

North Texas Project Management Conference September 26, 2026

The 2026 North Texas Project Management Conference theme was **Future Ready Leadership**. The dynamic sessions delivered tactical information for project managers to stay ahead of the curve. In the exponentially evolving environment of project management, more project managers are ready to wrangle any challenge.

The Conference began with PMI Dallas President Kimia Penton sharing the heartfelt support that the board offers its PMI Dallas Members, and encouraged members to enjoy volunteering opportunities.

2 keynote speakers delivered captivating messages. Tammy Huddleston VP design, code and construction DFW Airport spoke the Texas PM language: Go big or go home. With the innovative projects attendees learned that DFW is where the sky is the limit as DFW airport is the economic engine of North Texas with the world's 8th largest, if independent, economy at 2.7 Trillion. The keynote address about the airport expansion was captivating and every moment was filled with innovative possibilities. Much was learned from Tammy Huddleston and her expertise.



Heather Kennedy offered another keynote address where we learned the value of having team mates and fans in conjunction with coaches. We learned to assess how are we a team mate, and to be so confident in what we do that we willingly team up with competition.

It doesn't take a village it takes a team. We need fewer coaches, more team mates and even more fans.

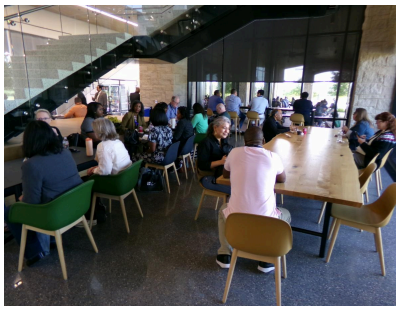
Fans help to educate, inspire, help us learn. After all, the difference between JK Rowling and success is her having a fan.

To see more pictures and to get involved with next years event follow this link [NTPM Gallery](#).



Attendees did more than just earn their necessary PDUs, they were able to connect and learn from industry experts and professionals. The UNT Frisco campus was the perfect venue. The staff and volunteers seamlessly hosted a high caliber conference. Thank you to the sponsors **Association of Black Women in Project & Program Management** **Doulos Training** and **UNT at Frisco**.





From the President | Kimia Penton

Dear PMI Dallas Community,

Fall is here, and as we enter the final few months of 2026, I'm excited about the momentum across our chapter and the opportunities ahead to learn, connect, serve, and continue strengthening our project management community across North Texas.

Before we look ahead, I want to take a moment to celebrate what we have accomplished together—and share a few important updates for October.



Chapter Elections Are Coming

Voting for our upcoming PMI Dallas Chapter Board elections will open this month. Please keep an eye out for the official notification from PMI Global with information on how to cast your vote. Your vote makes a difference. Our elected leaders help shape the direction, programs, and future of our chapter, and I encourage every eligible member to participate in the election process.

Bringing PMI Dallas Closer to You

The DFW Metroplex is a large and diverse community, and we want PMI Dallas experiences to be accessible to more of our members. As part of that effort, we are trying new locations in different areas across the Metroplex for our dinner meetings and other chapter activities. We hope this gives more members the opportunity to join us, meet new people, and become more connected to our community.

Investing in the Next Generation

Applications for our student scholarship program will open in October! One of the things I love most about our chapter is our commitment to developing future leaders. Through our scholarship program, we have an opportunity to invest in students as they build their education, careers, and leadership journeys. Please watch for additional information on applications and eligibility this

month.

Celebrating the North Texas Project Management Conference

What an incredible day we shared on September 26!

The world of work is experiencing unprecedented change. Technological advancement is reshaping how we operate, while global strains and uncertainty continue to challenge organizations and leaders in new ways. And right in the center of it all are project leaders and

those who lead and support transformation—navigating the intersection of people, process, and

technology while helping organizations turn change into meaningful value.

That is why I am so proud of our PMI Dallas community and why I was so moved by this year's

North Texas Project Management Conference.

More than **200 project leaders from across the DFW Metroplex** came together to learn, connect, and explore how our profession continues to evolve. We discussed how to deliver value

and excellence within our organizations, leverage emerging tools for competitive advantage, and,

just as importantly, build meaningful relationships and community along the way.

