MENDOZA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

FALL SUMMIT · NOVEMBER 11–13, 2026

ND-US Competes

Rebuilding American Industry from the Shop Floor







ABOUT THE PROGRAM

ND-US Competes is a collaboration between the Mendoza College of Business and iNDustry Labs. The program prepares Notre Dame graduate students, especially active-duty service members and veterans, to start, acquire, and grow companies in defense contracting, onshore manufacturing, and other sectors vital to U.S. competitiveness.

FOR INDUSTRY PARTNERS

We strengthen regional manufacturers and defense suppliers through student externships, a peer community of industry partners, and focus groups that put Notre Dame talent to work optimizing your business.

FEATURED KEYNOTE & PANELIST
Thursday · Nov 12

Mr. Patrick Kelleher *ND '88*

Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Materiel Readiness

You're Invited

WEDNESDAY–FRIDAY · UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

WEDNESDAY
November 11

Buy · Build · Compete

Entrepreneurship through Acquisition

3–6 pm · Program · O'Hara Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business
6–7:30 pm · Reception · O'Hara Commons
For ND MBA, EMBA, and ESTEEM students

THURSDAY
November 12

Defense Contracting & Reshoring

Reinvigorating the U.S. industrial base

3–6 pm · Program · Stayer Center, Commons A
6–7:30 pm · Reception · Dahnke Ballroom
For students, faculty, staff, and industry partners
Keynote & panel: Patrick Kelleher '88

FRIDAY
November 13

IDEA Center Demo Day

Pitches, founders panel, and awards

11:45–12:30 pm · Welcome Lunch · IDEA Center
12:30–4 pm · Program · IDEA Center
6:30 pm · After Party · Indiana Whiskey
For students, faculty, staff, and industry partners

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING

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