

## Events



### SHARE St. Louis 2018

On August 12-17, more than 1,000 enterprise IT professionals from all aspects of the industry and experience levels gathered at the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis for five days of technical sessions, networking opportunities, groundbreaking keynote presentations and plenty of hoopla. Attendees discovered new solutions and product offerings, including the open source project Zowe, and enjoyed sessions focused on Pervasive Encryption, IBM Z, Data Privacy and Cloud Technology. From networking in the SHARE Technology Exchange Expo to mingling at the St. Louis Cardinal's Ballpark Village, attendees had a range of opportunities to connect with each other throughout the week. The excitement in St. Louis even led our event hashtag to trend on Twitter!

#### Our Week at SHARE St. ...



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View the SHARE St. Louis Technical Agenda (<https://events.share.org/Summer2018/Public/sessions.aspx>)

**Read on for more highlights from SHARE St. Louis.**

### Keynote Highlights

On Monday, August 13, attendees were treated to an unforgettable keynote presentation focused on using improvisational skills to enhance team culture and drive performance excellence. The Panic Squad's Andrew Bright and Elijah Tadema, a group that uses improv comedy to teach key elements of teamwork and leadership, showed the audience how using the "Yes, And" method can have amazing effects on your role as a team member and your overall professional development. By combining improv comedy and inspirational teaching, the Panic Squad had the audience laughing and learning as they discovered how "Yes, And" affects their professional environments.



Youniss — the unveiling of Zowe, the first open-source project based on z/OS, launched by the Open Mainframe Project. To further discuss Zowe and the future of mainframe technology, the executives were joined by new-tenure mainframers who provided key insight into the next generation of developers and architects. Panelist Thek Pel noted that with the

announcement of Zowe, "this is an exciting time for others to come play on the mainframe playground." The panelists also gave some insightful advice about transitioning the new generation into the industry — such as the importance of engaging talent once they're hired, creating clear hiring messages to better explain roles, and painting a whole picture to new hires rather than going straight to the code.



## Event Highlights

# SHARE ACADEMIC

On Tuesday and Wednesday, students participated in the SHARE Academic Student Career Days to build technical knowledge through hands-on experience and make valuable connections with seasoned industry professionals. Students tackled the Master the Mainframe Hack-a-thon, collaborative IBM Z Escape Room experiences that explored the many facets of security on IBM Z, and the Compuware Bug Hunt Challenge. Congratulations to Mark Willette, the winner of the Bug Hunt Challenge, and the IBM Z Escape Room MVP, Christopher Radcliffe!



Students were also able to participate in interviews with mainframe professionals and hear from new-tenure mainframers and employers during panel discussions, where they learned about the job market and entering the enterprise IT industry. Mohammed Kokan, a participating student and winner of the Master the Mainframe Challenge, was surprised to learn that there are plenty of opportunities to find work in the mainframe. At the Student Career Days, he said, "there was a whole bunch of information about interacting with the mainframe, there's the Master the Mainframe Challenge, that was interesting to at least interact with an old command system. I just found it very interesting and I was fully engrossed the whole time I've been here."

## SHARE Welcomes New Board Members

On Wednesday, Installation Representatives or their proxies participated in SHARE's annual election to choose four Officers and two Directors to serve in the 2018-2020 term. View SHARE's Board of Directors ([page/leadership](#)).

## SHARE Recognizes

### Best Session Awards

SHARE is proud to consistently feature a variety of technical sessions from users and experts across the globe. In recognition of their exemplary presentations, SHARE congratulates the following session presenters, and their organizations, for receiving the highest attendee ratings from SHARE Sacramento, held in March 2018.

### Best of the Best Session Winners – Sacramento 2018

#### *User Session*

Enterprise-wide Program

22375: Meet the Future of Z!

Speakers: Kyle Beausoleil, Andrew Hicks, Nicholas Marion, Luisa Martinez, Jessica Muszynski, Bryant Panyarachun, Theak Pel, and Christy Schroeder

Project Manager: Warren Harper

#### *IBM Session*

Enterprise Data Center Program

22020: Understanding z/OS Communication Server Storage Usage

Speaker: Michael Fitzpatrick

Project Manager: Angela Schmitz

Enterprise Data Center Program

Lab: TCP/IP Stack Configuration with Configuration Assistant for z/OS V2R3 CS, Part 1 of 2

Speaker: Mike Fox

Project Manager: Angela Schmitz

### **Vendor Session**

Enterprise Data Center Program

22444: The Dark Web: What's All the Fuss?

