

BARRIER BREAKERS 2026: EVENT SCHEDULE

March 20, 2026 • Kent State University

8:00 AM Check-In & Registration

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

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

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.

Note: 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.

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