

DAF LEARNING SYMPOSIUM ORIENTATION



Welcoming & connecting the DAF Force Development community around the implementation of AETC strategy and learning engineering principles.

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PURPOSE

The overarching purpose of this gathering is to build a strong shared vision across the DAF Learning Ecosystem and strategically plan and implement learning engineering to optimize the development of mission ready Airmen for the future fight!

Dr. Wendy Walsh
Chief Learning Officer



VISION

The symposium is designed to build a body of knowledge, enabling a shared vision of:

- 1) The Department of the Air Force learning ecosystem,**
- 2) Effective ways to enable the needed depth and breath of information flow,**
- 3) And effective ways to teach, measure, build, and sustain needed competencies for mission success.**

Each of these three areas provides a focus for a representative group from the DAF learning ecosystem to convene and explore annually. Each topic area will be visited three times over nine plan years.

This plan provides a foundation to support continuous force development transformation. The symposium also provides an environment to explore risk, learn new approaches and perspectives, to imagine the learning environments we need to accelerate, actualizing Airmen!



LEARNING ENGINEERING

DEFINED

Learning Engineering as a sense making framework for USAF learning defined as the systematic application of evidence-based principles, scientific methods, and practices from the learning sciences, education research and systems thinking to produce effective learning outcomes. It is an Airmen-centered design approach enabled by collaborating, interdisciplinary mission threads and measured by competency acquisition to actualize mission readiness.

HOW WE GATHER



The AETC Learning Symposium is an annual three-day event, hosted by the Chief Learning Officer (CLO) of the Air Force, conceptually designed to reveal and grow the Department of the Air Force (DAF) learning ecosystem by creating a welcoming space for sharing, connection, and possibility generation.

This effort focuses on strategic questions and objectives generated by the CLO and the steering committee. It aims to create opportunities for collaboration, alignment, and shared vision in key force development areas. Various facilitation techniques and methodologies are prescribed to provide a guided experience. Insights and data gathered from the symposium are used to produce a comprehensive report to inform key leadership gatherings such as the Gathering of the Torch and Force Development Council.



