



## PMI Dallas News & Updates | March 2026

### From the President | Kimia Penton

Dear PMI Dallas Members and Friends,

As we continue to build momentum in this exciting season for our chapter, I want to extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to all of our new members. We are truly honored to have you join the PMI Dallas community. Your decision to invest in your professional growth strengthens not only your own journey but the collective excellence of our chapter.

I would also like to congratulate the many members who have recently earned new PMI certifications. Your dedication, discipline, and commitment to mastery exemplify the very best of the project management profession. These milestones are not easy to achieve, and each certification earned elevates the capability and credibility of our entire community. We celebrate you.



Our February Dinner Meeting was another strong reflection of the engagement and energy that make PMI Dallas so special. Attendance was outstanding, and the room was filled with meaningful connections and thoughtful dialogue. We were especially privileged to host Elizabeth Mahusay, CPC, whose impactful presentation on confidence resonated deeply with our members. Her message was both timely and powerful.

As project managers, confidence is not just a personal attribute—it is a professional capability. Confidence is the quiet authority that enables project managers to navigate uncertainty, influence stakeholders, and lead with clarity when the path forward is not yet fully visible.

One of the most compelling insights from Elizabeth's session was the importance of our self-narrative. The stories we tell ourselves shape how we show up in moments that matter. When our internal narrative is grounded in capability, preparation, and purpose, our external leadership presence strengthens naturally. Confidence is not about perfection; it is about trusting our preparation, our judgment, and our ability to adapt.

In our daily roles, the impact of confidence is profound. It affects how we facilitate difficult conversations, how we make decisions under pressure, how we recover from setbacks, and how we inspire our teams. When project managers lead with grounded confidence, projects move forward with greater alignment, stakeholders experience greater trust, and teams perform with greater cohesion.

As we look ahead, we are approaching the spring season with exciting plans underway. Our volunteers and board are actively preparing a robust calendar of programs, networking opportunities, and professional development events designed to serve you well. Please keep an eye on our upcoming calendar—we look forward to continuing to learn, connect, and grow together.

Thank you for your continued engagement and for being such an essential part of the PMI Dallas community.

With appreciation,

**Kimia Penton, President, PMI Dallas Chapter**

## Monthly Dinner Meeting: March 12, 2026

### *How can AI free up your time?*

**Meet Our Dinner Meeting Speaker: Lola Adey**  
***Harness AI to Reclaim Your Time.***

Lola is an AI consultant, an Amazon bestselling author, and the founder of VibeCode Africa and PIPA. She helps leaders and organizations harness AI to automate repetitive tasks, streamline workflows, and focus on high-value strategic work. Drawing on nearly 10 years of project and portfolio management experience at GM Financial and Lockheed Martin, she blends practical execution with strategic insight.



#### Session Highlight

AI in Action | Reclaim Time and Boost Leadership Impact

March 12, 2026 | 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
Brookhaven Country Club | 3333 Golfing Green Dr  
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

[Attend the Dinner Meeting](#)

## Plano Breakfast Meeting: March 14, 2026

### *AI Unlocked: What's Beyond ChatGPT*

**Speaker:** Archana Choudhary, Vice President, Deutsche Bank  
**The Generative AI Revolution: Beyond ChatGPT**



AI is no longer just about chatbots and text prompts; it's transforming how we work, innovate, and make decisions across industries. Join us for an engaging and insightful session exploring what lies ahead in the generative AI era and how individuals and organizations can prepare for an intelligent future shaped by human imagination amplified by AI.

This session goes beyond ChatGPT's familiar capabilities to explore the broader revolution underway, where AI agents, autonomous workflows, domain-specific models, and human-AI collaboration are redefining business and society.

