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2026 AGENDA

2026 Kentucky Cybersecurity and Forensics Conference

Building Cyber Resilience Through Collaboration — Academia, Industry, and Government.

Date	October 30th, 2026
Time	7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Location	Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm 1525 Mills Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
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Friday, October 30th, 2026
7:30 am – 4:30 pm

REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST 7:30 am – 7:50 am

- Check-in for registered attendees
- On-site registration available

WELCOME AND LOGISTICS 8:00 am – 8:30 am

- Opening remarks from government
- Welcome from Kentucky State University President
- Logistics for the day

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 8:45 am – 9:30 am

- **CISA topic — Speaker:** Mr. Rick Nord from Commonwealth of Kentucky Office of the Attorney General - Counter Exploitation Division (PT)

CYBERSECURITY IN AI 9:45 am – 10:30 am

- **Cybersecurity in AI — Speaker:** Dr. Adel S. Elmaghraby from University of Louisville

INDUSTRY PANEL 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Speaker 1 Dr. Machica McClain from University of Cumberlands
Speaker 2 Dr. Tyson Brooks from National Security Agency
Speaker 3 Mr. Cody Bennett from the Kentucky and Southern Indiana Cyber Fraud Task Force

POSTER SESSIONS AND LUNCH 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

- Networking opportunity
- Poster sessions and informal discussion

HANDS-ON 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm

Speaker 1 Dr. Adrian Lauf from University of Louisville
Speaker 2 Dr. Cheryl Purdy from University of Cumberlands
Speaker 3 Mr. Michael Williams from Cyber Security at Computer Services, Inc.

SPEAKER 2:30 pm – 3:15 pm

- **FBI/ DHS — Cybersecurity and Ransomware**

SPEAKER 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

- **Forensics topic — Speaker** Dr. Jeremy Straub from University of West Florida

AWARDS AND CLOSING 15 mins

- Poster awards
- Closing comments from KY-CAE President
- Thanks to all participants