

National HVACR Educators and Trainers Conference

Translating High Performance to the Future of HVACR



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High-performance has become the latest buzzword in the buildings industry, but what does it really mean and how does it translate to the actual work on the ground? Numerous trends are emerging within the building community that can lead to a fundamental shift in how technicians perform their jobs. New business opportunities are emerging. What do today's student's need to know to compete and to contribute to the widespread realization of high-performance buildings?

Bio:

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