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# Event Agenda

South Dakota SHRM State Conference

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## Wednesday, April 29, 2026

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| 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | <b>Attendee Registration and Vendor Set-Up</b>  |
| 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM  | <b>Welcome &amp; National SHRM Update</b>   |
| 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM  | <b>Basically Incredible</b><br>Speaker: Matt Booth  |
| 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM  | <b>Networking Break/Visit with Vendors</b>  |
| 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  | <b>Breakout: The Impact of AI on Talent Acquisition and Recruitment</b><br>Speaker: Heather Merrick |
| 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  | <b>Breakout: Active Threat Preparedness</b><br>Speaker: Drew Moldenhauer                            |
| 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  | <b>Breakout: TBD</b><br>Speaker: Christine Westerman  |
| 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM  | <b>Breakout: Elevate Your Emotional Intelligence</b><br>Speaker: Natalie Remund                     |
| 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  | <b>Dinner &amp; Game Show Mania w Jer Entertainment. Sponsored by Paylocity</b>                     |

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## Thursday, April 30, 2026

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| 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM   | <b>Breakfast</b>  |
| 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM  | <b>Conquer Burnout, Ignite Leadership with Neuroscience ~ Workshop Part 1</b><br>Speaker: Dr. Terry Wu            |
| 10:00 AM - 10:15 AM | <b>Networking Break/Visit with Vendors</b>  |
| 10:15 AM - 11:45 AM | <b>Conquer Burnout, Ignite Leadership with Neuroscience ~ Workshop Part 2</b><br>Speaker: Dr. Terry Wu            |
| 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM | <b>Lunch/Networking Break- Lunch is being sponsored by HUB International</b>                                      |
| 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  | <b>Breakout: Employment Law and Legislation Panel</b><br>Speakers: Julie M. Johnson, Brooke Schmidt               |
| 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM  | <b>Find Your Third Place: Work Life Balance Conversation that is Actually Helpful</b><br>Speaker: James Robilotta |
| 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM   | <b>Networking Break/Visit with Vendors</b>  |
| 1:45 PM - 2:45 PM   | <b>People + Machines: Pitfalls &amp; HR Best Practices in the Age of AI</b><br>Speaker: Brooke Schmidt            |

<b>1:45 PM - 2:45 PM</b>	<b>Medicare Part D Credibility Standards</b> Speaker: Aaron Janssen
<b>1:45 PM - 2:45 PM</b>	<b>From Overwhelmed to Strategic: How HR Leaders Can Leverage the Right Partners to Multiply Their Impact.”</b> Speakers: Jason Boutwell, Christina Cota-Donovan
<b>2:45 PM - 3:15 PM</b>	<b>Networking Break/Snack/Visit with Vendors</b>
<b>3:15 PM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>Choosing to Care: How curiosity creates community in the workplace</b> Location: Main Hall Speaker: James Robilotta
<b>4:45 PM - 5:00 PM</b>	<b>Networking Break/Visit with Vendors</b>
<b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>	<b>Evening Social</b>

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## Friday, May 01, 2026

<b>7:30 AM - 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Breakfast/Checkout of Hotel</b>
<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>The New L&amp;D: From Content Creator to Culture Architect</b> Speaker: Lora Hayes
<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Suicide and Overdose – How to Support Your Employees</b> Speaker: Lori Martinec
<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Workers Compensation - 101</b> Speaker: Chris Septak
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<b>8:30 AM - 9:30 AM</b>	<b>Workers Compensation 101</b> Speaker: Le Bender
<b>9:30 AM - 9:45 AM</b>	<b>Networking Break/Visit with Vendors</b>
<b>9:45 AM - 11:15 AM</b>	<b>HR Isn't a Therapist - Reimagining Support in the Workplace</b> Location: Main Hall Speaker: Lora Hayes
<b>11:15 AM - 12:00 PM</b>	<b>Closing Remarks/Prize Drawings/2027 Conference Announcements</b>