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**“RADICAL COLLABORATION — WE’VE GOT TO THINK RADICALLY DIFFERENT ABOUT HOW WE PARTNER, HOW WE COLLABORATE, AND HOW WE ACHIEVE THE GOALS THAT THE STATE OF TENNESSEE NEEDS.”**

— Dr. Donde Plowman, Chancellor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 500 Attendees

representing government, academia, industry, startups, and nonprofit organizations

# 64 Speakers

across 26 sessions



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**“MY VISION IS THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD, WHEN PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY ASK, ‘HOW DO YOU ACTUALLY DO AI RIGHT?’ THE ANSWER WILL BE, ‘YOU DO IT THE TENNESSEE WAY: BY LEADING WITH PEOPLE, TRUST, AND COLLABORATION AT SCALE.’”**

—Dr. Lynne Parker, Former Principal Deputy Director, White House OSTP & National AI Leader

**“IN AI, ADVANTAGE IS DEFINED BY COORDINATION — AND TENNESSEE IS ORGANIZED AT SCALE.”**

— Dr. Vasileios Maroulas, Associate Vice Chancellor and Director of AI Tennessee

**“ I GIVE YOU MY GUARANTEE THAT I WANT TO BE A PARTNER NOT ONLY TODAY WITH THE SUMMIT, BUT REALLY A **CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP** BETWEEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.”**

— Dr. Ethan Klein, Chief Technology Officer,  
White House Office of Science and Technology



## 3 KEY TAKEAWAYS AND WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

1

**TENNESSEE IS ON THE NATIONAL STAGE**

**LEAD THROUGH COORDINATION**

2

**MAKE AI FLUENCY THE STANDARD**

**BUILD A STATEWIDE AI WORKFORCE PIPELINE**

3

**CORE ASSETS ALREADY EXIST**

**SCALE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS**



**“ IT’S NOT JUST GOING TO MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE IN OUR STATE, IT’S GOING TO BE **GAME CHANGING FOR THIS COUNTRY**, AND IT’LL ALLOW US TO LEAD IN THE WORLD.”**

— Bill Lee, Governor, State of Tennessee

## THEMES THAT DEFINED THE SUMMIT

### INFRASTRUCTURE

*Energy, data centers, and compute capacity*

### TALENT PIPELINE

*AI literacy is a must for upskilling and K-12*

### INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

*Aligning employers, startups, and institutions*

### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

*Accelerating innovation with universities, industry, and government*



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**AI TENNESSEE'S MISSION:** to position the State of Tennessee as a leader in the global data economy