



Date	Location	Program Topic and Description
<b>Jan 10</b> 8:00 – 10am	Training Umbrella	<b>Using Stories to Enhance Training - Betsy Lee</b> Since the first drawings scrolled on cave walls, humans have been using stories to train and educate their peers. In fact, stories are the longest-running training methodology known to mankind. In today’s fast-paced, highly interactive world, stories remain an engaging, connective tool — helping bridge the gap between learning objectives and real-world application. In this session, you’ll learn how to find organizational stories to match your learning objectives and how to effectively leverage these stories for in-person and online training.
<b>Jan 26</b> 1:00 – 2:00pm	Webinar	<b>Boost Training Transfer Using Predictive Learning Analytics™ - Ken Phillips</b> What is arguably the number one issue facing the L&D profession today? The answer: “Scrap Learning.” Scrap learning is a term coined by Knowledge Advisors to describe the difference between learning that is delivered, but not applied back on the job. It’s also a critical business issue because learning that is delivered but not applied is a waste of organization resources. The question then becomes: “What can be done about it?” The answer, and the topic of this session, is how to use Predictive Learning Analytics™ to reduce the amount of scrap learning associated with a learning program.
<b>Feb 14</b> 11:30 – 1:30pm	The Kauffman Foundation Conference Center	<b>Today’s New Learners - Lori Eshelman</b> According to research by the Association for Talent Development (ATD), only 38% of learning and development (L&D) professionals think they’re ready to meet the needs of tomorrow’s learners. To help L&D teams better understand how to engage employees, Degreed, Inc. conducted original research on 500+ employees from a variety of industries to understand the learning habits, values and culture of today’s hyper-kinetic, hyper-connected workers. Join us to learn more about how today’s workers REALLY learn at (and for) work. More importantly, learn about the newest tools and strategies so you and your team can make better decisions to meet the demands of today's and tomorrow's workforce.
<b>Mar 1</b> 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Boulevard Brewery	<b>Excellence in Practice Awards Ceremony</b> Each year, the ATD Kansas City Chapter recognizes individual contributors, consultants, contractors, and organizations in the Kansas City area who have executed projects that demonstrate innovation, impact their business and deliver measurable results.
<b>Apr 11</b> 8:00 – 10am	H&R Block	<b>H&amp;R Block “Road Show”</b> A new kind of event for ATDKC, join us at H&R Block’s downtown facility to not only tour the facility and network with other learning professional, but also hear from Block’s top learning leaders about strategy, focus and meeting the organization’s learning goals.



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<b>May 9</b> 11:30 – 1:30pm	KC Public Library, Westport Branch	<b>The Brain Plasticity of Triggers, Hot Buttons, and Outbursts - Dr. Patrick Handley</b> Emotion overrules thinking. Emotionally embedded neural connections and chemical reactions in the body speed through us and fire more quickly than rational thinking patterns. As talent development professionals, we spend much our careers helping people override instinctive reactions. This session explores why good training is so often displaced by stronger emotionally embedded triggers and hot buttons. Applying the science of brain plasticity can better assure our success and help make training stick.
<b>Jun 13</b> 8:00 – 10am	AMC Theater Support Center	<b>Trainers as Coaches - Dan Schwartz</b> Even in a traditional training role, you may find yourself in a variety of situations that require more than some basic instructional design skills. In this session, you will learn how to expand your capabilities as a Talent Development Professional and become a dynamic trainer, coach, and developer of people. In this session: you'll learn three simple strategies for connecting with your learners and keeping them engaged. Join us to walk away with the tools you need to transfer knowledge anytime, anywhere, to anyone."
<b>Jul 11</b> 11:30 – 1:30pm	KU Edwards Best Building	<b>2017 Excellence in Practice Award Winner Presentation</b> Each year, the ATD Kansas City Chapter recognizes individual contributors, consultants, contractors, and organizations in the Kansas City area who have executed projects that demonstrate innovation, impact their business and deliver measurable results. At this chapter meeting, we will highlight one of these award winners, asking them to present and demonstrate their "best practice."
<b>Aug 8</b> 11:30 – 1:30pm	InTouch Solutions	<b>3rd Annual Top Trainer Throwdown</b> Members of our chapter compete against each other to see who can "throw-down" their best training technique, tool, or method. Four professionals will have 12 – 15 minutes to prove their stuff and take away the title of 2017 Top Trainer.
<b>Sept 12</b> 8:00 – 10am	Cerner	<b>Cerner "Road Show"</b> A new kind of event for ATDKC, join us at Cerner's Northland location to not only tour the facility and network with other learning professional, but also hear from Cerner's top learning leaders about strategy, focus and meeting the organization's learning goals.
<b>Oct 6</b> 8:00am – 4:30pm	Noah's Event Venue	<b>ATDKC Fall Conference</b> Join ATD Kansas City for our Annual Fall Conference! RFP's and breakout session topics coming soon!
<b>Nov 8</b> 6:00 – 8:00pm	Café Trio	<b>ATDKC 3rd Annual Chapter Networking Social: Great Links</b> Join your colleagues for hors d'oeuvres and a drink to connect with friends and enjoy a fun networking evening. This is the social event of the year!