Speaker: Mark Wilson

Project Manager: Carla Flores

### **Best Session Winners – Sacramento 2018**

#### **Application Architecture Development Program**

##### *User Session*

22463: Embracing Java on z Systems at USAA: User Experience

Speakers: Iris Baron and Keith Wilson

Project Manager: Ray Mullins, LE & Programming Languages

##### *IBM Session*

22171: The New CICS Asynchronous API

Speaker: Anthony Papageorgiou

Project Manager: Glenn Schneck, CICS Project

##### *VEND Session*

22166: Mainframe IDE Shootout

Speakers: Bill Alexander, Brian Jagos, Jim Liebert, Rosalind Radcliffe, and Bob Schoppert

Project Manager: Dennis Pherigo, ADI Project

#### **Enterprise Data Center Program**

##### *User Session*

22483: Live: Pervasive Encryption - How Do I Make It Happen?

Speaker: Greg Boyd

Project Manager: Carla Flores, SEC Project

#### **Enterprise-wide Program**

##### *IBM Session*

22623: DevOps for the Enterprise

Speaker: Rosalind Radcliffe

Project Manager: Jerry Edgington, DevOps in the Enterprise

##### *VEND Session*

22561: CLIs and Developers – the Secret Sauce to a Brighter Mainframe

Speaker: Sujay Solomon

Project Manager: Warren Harper, zNextGen

#### **Information Management Program**

##### *User Session*

22346: User Experience: Vantiv Shares Tips and Techniques for Monitoring and Tuning Db2 for z/OS CF Structures

Speaker: Lethika Panicker

Project Manager: Dan Ruehl, Database

##### *IBM Session*

22122: b2 for z/OS V12 Migrations, Function Levels and Continuous Delivery

Speaker: John Lyle

Project Manager: Dan Ruehl, Database

### *VEND Session*

21879: IMS Administration Tool V1.1 – The Cockpit for Today's IMS DBA

Speaker: Joe Sacco

Project Manager: Christian Koeppen, IMS

### **Linux & VM Program**

#### *USER Session*

22142: Automating State of California Office of Technology Services (OTech) Virtual Server Environment

Speaker: Paul Vincent

Project Manager: Rich Smrcina, VM

#### *IBM Session*

22115: z/VM Platform Update

Speaker: Bill Bitner

Project Manager: Rich Smrcina, VM

### *VEND Session*

22050: Ubuntu for IBM Z and LinuxONE - Status Update

Speaker: Ivan Dobos

Project Manager: Mark Post, Linux

### **MVS Program**

#### *USER Session*

22626: Real Story of a Data Center Migration from a Performance Perspective - User Experience

Speakers: Alper Isik, Ahmet Alper Tecimer and Meral Temel

Project Manager: Meral Temel, MVS Performance

#### *IBM Session*

22182: Catalog Best Practices

Speaker: Frank McCune

Project Manager: Russell Witt, MVS Storage Management

### *VEND Session*

22245: Using Hitachi Mainframe Recovery Manager to Reduce Risk and Simplify Your Disaster Recovery

Speaker: John Varendorff

Project Manager: Russell Witt, MVS Storage Management

### **Year-Round RAVE**

SHARE wouldn't be what it is without high-value input from many dedicated individuals. The RAVE (Recognize a Valiant Effort) Award recognizes the extra efforts of SHARE attendees who enhance the overall educational experience. Anyone who participates in SHARE can nominate another participant for their assistance.

RAVE is meant to recognize efforts over and beyond the norm. If you feel someone has exceeded the already high quality of networking, assistance, support and presentations available for SHARE members, then RAVE is your vehicle to celebrate and reward that effort!

All SHARE Members can nominate SHARE participants for the award. Nominees will be notified quarterly. A letter will be sent to the SHARE member's manager as well as to the nominee, who will also receive the RAVE pin. All RAVE recipients will be recognized in *interactions*. RAVEs will continue to be awarded at all SHARE conferences.

Submit your RAVE nomination by clicking [here](#) (raves).

### **RAVE Award Winners**

#### **Dan Martin (Rocket Software)**

***Nominated by Ray Mullins (Trident Services, Inc.)***

For having the brilliant idea of obtaining some joke ribbons for us volunteers to wear (and make it look like we are doing even more than we can handle). They are fun and have helped engage conversations between volunteers seeing which ribbons people are wearing. Some of them are eerily accurate!