A special thank you to our incredible keynote speakers.

Tammy Huddleston— We were so excited to learn about the incredible advancements happening at DFW Airport and the economic growth and opportunity they continue to bring to

North Texas.

Heather J. Kennedy — Reminded us about the importance of having fans, teammates, and coaches in our corner. None of us succeeds alone.

I'm also grateful to our industry leaders and panelists who shared their experiences and perspectives on the evolving role and value of the PMO—and to every one of our talented speakers who generously shared their expertise with our community.

And, of course, a huge thank you to our PMI Dallas Board, volunteers, and exceptional conference planning committee. Events like this truly take a village. There are so many people

working behind the scenes who give their time, energy, expertise, and talent to make experiences

like this possible. Your commitment is what makes PMI Dallas such a special community.

It was also wonderful to welcome leaders from our sister chapter, PMI Fort Worth, into the room. Kimberly Collins, thank you for your partnership and continued support.

One of my biggest takeaways from the conference was simple:

We are stronger together.

Technology will continue to change. Our organizations will continue to transform. The skills our

profession requires will continue to evolve.

But our ability to learn from one another, support one another, share what we know, and build

meaningful community will remain one of our greatest strengths.

As we move into the final months of the year, I encourage you to make the most of your PMI

Dallas membership. Attend an event in a new part of the Metroplex. Introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before. Volunteer. Mentor someone. Vote in our chapter elections.

Share your expertise. And continue investing in your own growth.

PMI Dallas is more than the events we host. **It is the community we build together.**

Thank you for being part of it, and I look forward to seeing you throughout the fall.

Warmly,

Kimia Penton

President

PMI Dallas Chapter

2026 Agile Symposium

October 15, 2026

Project Managers, what's on your calendar for 15 October?

Because ours has a unique project lens, responsible AI, the future of work, change and collective intelligence on it.



The Americas block of PMI Agile

Global Symposium 2026 is ready to look at Agile from a few unexpected angles and this lineup has plenty to talk about.

[Register Now](#)

Virtual Corporate Ambassadors Meeting

October 03, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM CST

Come and Join PMI Dallas Corporate Ambassador Program. This free virtual 1.5 hour facilitated discussion. You will earn 1.5 Strategic & Business Management PDU.

What companies have Corporate Ambassadors?



What is a Corporate Ambassador?

- Corporate Ambassadors are a group of individuals which act as liaisons between PMI's Dallas Chapter and their respective companies.
- Their main function is to ensure close alignment between the groups.
- They are also focused on increasing engagement / membership at their respective companies.

So come, invite a colleague, and join us in building the PM community through open dialogues. Not only is this a great opportunity to network with other fellow project managers and chapter members, but you can also introduce your colleagues who are not part of our chapter to a great organization!

If you have questions, please contact John Lang and Karen Bryant at CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org

LOCATION:

Zoom Meeting

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Monthly Dinner Meeting

October 08, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM CST

GenAI in Action: Lessons from a PMO's Experimental Journey

Project managers and PMOs seek productivity and efficiency gains. How do they get them? One PMO held over twenty discussion sessions on how to incorporate GenAI into its operations, and discovered how to leverage GenAI features for their growth

AI complements project managers. Greg Saunders, a Certified Agile Practitioner and PMP serving at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, will show us a summary of these twenty-plus sessions will assist you in applying it for your career (and personal life) PMO, and your employer and clients.



Come enjoy a dinner, network with local professionals, and learn a few things from Greg.

Location:

Blue Mesa - Plano | 8200 Dallas Pkwy (Granite Park 3)
Plano, TX 75024

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PMI Dallas Toastmasters Hybrid Meeting

October 17, 2026 | 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

PMI Dallas Toastmasters invites you to our upcoming Hybrid Toastmasters Meeting on Saturday, October 17!

Whether you're delivering a prepared presentation, speaking up in a meeting, or handling an unexpected question, strong communication skills can make a major difference in your professional career.

