



Association for Supply Chain Management

Colorado Chapter News FEBRUARY 2026

Advancing Productivity, Innovation and Competitive Success

ASCM Colorado In Person and Virtual PDM February 11th at **5:30 pm (MT)**



Topic: Sales and Operations Planning

Speaker: Lindsay Vollmar

Location: Marriott West
1717 Denver West Blvd
Golden, CO 80401

If you are attending virtual, a link will be emailed to you on 02/10/2026

The Progressive Drawing now stands at
\$200.

You must be an ASCM Colorado member and be present to be a potential winner.

Schedule

5:30---Networking and refreshments
6:15---Dinner
7:00---Speaker

Fees:

Students: \$10
Members: \$35
Non Members: \$45
Virtual is Free
\$10 discount if register by 2/5/2026

Buffet Dinner

Appetizer:

Honey Baked Brie

Salad:

Caesar salad or
Pear & walnut salad

Entrée:

Grilled Flat Iron Steak or
Atlantic Salmon or
Baked Squash and
Quinoa

Sides

Sweet potatoes with
whiskey and brown
butter
Brussel sprouts with
orange maple glaze

Dessert:

Mini sweet bites

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S&OP in High-Change Environments: "Planning When the Product Won't Sit Still"

- How frequent product and design changes create hidden demand, capacity, and supply constraints
- Why engineering change is a major disruptor to forecast accuracy, capacity plans, and customer commitments
- Where traditional S&OP assumptions break down in high-change environments
- Practical ways to integrate engineering, product, and operations into S&OP without slowing innovation
- Lessons from high-growth companies on balancing speed, flexibility, and execution reliability

Presenter

Lindsay Vollmar is a supply chain and operations leader with 13+ years of experience supporting high-growth organizations (ex. SpaceX, Rivian) where products, priorities, and plans are constantly evolving. She has led S&OP and planning efforts in environments marked by rapid design change, aggressive ramps, and real customer commitments. Lindsay brings a practitioner's perspective to the challenges traditional S&OP faces in high-change environments, sharing real-world lessons and practical approaches for aligning engineering, operations, and commercial teams without slowing innovation.

Register by 02/08/2026 at:

<https://apicscolorado.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=240>

Register Today!

Please register by 02/08/26 Register by clicking the link on this page.

You can also register by responding to your e-mail invitation Or

By calling Colorado ASCM at (303) 421-0797 or on our website at:

www.colorado.ascm.org

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Coach's Corner

Happy February 2026! I hope that you set some supply chain goals for yourself for this year. I have to set goals, otherwise I spend more time thinking that I should get something done, than it takes to get it done. Take a look, set some goals to improve your supply chain knowledge, take a look at attending a PDM, networking session, tour or one of our courses!

On February 11 we have an in-person and virtual PDM focused on Sales and Operations Planning for supply chain professionals. See details on the front page of this newsletter. We have a virtual PDM with student speakers from local universities in March, we are looking for a tour in April (please let us know if you would like to host a tour). We are planning a Grand in-person and virtual PDM in May with a presentation on AI in the supply chain and then close our year with a Networking session in June. I hope that you can all attend several of these events.

Our Spring CPIM, CSCP, and S&OP classes begin in February and March 2026 and continue until June. People are still asking for online virtual courses so that is what we have planned. **Please let us know if you would like to have an in-person course at your company.** Please see the education sections later in this newsletter.

In January we attended a Colorado Board or Directors Dinner at the Candlelight Dinner Theater in Johnstown, Colorado, Fun was had by one and all! This dinner was a thank you to our BOD's who work countless hours to manage this chapter as volunteers.

Our ASCM Fiscal year is already more than 1/2 over so in the coming months we will be looking to elect our 2026-2027 BOD's. Among other positions, we still need a Programs Vice President to coordinate a great team planning and executing our Dinner Meetings and Tours. Please let me know if you have any interest in helping manage our chapter.

I hope to "see" you at an ASCM Colorado Chapter in person or virtual event in 2026! Thank you for being part of our Colorado Chapter. Please let me know if you have questions or need something from the Chapter.