**James Willette (Sunrise e-Services)**

***Nominated by Angela Schmitz (AS Communityfilm Consultant Services)***

For agreeing to help out the CS project and chair a session.

**Robert Andresen (CA Technologies)**

***Nominated by Dan Ruehl (Delta)***

For administering the Database project this week and ensuring another complete success.

**John Wright (Dell EMC)**

***Nominated by Brian Kithcart (Rocket Software)***

For exceptionally handling his new responsibilities as SAN/Disk/Tape Project Manager and chairing all of the SAN/Disk/Tape sessions.

**Paul Robichaux (NewEra Software)**

***Nominated by Carla Flores (CA Technologies)***

For always stepping up with NewEra to help out where needed, and printing our grids and certificates.

**Greg Boyd (Mainframe Crypto)**

***Nominated by Carla Flores (CA Technologies)***

For continuing to educate the next generation on Crypto!

**Richard Faulhaber (NewEra Software)**

***Nominated by Carla Flores (CA Technologies)***

For being willing to take on any task onsite to assist the Project Manager and Security Project.

**Rose Sakach (CA Technologies)**

***Nominated by Carla Flores (CA Technologies)***

For stepping up to chair a number of DevOps sessions when several DevOps Project Officers were unable to attend SHARE St. Louis.

**Volunteer Spotlight**

**Cheryl Watson – MVS Program & SHARE Requirements**

Cheryl Watson has been a foundational fixture at SHARE for—how long? She is earning her 40-year pin in St. Louis as a testament to her long-time volunteer activism. These pins are not awarded for mere “participation.” They symbolize hard work and achievement on behalf of SHARE’s common goals. Cheryl’s volunteer involvement over the years includes, but is not limited to, her time with the Computer Measurement and Evaluation Project, the Enterprise-wide Capacity and Performance Project, the MVS Core Technologies Project, and of course, her leadership of SHARE Requirements. Cheryl has finally resolved to step away from her various roles here, leaving many gaps for us to fill. We wish her the very best in her next ventures. If we get lucky, Cheryl may run over yet again, and give us a few more moments than we are truly entitled to.

*[Written by Skip Robinson]*

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**Thank You to Our Volunteers**

SHARE St. Louis would not be possible without the countless hours of support from volunteers. A special thanks to all SHARE Project Managers who act as the guiding light for the event's technical program. They help put together a program full of compelling content based on attendee interests and feedback.

To learn how you can volunteer with SHARE, visit [www.SHARE.org/volunteeropportunities](http://www.SHARE.org/volunteeropportunities) (volunteeropportunities).

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## Passport to Prizes Winners

Thank you again to our Passport to Prizes sponsors for giving away amazing prizes and congratulations to all the winners!

### **ASG Technologies**

Sudhir Adhikari

### **BMC**

Joe LaGreek

### **CA Technologies, Inc.**

Robert DeZerga

### **CorreLog**

Tim Henness

### **Dell EMC**

Ruban Jumar Arunachalan

### **Enterprise Performance Strategies**

Steven Johnson

### **Enterprise Systems Media**

Alex Saenz

### **FlyNet**

Wagner Fujita

### **Hitachi Vantara**

Leland Crenshaw

### **IBM**

Barry Higginbotham

### **IN-COM Data Systems**

Rich Sickler

### **Innovation Data Processing**

Cranston Skelton

### **IntelliMagic**

Nick Calvaruso

### **Luminex**

Bill McCormick

### **Micro Focus**

Jurgen Lagunilla

### **New Era**

Christine Pugnet

### **Optica Technologies Inc.**

Darrel Schumm

### **Recovery Point Systems**

Ronnie Knight

### **Rocket Software**

Tim Choina

### **RSD**

Robbie Rhodes

### **Software Diversified Services**

Johnny Barron

### **SUSE**

Pamela Liberty

### **Syncsort**

Sandy Nance

### **Trident Services**

Chuck Kreiter

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## Save the Date for SHARE Phoenix 2019

### **SHARE Phoenix**

Phoenix Convention Center

Phoenix, AZ

March 10-15, 2019

Join us for SHARE Phoenix (<https://event.share.org/>) to take advantage of professional development opportunities and the best in enterprise IT content, including high-quality, user-driven educational sessions, access to industry leaders, new innovations and peer-to-peer networking events.

# SHARE Phoenix 2019



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