SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

AMERICAN COATINGS
CONFERENCE

INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER
Indianapolis, IN

May 5 -7, 2026

AC MEDIA ACA VINCENTZ

TUESDAY
May 5, 2026

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Pre-Conference Tutorials 1-5

- Coatings 101: An Introduction to Coatings Technology (extended class)
- Fundamentals of High-Performance Waterborne Coatings
- AI & Digital Tools: What They Mean for Coatings
- Weathering & Durability: A Primer for Newcomers
- The Essential Guide to Smart Coatings & Surfaces

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Pre-Conference Tutorials 6-9

- Polyurethanes: The Building Blocks Explained
- Sustainable & Circular Coatings: Materials, Design, & Reality
- The Science of Durable Protective Coatings
- Radiation-Cured Coatings: Chemistry, Formulations, Technology, & Applications

11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Networking Luncheon

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

Plenary Session

- Welcome Address, Keynote Presentation and Awards

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- **Session 1:** Functional Coatings
- **Session 2:** PFAS Alternatives
- **Session 3:** Architectural Coatings
- **Session 4:** Protective Coatings

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

- Poster Session and Networking Reception

WEDNESDAY
May 6, 2026

7:15 am – 8:15 am

- Fun Run to support student participation

8:30 am – 12:15 pm

- **Session 5:** Architectural Coatings II
- **Session 6:** Grinding and Dispersing
- **Session 7:** Water-based Coatings
- **Session 8:** Testing and Measurement I

12:15 pm – 2:15 pm

- Networking Luncheon on the Show Floor

2:15 pm – 6:00 pm

- **Session 9:** Digitalization
- **Session 10:** Testing and Measurement II
- **Session 11:** Polyurethanes
- **Session 12:** Industrial Coatings

THURSDAY
May 7, 2026

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

- **Session 13:** Automotive and Wood Coatings
- **Session 14:** Biobased Coatings
- **Session 15:** Epoxy Coatings
- **Session 16:** Coatings Production