**March 14, 2026**  
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
**Marriott Courtyard Plano at Legacy Park**  
6840 North Dallas Parkway  
Plano, TX 75024

[Register Now](#)

## Voices from the Table: Takeaways from February Dinner Speaker



Last month, we welcomed Dinner Speaker Elizabeth Mahusay, CPC, whose session **"Build Confidence | Building Bold Belief in Every Season,"** challenged us to rethink confidence at every stage of leadership. Dinner attendees shared powerful reflections, here's what resonated most with our community.

Elizabeth was a great motivator, and the whole room was fully engaged and participating. My biggest takeaway was that how you start your day sets the tone for your confidence, and I appreciated the simple, practical steps she shared like choosing a daily affirmation, practicing one skill for 15 minutes, and taking courageous action. I plan to be more intentional with my mornings and add a quick reflection at the end of the day to stay focused and confident! ~Shallesh H.

When one thinks of confidence, they may think that some people already have it or they don't. Sure, some can Fake It until they Make it. However, that is not truly where confidence comes from. It comes from the Courage to Act. When you have taken the steps and performed an action, you then look back and see how far you have come. That is what gives you the confidence. Your thoughts also play a very key role in the path towards confidence. If you aren't happy with where you are now, you need to go back and revisit and adjust your mindset. ~Sapna S.

## Corporate Ambassadors Meeting April 4, 2026 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join the PMI Dallas Corporate Ambassador Program and help strengthen connections between PMI Dallas and organizations across North Texas.

Benefits of Becoming a Corporate Ambassador:

- Enhance your brand as a leader and change champion
- Receive support to deepen your leadership skills and project management expertise
- Serve as your organization's voice within PMI Dallas
- Gain valuable networking and collaboration experience



This free virtual meeting features a facilitated discussion with fellow project management professionals and offers 1.5 Strategic and Business Management PDUs. The PDU code will be provided during the meeting.

**April 4, 2026**  
**9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**  
**Virtual | Zoom**  
Questions? Contact [CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org](mailto:CorpAmbassador@pmidallas.org)

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## Career Connect 2026 March 19, 2026 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Looking to connect with emerging talent and shape the next generation of professionals? Join Career Connect 2026, hosted by the DBU PMI Student Organization at Dallas Baptist University and sponsored by the PMI Dallas Applied PM Team.

Whether you're hiring in project management, tech, business, operations, or leadership, this event is your chance to engage top early talent and strengthen the DFW workforce pipeline.

March 19, 2026  
 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
 Dallas Baptist University

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## Volunteer Spotlight: March 2026



PMI Dallas proudly celebrates Jaime Chivara Moreno, ,PMP, CSM | MBA Our March 2026 Volunteer of the Month!

Jaime joined PMI Dallas in 2023 as a Think Tank Leader and has transformed the program into a must-attend monthly event. Through thoughtful preparation and dynamic facilitation, he sparks innovation-focused discussions on AI, automation, and value delivery in project management.

He also designed the popular "Project Success Through Value, Simplicity, and Improvement" sessions, fostering collaboration among 100+ members and driving lively idea-sharing on leadership, technology, and emerging PM trends. Jaime's leadership and energy continue to make a meaningful impact on the chapter community.

[Read More](#)

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## Member Moments: March 2026 Celebrating Journeys That Inspire



**From Projects to Impact: Veenu's Leadership Journey**

Veenu Kamboj, CSPO, is an emerging product leader with 11+ years in IT and is pursuing her Master's in IT & Management at Dallas Baptist University. As President of DBU's PMI Student Organization, affiliated with PMI Dallas, she sharpens her focus on purpose, value, and growth.

**Lessons that shaped Veenu's leadership:**

- Impact over output: Success is measured by the value you create, not just tasks completed.
- Lead with why: Clear purpose drives smarter decisions and stronger results.
- Grow beyond comfort: Real progress begins when you challenge the familiar.
- Build trust daily: True leadership comes from credibility and relationships, not titles.
- Lean into community: The right network accelerates learning, confidence, and transformation.

**Closing Thought:**

Being part of PMI Dallas and serving in a student leadership role has shown me the power of community. Learning from mentors and peers has strengthened my confidence and shaped the leader I aspire to be.

