

Barrier Breakers 2026

Event Schedule • March 20, 2026 • Kent State University

Welcome to the 2026 Barrier Breakers Innovation Challenge. Below is the schedule for the day's events.

8:00 AM

Check-In & Registration

Teams arrive, check in at the registration desk, receive their materials, and find their assigned stations.

9:00 AM

Opening Ceremony

Welcome remarks from FinMango and Kent State leadership, sponsor introductions, and a brief overview of the day's events.

9:30 AM

Innovation Gallery Opens

The Innovation Gallery officially opens. All teams set up their posters and displays. Judges begin rotating through stations to evaluate projects.

11:00 AM

Demo Day Presentations

The top 5 teams selected for the Demo Day track will present their oral pitches on the main stage. Each team has a 5-minute pitch followed by 2 minutes of Q&A.

12:00 PM

Lunch & Awards Ceremony

Lunch is provided for all participants, judges, and volunteers. Following lunch, we will announce the winners for the Demo Day, Innovation Gallery, and Quiz Bowl competitions.

Schools that need to depart early may leave at 1:00 PM.

1:00 PM

Optional Tours & Activities

After the awards, optional campus tours of Kent State University will be available for interested students and families.

2:00 PM

Event Concludes

Official conclusion of all activities. Photos, networking, and final departure.