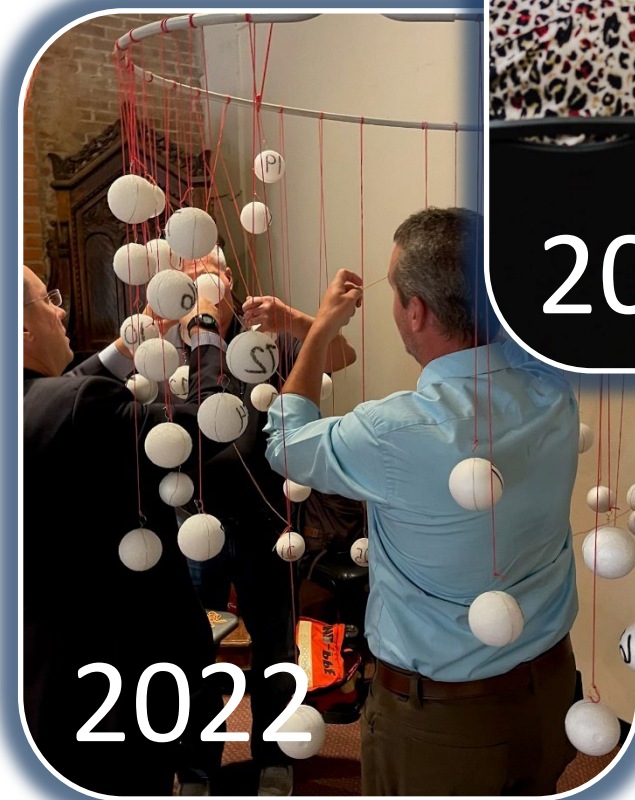
SYMPOSIUM 1

September 27-29, 2022

Radius Center,
San Antonio, Texas

Mapping The Learning Ecosystem

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SYMPOSIUM 2

August 22- 24, 2023

Air University, Teaching & Learning
Center, Maxwell AFB, AL

The Learning Story

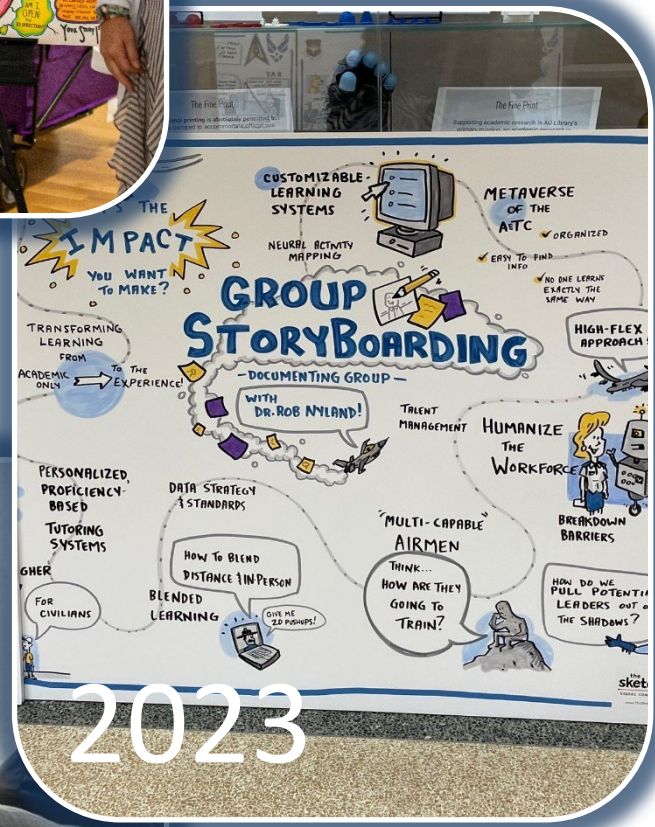
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Past, Present, Future

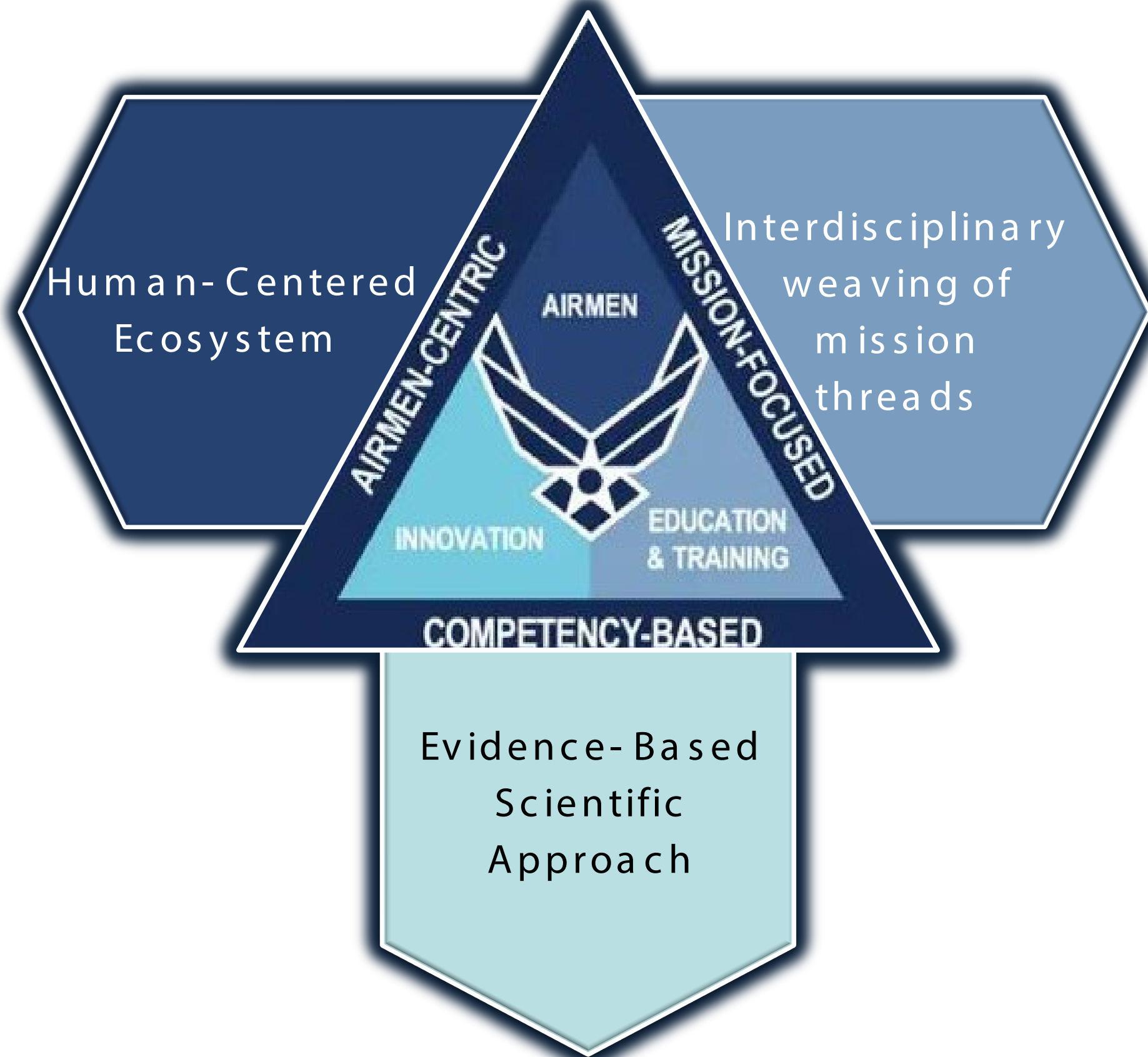
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Writing, Telling, Hearing

