

## Women in MFG Skilled Trades Symposium (2026)

**GOALS:** This is an event for manufacturing companies & educators to come together to network, and discuss approaches to recruiting more women into the **manufacturing skilled trades**.

At this event, attendees will:

- 1) meet women and students in the manufacturing skilled trades,
- 2) discuss approaches and methods to getting more women into these careers,
- 3) network with companies and organizations interested in this topic.

**Date:** 2/20/2026 (Friday)

**Location:** Ohlone College  
Room 1302  
[43600 Mission Blvd](#)  
[Fremont, CA](#)

Start	End	Event	Room #
9:00	10:00 AM	<b>Check-in, Breakfast &amp; Networking</b>	Room 1302 / Cafeteria
10:00 AM	10:10 AM	<b>Opening Remarks / Welcome</b>	Room 1302
10:10 AM	10:30 AM	<b>Overview to the Day</b> - What is an "unconference"? - Quick mfg update	Room 1302
10:30 AM	10:50 AM	<b>Seed (Lightning) Talks</b> (4 min each) - How to find and recruit women into the skilled trades? - What got me into the trades? - Getting more women into mfg training programs? - On-ramps that convert (is art the gateway to manufacturing careers?)	Room 1302
10:50 AM	11:10 AM	<b>Session Proposals</b> Attendees can propose session topics (30 sec each)	Room 1302
11:10 AM	11:30 AM	<b>Coffee Break / Session Scheduling</b>	Room 1302
11:30 AM	12:30 PM	<b>Breakout Sessions 1</b> - 3-4 parallel sessions	Rooms 3307 3309 3311 3312
12:30 PM	1:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>	Cafeteria
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	<b>Breakout Sessions 2</b> - 3-4 parallel sessions (different from session 1)	Rooms 3307 3309 3311 3312
2:30 PM	3:00 PM	<b>Share-outs &amp; Next Steps</b>	Room 1302
3:00 PM	3:00 PM	<b>Symposium Concludes</b>	

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