Roger W. Harris

Roger Harris, CFPIM, CIRM, C.P.M., PMP, CSCP, CPSM, CLTD, CTSC
President & Coach, Colorado ASCM / APICS Chapter

"If you're bored with life - you don't get up every morning with a burning desire to do things - you don't have enough goals."
Lou Holtz, Former Notre Dame Football Coach.



Education News



Wow, we are already a month into 2026! Folks are hitting the ground running early in this new year. That includes your Colorado ASCM Chapter!

You will find the schedule for upcoming public Spring 2026 course offerings in this newsletter.

We are pleased to offer our **Sales & Operations Planning** course again this spring. See the details in this newsletter for the March 2026 schedule.

The Colorado Chapter has the following certification courses scheduled for this spring: **CPIM Introduction** will begin in February, with the **CPIM** and **CSCP** programs beginning in March and the **CLTD** and **CTSC** courses are scheduled for a May start.

ASCM HQ has increased prices for the certification products this year, however you will see that our Chapter has not increased our rates to the Spring courses.

We are pleased that we were able to congratulate several new CPIM and CSCP certified professionals at our professional development meetings last year! It is one of the highlights of my position as VP of Education, to recognize the hard work and effort folks invest in their certification journey. Be sure to attend a monthly professional development meeting and be acknowledged for achievement of your CPIM, CSCP or CLTD certification. I look forward to presenting you with your certification lapel pin and a \$100 reward!

If it is time to renew your individual ASCM membership, please remember that the APICS **'Certification Upgrade'** level membership is required and provides education, certification course and exam discounts.

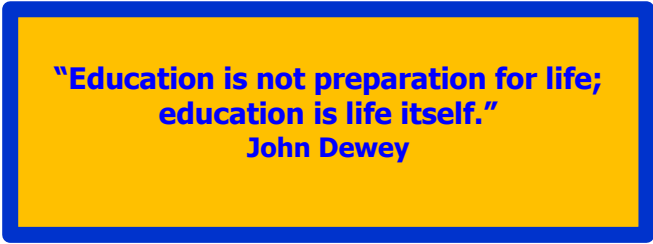
We know that public course schedules may not meet every organization's needs. If it is better for you and your company to hold private classes, please contact me to discuss the options for privately held courses.

As always, if you or anyone you know have questions on APICS Education please contact me.

Best Regards,

Honey Johnson

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VP of Education, Past-President
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Pricing & Registration

Register early! Classes fill quickly and may be canceled if enrollment is low. Saturday classes run 8 hours plus 1 hour for lunch.

📞 Questions? Contact Honey Johnson at (303) 421-0797 or hjohnson@mss-technologies.com


Registration Options

- **Online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>
- **Email:** Honey Johnson – apicsco81@aol.com
- **Phone:** (303) 421-0797
- **Mail:** Director of Materials C/O APICS P.O. Box 40242 Denver, CO 80204-0242

💳 Pay by Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover, or check payable to APICS Colorado Chapter.

Course Pricing

Program	Members*	Non-Members	Format
CPIM Full Program (Intro + CPIM + Books/Test/e-learn)	\$3,355	\$3,655	In-Person
CPIM Introduction (Non-Certification)	\$1,300	\$1,600	In-Person
CPIM (Books/Test/e-learn)	\$2,305	\$2,455	In-Person
CSCP Program	\$3,010	\$3,310	Online
CLTD Program	\$2,745	\$3,045	Online
CTSC Program	\$2,700	\$3,000	Online
S&OP Program	\$380	\$480	Online

*ASCM Certification-level Membership Required  Exam/workbook expenses included for CPIM, CSCP, CLTD, CTSC

CLASS REGISTRATION FORM:

NAME: (as on Drivers Lic.): _____

PHONE: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS _____

ASCM MEMBER: YES NO Membership # _____

E-Mail _____

Course: _____

Day of Week: _____

Location: _____

Cost \$ _____

Register online or fill out this form and e-mail it to: Honey Johnson at apicsco81@aol.com at least two weeks before the first class.