[Video](#)

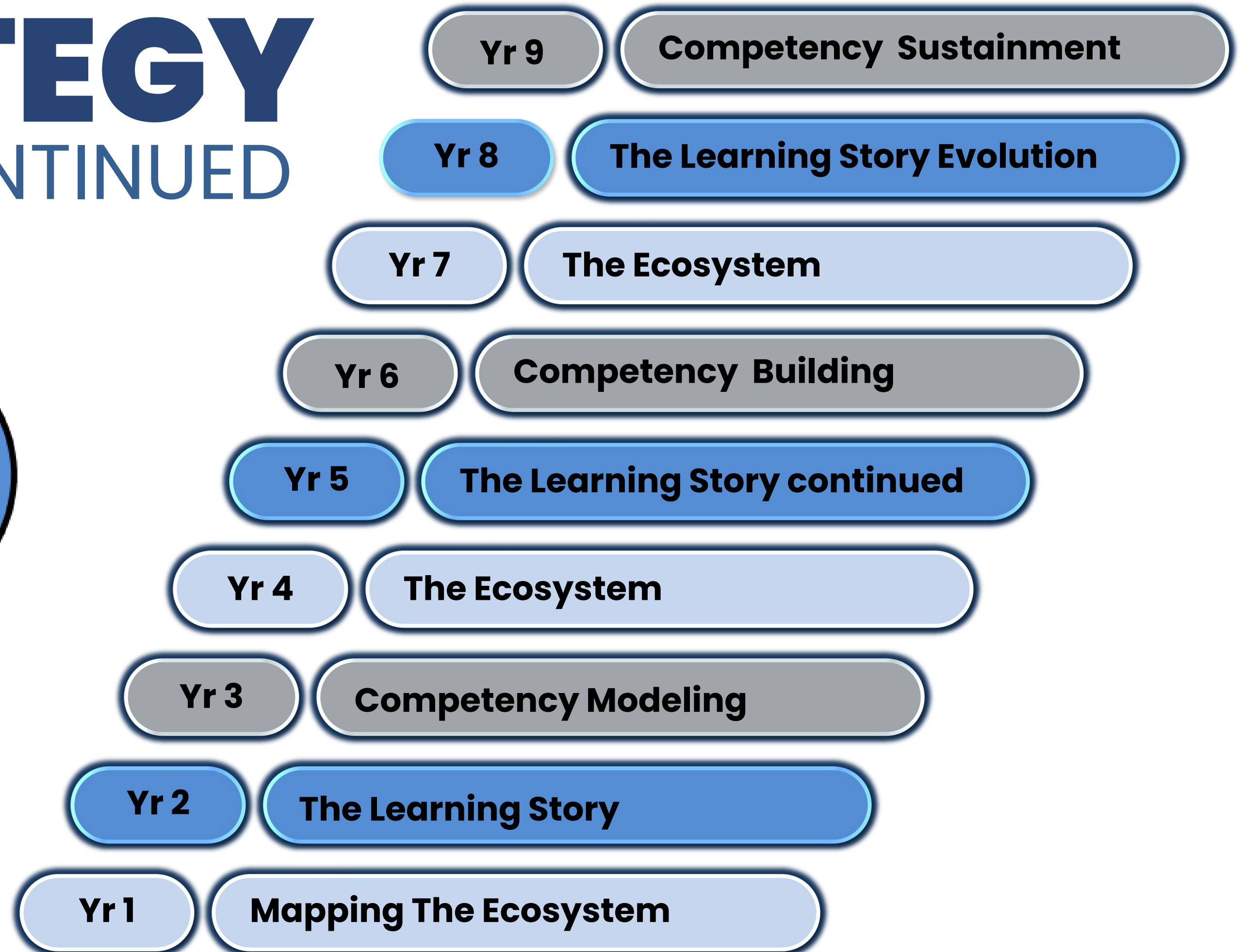


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IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS



Attendance at this event is by direct invitation from a guest list created by the Symposium steering committee. Focus is applied to ensure representation across the AETC enterprise and sphere of influence.



The CLO provides strategic guidance for the overall design architecture of the event. Facilitators are utilized to apply design methodologies throughout planning, development, and implementation.



AGENDA



The three-day agenda is intended to:

SHARE PERSPECTIVES

Create a response framework and data collection methods for the strategic questions and objectives generated by the CLO and the steering committee.

DEEPEN CONNECTIONS

Create opportunities for strategic relationships to be cultivated and nurtured through collaborative-group activities.

EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE

Create alignment and shared vision for key force development focus areas such as competency-based learning implementation, learning engineering, cyber education, technology integration, senior leader education, faculty development, and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

WHAT'S NEXT

April 16-18, 2024
Radius Center
San Antonio TX

Theme: Competency Modeling & Implementation

**Attendance by Direct invitation.

If interested in attending e-mail both of the following POCs:

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