

# Convergence 2013 New Orleans Microsoft Dynamics Academic Preconference



## Message from the Program Lead

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Welcome to the 2013 Worldwide Microsoft Dynamics Academic Alliance Preconference!

Thank you for being a member of the Microsoft Dynamics Academic Alliance (DynAA). We are proud to partner with you as you invest time and energy into preparing your students for the work world. As a team, we are looking forward to meeting with all of you March 16th – March 17th prior to Convergence in New Orleans. The Preconference event provides an opportunity to network with faculty members and to share ground-breaking ideas regarding curriculum, research, and technology. During this event we will be making five exciting announcements regarding future opportunities and resources that will be made available to all of our members and we can't wait to get started!

A special thanks to Dr. Huei Lee, Professor, Eastern Michigan University for organizing the presentations for access by the entire DynAA community.

A major focus for the DynAA team revolves around connecting universities with our Microsoft Dynamics partners and customers who are located in their immediate region. A relationship between your university and a local Microsoft Dynamics partner or customer can provide you with a wide array of resources and can provide real world learning experiences for your students. For example, a partner or customer can provide guest lectures, serve on advisory boards, and potentially hire your students for internships and full time employment upon graduation. Please contact us at [dynaa@microsoft.com](mailto:dynaa@microsoft.com) for more information pertaining to Microsoft Dynamics partners and customers in your area. We look forward to helping you establish a valuable relationship with a partner or customer that will enhance your curriculum, related programs, and student opportunities now and into the future.

Warmest regards,

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