

# Barrier Breakers 2026



## Event Schedule

| DATE           | LOCATION  | TOTAL PRIZES |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| March 20, 2026 | Kent State University   | \$20,000+    |
| 8:00 AM        | <b>Check-In &amp; Registration</b><br>Teams check in, receive materials, and find their stations  |              |
| 9:00 AM        | <b>Opening Ceremony</b><br>Welcome remarks, sponsor introductions, and event overview   |              |
| 9:30 AM        | <b>Innovation Gallery Opens (Poster Presentations)</b><br>All teams set up posters; judges begin rotating through stations  |              |
| 11:00 AM       | <b>Demo Day (Oral Presentations)</b><br>Top 5 teams present: 5-minute pitch + 2-minute Q&A each   |              |
| 12:00 PM       | <b>Lunch &amp; Awards</b><br>Lunch provided for all participants. Winners announced for Demo Day and Innovation Gallery. <b>Schools needing to leave early may depart at 1:00 PM.</b> |              |
| 1:00 PM        | <b>Optional Tours &amp; Activities</b><br>Campus tours for students and families.   |              |
| 2:00 PM        | <b>Event Concludes</b><br>Photos, networking, and departure   |              |