Account # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV# _____

Signature _____



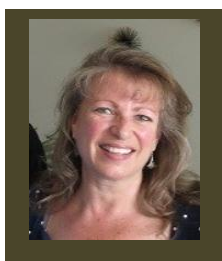
📅 Spring 2026 Class Schedule

Course	Instructor(s)	Format	Dates	Time
CPIM Introduction	R. Harris / H. Johnson	In-Person (Lakewood, CO)	Feb 14 & 28	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
CPIM (MPR/DSP/ECO/ SMR)	R. Harris / H. Johnson	In-Person (Lakewood, CO)	Mar 21 & 28 Apr 11 & 18 May 9 & 16 Jun 13 & 20	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
CSCP	Abeyta / Grigg / Johnson	Online	Mar 14 & 28 Apr 11 & 25 May 2	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
CLTD	Johnson / Abeyta / Grigg / Harris	Online	May 9, 16, 23 Jun 6, 13, 20	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
CTSC	J. McQuie	Online	May 16, 23 Jun 6	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
S&OP	B. Abeyta	Online	Mar 10, 17, 24, 31	5:30 PM – 7:30 PM MT

ASCM Colorado is the Leader in Supply Chain Education
Our experienced, certified instructors provide a an engaging and learning experience.



Roger Harris,
CFPIM, CIRM,
C.P.M, PMP,
CSCP, CPSM,
CLTD, CTSC
Certified
Instructor



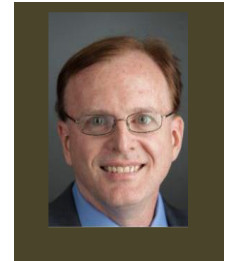
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Joe Grigg,
CSCP, CLTD,
CPIM
Certified
Instructor



Jerry McQuie,
CSCP, CPIM,
CTSC
Certified
Instructor



CPIM - Certified in Planning and Inventory Management

CPIM

Certified in Planning and Inventory Management-

Become a candidate of choice by demonstrating your ability to handle demand variation, risk and disruption.



"The value of this Colorado ASCM Chapter CPIM class cannot be overstated. The time, effort and experience that are brought to the class by the instructors brings the material together in a way that is easy to understand and apply and most importantly, commit to memory. The Saturday class was well worth the time investment and that time was respected with a full and fruitful agenda that made the most of it. I highly recommend this class!" **Stephanie Hensley**

**Distribution Coordinator III
MKS Instruments**

Is the CPIM program right for you?

Resilience and agility are what make supply chains thrive. By earning the APICS Certified in Planning and Inventory Management (CPIM) designation, you'll develop competencies to successfully work across all functions of the supply chain. In addition, you'll have the knowledge to effectively manage risks and disruptions, as well as leverage technology to streamline processes.

CPIM content covers the following key topics:

- Supply Chains and Strategy
- Sales and Operations Planning
- Demand
- Supply
- Detailed Schedules
- Inventory
- Distribution
- Quality, Technology and Continuous Improvement



Certified in Planning and Inventory Management Program Highlights

- Includes CPIM Introduction + CPIM Certification
- One-time fee covers all materials, exam credit, and e-learning
- **Cost:** \$3,355 (Members), \$3,655 (Non-Members)
- **Location:** MSS Technologies, Lakewood, CO
- **Dates:** Feb 14 & 28, Mar 21 & 28, Apr 11 & 18, May 9 & 16, Jun 13 & 20, 2026
- **Time:** Saturdays, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM MT
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>

Minimum 12 students required. Classes will not be canceled once scheduled.



CSCP – Certified Supply Chain Professional

CSCP

Certified Supply Chain

Professional-Gain far-reaching supply chain knowledge to advance your career as you lead the way to superior supply networks.



"Thank you for excellent pace and use of time Well delivered Good subject knowledge. The course was presented in a professional way with opportunity to discuss the scenarios within our working environment. A lot of information to fit into 1 day although all very relevant. I really enjoyed the course. The course met all of my expectations.

