

New York CHRO Community Executive Summit

Convene 360 Madison Avenue

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May 5, 2026

8:00am - 8:30am **Registration & Breakfast**

8:30am - 9:15am **Shaping Culture to Power Performance**

Jessie Knight, Vice President, HR, Gartner

9:15am - 9:40am **Networking Break**

9:40am - 10:25am **Beyond Cashmere & Good Denim— J.Crew is Evolving the HR & AI Mindset**

Gena Smith, CHRO, J Crew
Danielle Schmelkin, CIO, J Crew
Kendall Ketchum, Senior Manager Tech Communications, J Crew

9:40am - 10:25am **HR Alchemy — Transforming Culture with Behavioral Science**

Jason Korman, CEO, Gapingvoid
Rory Sutherland, Vice Chairman, Ogilvy

9:40am - 10:25am **Leaders That Deliver — Turning Engagement into Operational Results**

Julia Joggerst, Chief Operating Officer, WorkStep
Vicky Ringwood, SVP, CHRO, Standard Motor Products
Scott Carroll, CHRO, Interstate Waste Services

9:40am - 10:25am **The New CHRO Mandate — Outpacing Disruption with a Data#Driven Workforce Strategy**

Valerie Ells, VP, Client Services, ManpowerGroup
Jeri Hawthorne, CHRO, Ascensus

- 10:25am - 11:10am** **Networking Break**
- 10:35am - 11:00am** **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**
- 11:10am - 11:55am** **Exposing Blind Spots in AI-Era Leadership**
- Matt Paese, EVP – Board and C-Suite Services, APTMetrics
- 11:10am - 11:55am** **From Crisis to Catalyst — Sparking Inspiration in the Workplace**
- Meghan Stettler, Director, O.C. Tanner Institute, O.C. Tanner
- 11:10am - 11:55am** **Innovating a Smarter, Simpler Employee Experience**
- Amy Klempay, VP Product Strategy and Management, Health Benefits Admin, Alight
Lacey Dingman, Chief People Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- 11:55am - 12:30pm** **Lunch Service**
- 12:30pm - 1:05pm** **The Workforce You Can't See — Guiding Talent Investment**
- KeyAnna Schmiedl, Chief People Officer, Workhuman
Celeste Schneider, Chief People Officer, National Grid
- 1:05pm - 1:30pm** **Break**
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm** **Beyond the Hype — Informing Your AI Strategy with Labor Market Intelligence**
- Laura Ullrich, Director of Economic Research and Head of North America, Indeed Hiring Lab
- 1:30pm - 2:15pm** **Designing the 2030 Organization — Workforce Transformation**
- David Wilkins, Chief Product and Marketing Officer, TalentNeuron
- 2:15pm - 3:00pm** **Networking Break**

- 2:25pm - 2:50pm** **Peer-to-Peer Meetings**
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm** **The Making of Exceptional Leaders – Essential Traits Every Organization Needs**
- Dave Kutayiah, Managing Director & Head of HR, Clarion Partners
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm** **Lincoln Financial Group — Pulling Away from the Pack**
- Sean Woodroffe, EVP & Chief People Culture & Communication Officer, Lincoln Financial Group
Nilanjan Adhya, Chief AI, Data & Analytics Officer, Lincoln Financial Group
- 3:00pm - 3:45pm** **Doing More with Less — Leveling Up Leadership Development**
- Bryan Allen, Executive Partner, Gartner
- 3:45pm - 4:00pm** **Networking Break**
- 4:00pm - 4:35pm** **Closing Keynote**
- Ken Cooper, Head of HR, Bloomberg
- 4:35pm - 4:45pm** **Closing Comments and Prize Drawing**