Connect with Veenu on [LinkedIn](#)

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### What No One Tells You About Leading at the Next Level

Hazel-Ann McLean is an author, keynote speaker, and executive mentor who helps women and organizations build future-ready leaders. She empowers leaders to drive impact through resilience, innovation, and intentional growth. A trailblazing leadership expert, Hazel inspires confidence and transformation at every level.



**For project leaders ready for more:**

- Lonely at the top: As authority grows, safe spaces to think, test ideas, or admit uncertainty often disappear.
- Doubt is normal: High performers still wrestle with clarity; effective leaders create trusted spaces before high-stakes decisions.
- Leadership is relational: Influence thrives through aligned peers, thought partners, and honest advisors. Build your circle intentionally.

**Closing Thought**

Many women in leadership are quietly burnt out, not from lack of ability, but from navigating complex terrain without support. Hazel is building a community for women ready to lead from strength. Stop shrinking to fit.

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## Virtual Lunch and Learn March 27, 2026

**Meet Our Speaker: Muhammad Mirza**



### Management Leadership for Economic Innovation

In today's rapidly shifting business landscape, project management leadership is being tested like never before. Markets evolve quickly. Technology accelerates transformation. Organizations must adapt or risk falling behind.

Join us for an energizing Lunch and Learn session that previews the upcoming Leadership for Economic Innovation Summit in Houston.

Our Speaker is the author of a four-volume series on project management and leadership challenges and a contributor to PMI global standards, including OPM3 and the Construction Extension.

Secure your free seat now and be part of the conversation shaping the future of leadership and economic innovation.

Date: March 27, 2026  
Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Format: Virtual | Zoom

[Secure your seat](#)

## PMI Dallas Virtual Toastmasters Meeting March 21, 9:00 - 11:00 am

PMI Dallas Toastmasters invites you to join our March Virtual Toastmasters Meeting, designed to help you become a more confident and effective communicator. Whether you're delivering prepared presentations or navigating impromptu conversations, this interactive session will help you sharpen your speaking and leadership skills in a supportive environment.



📅 March 21, 2026  
🕒 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM (CT)  
📍 Virtual | Zoom Conference  
💰 Free Event | Earn 2 PDUs

Meeting registration closes at 5 pm. The Zoom link will be sent to those who have registered by 7 pm.

**Build confidence, sharpen your public speaking skills, and inspire others!**

[Register Here](#)

## Doctoral Research Survey: Shape the Future of Leadership in the Digital Era

A doctoral researcher from Louisiana State University Shreveport (LSU Shreveport) invites you to participate in a 10–15-minute survey exploring how leadership and team dynamics influence cybersecurity behavior and resilience in IT projects.

Your insights can help shape the future of leadership in the digital age and contribute valuable findings to the global project management community.

[Take the Survey](#)

## PMWJ Book Review – February 2026



### AI Meets Agile: Transforming the Way We Work

Book Review by Archana Choudhary

Highlights of this book:

The book reframes Agile not as a delivery method but as a strategic enabler for AI innovation. As a Project Management professional, I found the book a value addition as it emphasizes on how AI is supercharging Agile ceremonies. It introduces a practical and comparative view of Kanban, SAFe, and Lean through AI lens.



[Read the Review](#)

### Leadership Fundamentals

Book Review by John Boyd Campbell, Jr.

Highlights of this book: This book is a must-read for new leaders ready to grow. It shows why emotional intelligence is a core leadership skill and provides practical tools to build self-awareness, empathy, and trust. Leaders who master these skills create high-performing teams that thrive under pressure and deliver their best work.



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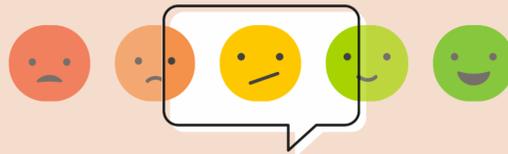
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