Natalija Farhad
Assistant Supply Chain Planner
CooperVision UK

Is the CSCP program right for you?

Now more than ever before, supply chain is essential for businesses to run, consumers to get the goods they need and society to function. APICS Certified Supply Chain Certification (CSCP) is the playbook you need to understand and deliver this critical process.

The comprehensive program covers everything you need to know across the global supply chain, from suppliers to customers and back again. Earning your CSCP designation shows that you have the skills to prepare for and overcome disruption, manage risk, and evaluate and implement modern supply chain technologies.

CSCP content covers the following key topics:

- Supply Chains, Demand Management and Forecasting
- Global Supply Chain Networks
- Sourcing Products and Services
- Internal Operations and Inventory
- Forward and Reverse Logistics
- Supply Chain Relationships
- Supply Chain Risk
- Optimization, Sustainability and Technology

CSCP – Certified Supply Chain Professional Program Highlights

- 8 modules covering end-to-end supply chain strategy
- Online instructor-led format
- Saturdays: Mar 14 & 28, Apr 11 & 25, May 2, 2026
- \$3,010 (Members), \$3,310 (Non-Members)
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



CLTD – Logistics, Transportation & Distribution

CLTD

**Certified in Logistics,
Transportation and
Distribution** - Optimize all
aspects of the movement of
products for more efficient and
sustainable supply chains.

HunterDouglas 

"I highly recommend the CLTD offered through Colorado ASCM/APICS to any supply chain professional interested in furthering their career. This course offers extensive review of the entire logistics networks, distribution strategies, and supply chain connectivity from demand and supply planning."

Stephen Robles C.P.M, CPIM, CSCP
Former Director of Materials & Warehouse Operations
Hunter Douglas

Is the CLTD program right for you?

Logistics challenges, rising customer demands, and rapid technological advancements are reshaping the supply chain landscape. By earning the CLTD certification, you'll gain the expertise to navigate these complexities and establish yourself as the go-to logistics expert in your organization.

CLTD content covers the following key topics

- Logistics fundamentals and strategy
- Demand management and supply capacity management
- Customer and order management
- Warehouse distribution and fulfillment center management
- Inventory management
- Transportation management
- Global logistics
- Sustainability, reverse logistics and risk management
- Logistics framework, metrics, network design, transformation and improvement

CLTD – Logistics, Transportation & Distribution Program Highlights

- Covers global logistics, inventory, transportation, and sustainability
- Online instructor-led format
- Saturdays: May 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13, 20, 2026
- \$2,745 (Members), \$3,045 (Non-Members)

Register online: <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



CTSC – Transformation for Supply Chain

CTSC

Certified in Transformation for Supply Chain- Demonstrate your strategic knowledge and skills to evolve, adapt, and transform supply chains from start to finish.

WHY CHOOSE ASCM:

Proven Curriculum:

Our industry-leading training programs are recognized globally and based on the latest trends, research and best practices.

Expert Educators:

Our hands-on instructors are experienced supply chain professionals, approved through our instructor assurance program, who bring real-world knowledge to the classroom.

Measurable Results:

Training goes beyond theoretical – employees can apply what they've learned for true transformational impacts. Track the impact of our training programs on your team's performance and your organization's bottom line.

CTSC Body of Knowledge:

Leverages components of ASCM's globally recognized standards, including SCOR DS, Enterprise Standards for Sustainability and the Digital Capabilities Model (DCM) to:

- Develop, deploy and manage change for a successful supply chain transformation
- Identify risks and opportunities, and select the appropriate philosophies, frameworks, models, and approaches to effect transform
- Apply systems thinking to develop, analyze, verify and validate concept alternatives for transformation
- Manage and align processes and capabilities with strategic transformation goals
- Manage skills, roles, responsibilities, and infrastructure needed for a supply chain transformation
- Identify tools and technologies to enable effective supply chain transformation
- Identify and implement strategies for reinforcing and replicating improvements

CTSC Learning System Components:

The CTSC Learning System is a comprehensive professional development program that will help candidates prepare for the CTSC examination. The learning system is based on the CTSC body of knowledge and features print-based study modules as well as online tools, including an assessment component that enhances the learning experience.

