

## PMI® Keystone Chapter – Spotlight Series: July 2023 – Project Management Innovation

Hosted at Harrisburg University on June 21 and 22, 2023, the [Project Management Innovation Conference](#) brought together professionals, including members of the PMI® Keystone Chapter Board of Directors, to discuss the future of project management.

### What is the Project Innovation Conference?

“The Project Management Innovation Conference brought ideas and insights from around the globe into the discussion. The hybrid nature of the conference permitted people to attend remotely and provided on-site attendees networking opportunities between sessions and for in-person attendees during lunch breaks. Those in attendance for the event qualified for 12 PMI PDU credits. PMI® Keystone Chapter was a presenting sponsor of the event.” – Cindy Ireland, PMI® Keystone Chapter President

### How did you like the conference?

“The conference was an excellent opportunity for our chapter to network. Seeing our chapter’s name on the big screen and presenting alongside well-known organizations was invigorating.” - Cindy Ireland

“I am looking forward to the recordings of the various sessions and presentations. It is so exciting to hear that some board members presented and participated. It was SO good to meet people IN PERSON!” – Holly Mae Carver, PMI® Keystone Chapter Membership Director

“I had interesting and exciting conversations with our fellow members who were in attendance and with prospective members who came to sign up. Moreover, it was an opportunity for me to return to HU where I taught graduate courses and had the opportunity to chat with the HU President, Eric Darr.” – Alex Rajis, PMI® Keystone Chapter Treasurer

### What were some of the session topics?

- Managing Customer Expectations Through Portfolio Management
- The Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning on Project Success in Industry, Higher Ed
- How Humility Leads to Success
- Lean in Government – Past, Present & Future
- Leading and Managing Transformational Projects
- How Can Project Managers Use Data to Make Smarter Project Decisions

Additional presentations by PMI® Keystone Chapter members:

*Introduction to Scaled Agile Framework enterprise (SAFe)*  
presented by Philip Sedhom



*A Tool for Prioritizing Project Meeting Attendance*  
presented by Robert Roadcap



### What was something new you learned from attending the Project Management Innovation Conference?

“I learned that the complexity concerning the virtue of humility is that people often misunderstand humility as a weakness because it is often conflated with self-deprecation or low self-esteem. Conversely, humility is strength, the ability to see oneself objectively and without ego, the capacity to be honest about one's strengths and weaknesses, which often can translate to success. A leader endowed with humility elevates others without diminishing himself.” – Alex Rajis

### Did you meet any new people while you were there?

“I reconnected with people I'd worked with in the past and met new people.” – Sue Suleski PMI® Keystone Chapter Susquehanna Manager

“I had the opportunity to meet long-time fellow project management professionals who were also present at the conference, either as speakers or attendees. Also, for the first time since the COVID pandemic, I had the opportunity to meet some of our present and past chapter members, Sue Suleski, Holly-Mae Carver, Robert Roadcap, and several other persons; it was refreshing to attend an in-person event for a change.” – Alex Rajis

### Is there anything else you'd like to share with our Chapter Community?

“It is always great to be able to put a face with the name of someone you are working with. Great things happen when you are involved with PMI.” – Sue Suleski

