

**VAPPA 2026 Educational Sessions**

**Thursday March 19th Morning Breakout Sessions: 09:00 to 10:00**

Topic	Speaker	Room
Supporting your Maintenance & Capital Plan with AI	Rachael Buchanan – Chief Marketing Officer OperationsHERO	Archer
Pressure Independent Control Valve Technology (1 PDH)	Stephen Rybka – Bray	Colston
So you hired a young person: Practical Ways to Support and Retain the Next Generation of Facilities Professionals	Molly Ledbetter – Horticulturist Matthew Woodward- Carpenter Hampden-Sydney College	Randolph
Seeing What Matters: Technology-Enabled Maintenance and Problem-Solving for Facility Management (1 PDH/ AIA CEU)	Rachel Palisin Managing Director Walter P Moore and Associates Inc.	Tazwell
From Crisis Repair to Strategic Care: Protecting the Past Through Responsible Campus Maintenance	Morgan Abele – MBA – Director of Subsurface Utility Locating SAS Geospacial Grace Moyer – Director Jackson House Museum VMI	Wareham
Roundtable: Closing the Trades Gap	Round table discussion facilitated by a VAPPA Board Member	Whittaker

**Will Baggett dba. Emergent Executives - Plenary Morning – 10:30-11:30 (Main Ball Room)**

**Benjamin Byboth - Director of Business Development and Strategy – Commonwealth Fusion Systems – Plenary Afternoon 12:30-13:30 (Main Ball Room)**

**Thursday March 19th Afternoon Breakout Sessions: 13:45 to 14:45**

Moisture Management in Tiled Showers (1.0 AiA HSW)	Steve Brasington – Higher Ed. Services Manager Schluter Systems L.P	Archer
The Heat Pump Disruption: Are Your Campuses Ready for the Electrification Era?	Tim Doorman - Innovative Solutions Director Havtech	Colston
Facility Asset Management – What You Can Do While You’re Waiting for AI to Take Over	Christopher Hodges – Retired Senior Consultant Facilities Engineering Associates	Randolph
From Anecdotes to Evidence: Real-Time Space Occupancy using Existing Wi-Fi at Hampden-Sydney College	James Ireland – Senior Account Executive CampusIQ Kevin Miller – Executive Director of Facilities & Capital Projects Hampden-Sydney College	Tazwell
Zero Trust Architecture: Securing University Campuses at the Intersection of Building Systems, Commissioning & OT Cybersecurity	Bill McMullen – Director of Technical Services Chinook Systems	Wareham
Roundtable: Innovation at the Edge	Open discussion facilitated by a VAPPA Board Member & Benjamin Byboth	Whittaker

**Thursday March 19th Afternoon Breakout Sessions: 15:00-16:00**

Big Bertha Air Handlers: When it Makes Sense to Restore Aging Chilled Water Units (1.0 AIA HSW)	James Fotia - Regional Sales Specialist Tremco Pure Air	Archer
Leading with Emotional Intelligence in an AI-Augmented Workplace	Fred Gatty – Organizational Development Consultant Gatts Consulting	Colston
How VCU uses AIM to track Inventory	Tom Gates – Director of Support Services Jason Fortney – Director of Business Applications and Integration Services Virginia Commonwealth University	Randolph
The Human Algorithm: Emotional Intelligence as Your Competitive Edge	Kim Harris & Liz Brooks Positive Professionals	Tazwell
Creating A New Normal In Your Hydronic Systems (1.0 CEU Mechanical)	Jamie Ambeau - Regional Manager Spirotherm	Wareham
Total Campus Oversight: Redefining Fault Detection with Neural Networks	Sam Voisin - Senior Machine Learning Software Engineer Daniel Jordan - CEM Machine Learning & Analytics Engineer Optimum Energy	Whittaker

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Putting Utility Data on the Map: Improving Campus Safety at Hampden-Sydney College	Rhett Teller – Facilities Market Segment Leader GPRS David Giles – Assistant Director of Buildings & Systems Hampden-Sydney College	Archer
Harnessing Vehicle Telematics for a Safer and More Sustainable University Community	Brian Park – Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering and Systems & Information engineering University of Virginia	Colston
From Reactive to Predictive: AI in HVAC	Alec Carlson – Vice President of Sales & Marketing Air Mechanical Solutions	Randolph
The knowledge We can't afford to Lose: When Experience Walks out the Door	Randolph Campbell FMP,CEFP,LSSGB McCormick Road Zone Manager University of Virginia	Tazwell
Utility Rates are up 27% Now What? Choosing the Right First Step to protect your facilities budget (1.0 PDH Engineering)	Kevin Day PE CEM CCP Vice President, Facility Performance Service Leader MBP	Wareham
Hidden Capacity: Reallocating Custodial Resources to Strengthen Operations and Experience	Terry Maynard PMP, CEFP – Housing Facilities Zone Manager University of Virginia	Whittaker

**Chief Facilities Officer Roundtable Discussion — with CFOs from UVA, HSC, NVCC, VCU, Longwood, and CNU 10:30-12:00 (Main Ball Room)**