CTSC Modules

- Supply Chain Transformation Overview
- Preparing for Supply Chain Transformation
- Executing Supply Chain Transformation
- Review of Supply Chain Transformation

CTSC – Transformation for Supply Chain Program Highlights

- Focus on change management, digital tools, and strategic transformation
- Online instructor-led format
- Saturdays: May 16, 23, & June 6, 2026
- \$2,700 (Members), \$3,000 (Non-Members)
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



S&OP – Sales & Operations Planning

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Expand your knowledge and understanding with a broad range of topics in Sales & Operations Planning. Improve your skills by learning the latest trends and best practices

What are people saying about ASCM classes?

"...taught by the APICS Colorado Chapter 81 was outstanding..."

"...knowledge the instructors bring to each class made understanding the material very easy to understand..."

"...class was well put together and closely related to what I do on a daily basis..."

"The instructors are very experienced in the supply chain industry and teach in a way that makes the material easy to understand and fun to learn. The classes have helped me in my current job complete projects with confidence"

S&OP Topics Include:

- Sales & Operations Planning Overview and Definition, Organizations with Separate and Integrated Business Plans, S&OP: Balancing Act, In the MPC System, Inputs and Outputs, Planning Process
- Determining Product Families, Planning Inputs, Summary of S&OP Outputs
- Understanding the MTS and MTO S&OP Grids, Monthly S&OP Planning Process
- Data Gathering, Demand Planning, Supply Planning, Pre-S&OP Meeting, Executive S&OP Meeting
- Benefits of S&OP, S&OP Summary

Colorado Chapter Course for S&OP:

- Instructor-led online course
- Class includes Online class instruction and digital student materials/books
- \$380 for ASCM Certification-Level and Colorado Chapter Associate Members, \$480 for All Others

S&OP – Sales & Operations Planning Program Highlights

- Learn planning processes, demand/supply balancing, and executive S&OP
- Online instructor-led format
- Tuesdays: March 10, 17, 21 & 28, 2026
- \$380 (Members), \$480 (Non-Members)
- **Register online:** <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>

Interested in more S&OP?

Join us for the Colorado Chapter's February 2026 Professional Development Meeting

Topic: Sales & Operations Planning

Visit the Website for details: <https://colorado.ascm.org/>

Elevate Your Supply Chain Team, Boost your Company's Performance

95%

of the Gartner Top 25
Supply Chains rely on
ASCM education

180,000+

APICS-certified
professionals globally

350+

companies depend
on ASCM to stay
competitive

20%+

salary growth with
APICS certification

At ASCM, we empower professionals and organizations to master the complexities of today's global supply chains through world-class education, cutting-edge APICS certifications, comprehensive standards and practical training.

WHY CHOOSE ASCM:

Proven Curriculum:

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Training goes beyond theoretical – employees can apply what they've learned for true transformational impacts. Track the impact of our training programs on your team's performance and your organization's bottom line.

By partnering with us, your employees build essential knowledge, and you benefit from a more skilled and agile workforce, capable of navigating the ever-evolving landscape of supply chain and logistics.

Invest in your team's development and drive your business forward.

"The success of the program is not doubtable. It is now embedded in Teva's next-generation supply chain strategy."

Eran Ebert, Head of Global Supply Chain Transformation,
Teva Pharmaceuticals Industries Ltd.

Ready to Register?

Visit colorado.ascm.org/Education or contact **Honey Johnson** at

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or Register online: <https://colorado.ascm.org/Education>



What are Students saying about APICS Education in Colorado?



"Taking the Colorado Chapter ASCM CPIM course in Spring 2024 was instrumental to my passing the CPIM exam. Honey and Roger spent hours imparting their wealth of knowledge while encouraging open discussions and bringing in real world examples to ensure we understood the material. Their insights were genuinely helpful and I would encourage anyone pursuing their CPIM certification (or another ASCM certification) to take this course. I can't recommend it enough!"

