - Sunday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM



Registration

- Everyone must register individually for the event at <https://www.gfcc-coc-25.pitt.edu/registration> and be sure to select "GFCC" or "CoC" under the Affiliation field.
- This is an invitation-only event.
- Upon successful registration, you will receive a confirmation email from no-reply@wufoo.com. Please check your spam folder if you do not see it.
- For any questions regarding your registration status, please contact Elaine Rodriguez at erodriguez@thegfcc.org.

On-Site Check-In

Event	Date	Check-in begins at	Location
GFCC Annual Meeting (exclusive to GFCC members and fellows)	October 19	12:00 PM	The Assembly
Forging the Future	October 20 and 21	8:00 AM	Alumni Hall



Upon check-in, you will receive your name badge and lanyard. We kindly ask that you wear it at all times during the conference for security and networking purposes.

Media and Dress Code

- **Media Notice:** This event will be professionally recorded and photographed. Images and audio may be used in post-summit materials and promotional content. Event recordings will be made available on the GFCC YouTube channel after the event.
- **Press Attendance:** Members of the press will be in attendance during the Global Innovation Summit.
- **GFCC Annual Meeting:** The GFCC Annual Meeting is a private, closed-door event and will not be open to the press.
- **Dress Code:** The dress code for the event, including all dinners and sessions, is business attire or corresponding national dress.

Sessions and Speakers

A separate guide with detailed information about all sessions and speakers will be available soon. This guide will include session formats, key discussion questions, speaker's roles and their bios with photos. Additionally, it will contain specific logistical details for speakers, such as arrival times and meeting locations.

All event materials can be found at bit.ly/pitt-oct25 or using the QR code on the right.



Need Help?


If you have any questions or require assistance with the event, please contact the Council and the GFCC teams:

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We are here to help make your experience a great one.

Schedule

GFCC Annual Meeting

 Sunday, October 19

Brunch and GFCC Annual Meeting at The Assembly

(GFCC Members and Fellows Only)

Hour	Event
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Transportation to The Assembly
12:30 PM - 4:30 PM	GFCC Annual Meeting (GFCC Members and Fellows Only) <i>Note: a detailed agenda will be available in the Event Book</i>
4:30 PM - 4:45 PM	GFCC Group Picture
4:45 PM - 5:15 PM	Transportation to University of Pittsburgh Campus

Welcome Dinner at The Cathedral of Learning

(Open to All Attendees)

Hour	Event
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Cocktail Reception + Nationality Room Open House
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner at Commons Room, Cathedral of Learning

Summit at AlumniHall

Hour	Event
7:45 AM - 8:20 AM	Check-in and Networking Breakfast
8:20 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome and Introduction
8:30 AM - 9:15 AM	Opening Discussion: The Health, AI and Productivity Imperative
9:15 AM - 10:00 AM	Innovation Spotlight: BioForge
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	Panel 2: Transforming Realities: Pittsburgh, Birmingham and Belfast Shape a Sustainable & Prosperous Future
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Keynote
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Panel 3: AI Innovations Increasing the Health Span of Aging Populations
12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	GFCC: 15 Years, A New Brand and A Call to Action (followed by group photo of GFCC members and fellows)
12:10 PM - 1:25 PM	Lunch and Panel 4: AI-Powered Education for the Next Generation of Innovators and Leaders

Site Visits – 3 options

Hour	Event
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Transportation to Site Visits
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<p>Site Visits and Demonstrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 1: Supporting Patient-Centered Vision Rehabilitation and Improving Quality of Life of Individuals With Neurological Impairments (UPMC Mercy Pavillion)(50 attendees) • Option 2: Delivering Data-Informed Health and Social Care (University Club)(on campus) • Option 3: Championing Precision Medicine, Public Health Modeling and Individual Well-Being (University Club)(on campus)
4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Transportation to Oaklander from Site Visits

Formal Dinner at LeMont

Hour	Event
5:45 PM - 6:15 PM	Transportation to LeMont
6:15 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception and Innovation Exhibits
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<p>Dinner & More:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Competitiveness Awards • Keynote Speaker • Panel 5: Forging the Future: Local and Regional Alliances to Build and Advance Health Innovation Hubs

Sessions at AlumniHall

Hour	Event
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Breakfast/Networking @ConnellyBallroom
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM	Panel 6: At the Leading Edge of Health, AI and Technology
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	Panel 7: From Diagnostics to Treatments: Leveraging Tech Opportunities to Advance Health Care
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	Panel 8: Health, AI and Tech: Investing in a Future
11:30 AM - 11:50 AM	Keynote
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Panel 9: Unlocking the Promises of Health Technologies for Economic Growth
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Panel 10: Advanced Manufacturing in a Dynamic Economy
2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	Innovation Spotlight: Pittsburgh Partnerships Driving Global Innovation – Vizzhy Inc./GAINMED
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Innovation Spotlight: Aging, Longevity and Vitality Reimagined
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	Panel 11: From Ideas to Impact: Innovation Ecosystems Driving Transformative Place-Making
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Event Closing and 2026 Global Innovation Summit Launch