This FREE event gives participants an opportunity to practice those skills in a welcoming environment

Dallas College Brookhaven
Campus | 3939 Valley View
Lane
Farmers Branch, TX 75244



Schedule:

8:30-9:00 Networking

9:00-11:00 Toastmasters Meeting

2 PDUs: Ways of Working: 0.5, Power Skills: 0.5, Business Acumen: 1.0

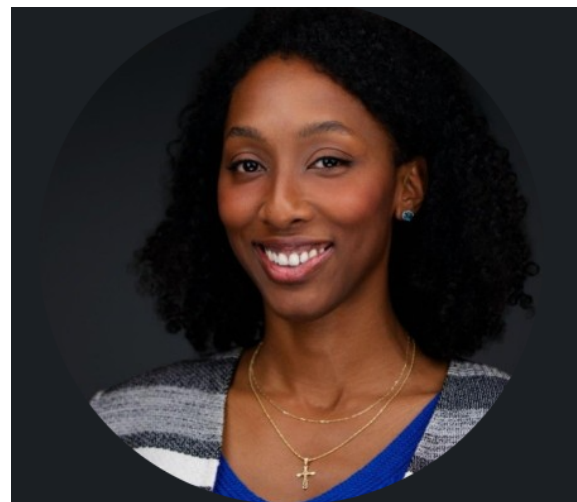
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PMI Dallas Virtual Lunch and Learn - Protecting Project Quality Through Change: From Requirements to Real-World Adoption

October 30, 2026 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Cicely Striolo is a Chartered Chemical Engineer and go-to-market leader whose career has thrived at the intersection of technical delivery and organizational adoption.

Join PMI Dallas for lunch with Cicely. In this free one hour learning event we explore the question "how do you deliver something genuinely good — and get people to actually adopt it?"



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Volunteer Spotlight: October 2026

MaríaVerónica Garibay is a PMP who supports project delivery in the healthcare, communications, and SaaS space. She helps health systems strengthen their performance and deliver on their mission. She is motivated by bringing clarity to complex projects and has a passion for communication, collaboration, and creativity.

MaríaVerónica joined the PMI Dallas Communications team this year as Director of Web Content, where she supports the chapter through the strategic management and creation of content for its website, pmidallas.org. Through her active engagement with PMI Dallas, MaríaVerónica inspires others, demonstrates leadership, builds meaningful connections, and champions the growth and positive impact of the project management profession. She is a fierce advocate for servant leadership grounded in empathy, awareness, and a commitment to growth. In her free time, she enjoys reading, painting, working with ceramics and pottery, traveling, discovering new restaurants, checking out museums, and watching a good movie!



[Connect with MariaVeronica](#)

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Know an inspiring project management leader? We're looking for dynamic speakers for our upcoming events—and we'd love your recommendation!

Submit a Speaker Recommendation

Want to make a difference in the PM community? Join us as a volunteer, leader, or board director! Opportunities are flexible—short- or long-term, virtual or in-person—so you can create a meaningful impact on your schedule.

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Our **Mentorship Program** pairs project managers with industry leaders in the DFW metroplex to provide valuable guidance and coaching.

Whether you are looking to advance your career as a mentor or seeking advice as a mentee, our program offers a unique opportunity for growth and development in the project management field.

Join us in our mission to achieve excellence in project management through collaboration and education.

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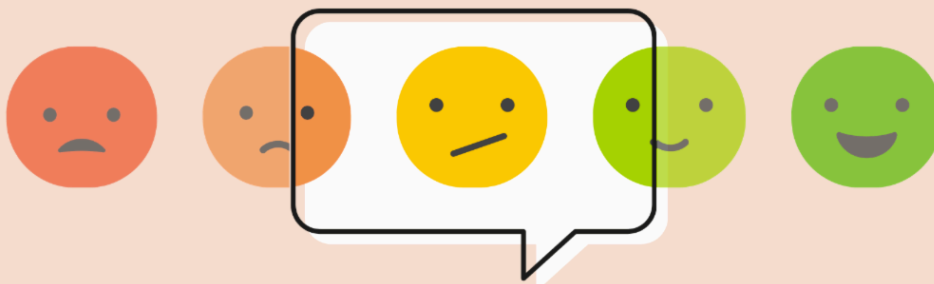
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