Molly Mahaney, CPIM, Master Supply Planning Manager, Ball Corporation



"I signed up for the CSCP course at the end of May where I was going to study on my own and later take the test when I felt ready. As I read about the weekly class, I was a little hesitant at first, but I'm so glad I enrolled in the course held by the Colorado ASCM Chapter. I started at the end of July and took it weekly through November. The class was intuitive, stimulating and I can honestly say it helped me to pass the CSCP exam by December. I highly recommend the class to any aspiring CSCP professional!"

Anabelen Mendoza, CSCP, JBS USA, International Documentation Specialist



"I began working toward obtaining my CPIM soon after beginning my career in manufacturing. Everything I have learned from APICS/ASCM has elevated my effectiveness in my job, even before I received the certification. The classes I attended with Colorado Chapter 81 were especially additive in my education, analogizing the often-difficult study concepts to real-world, recognizable organizations and scenarios. If your career has anything to do with supply chains, production, quality, purchasing, etc., you cannot go wrong with CPIM."

Jason Rhine, CPIM, Production Planner, Gogo Business Aviation



"I came into the Colorado ASCM Chapter's CSCP course to expand my Supply Chain knowledge after several years in Distribution for CooperVision. It was made very clear to us that course would cover a wide range of Supply Chain topics and take a lot of work and effort from us as students. This was true but the course was very rewarding. We had a large group with a wide and varied background in the organisation and we found that this led to some high value interactions on subjects throughout the course. I've been able to utilise the knowledge in my role as some of my own team also took the course at the same time. This in turn expanded and improved my knowledge and understanding of subject matter. I plan to use the qualification and knowledge in my continuing work managing Supply Chain processes.

David Bowers, CSCP, Global Logistics Process Manager, CooperVision UK

Colorado APICS Education...*Real People, Real Results!!*



ASCM's 2026 Trends Shine a Light on Intelligent Transformation

As we embark upon 2026, the global supply chain landscape is reaching a long-awaited inflection point. For the past five years, the industry narrative has been dominated by a frantic race to adapt and recover — a period of permacrisis, where volatility was the only constant. But now, we're finally moving away from reactive disruption management toward a phase of purposeful, intelligent transformation.

The release of ASCM's Top 10 Supply Chain Trends in 2026 explores the primary catalysts behind this shift, offering a comprehensive roadmap for the new era. The report also goes beyond mere predictions to provide real-world applications, demonstrating how emerging tools and concepts are evolving from experimental into operational essentials. Furthermore, by delivering industry-specific insights across a wide range of sectors, the research highlights how diverse organizations can navigate global dynamics and adapt supply chain strategy to an increasingly complex landscape.

In a recent ASCM Insights blog article, Editor-in-Chief Elizabeth Rennie digs into the trends, underscoring that the path forward is no longer about just staying afloat. She writes, "Success will not hinge on managing disruption, but embracing digitization and building highly interconnected, resilient networks. It's clear that 2026 is the year when technology moves from the periphery to the very center of organizational health."

Industry experts are also weighing in on this pivot. Supply Chain Management Review recently analyzed ASCM's findings, noting that the themes of AI, regionalization and circularity are foundational to the new blueprint for supply chain leadership. According to Editor Brian Straight, supply chain success will rely on prioritizing advanced digitization, diversifying supply networks and securing data. He notes that this reflects a growing consensus: The "wait and see" approach to digital investment has officially been replaced by a mandate for enterprise-wide integration.

Unsurprisingly, at the heart of this transformation is the maturation of AI. While previous years focused on small-scale pilots, AI is now the connective tissue of the modern enterprise. Rennie notes that the power of the tool lies in "synthesizing vast amounts of real-time data — from market trends to external shocks — to drive unprecedented forecast accuracy improvements."

Beyond technology, the research once again confirms that business success is inseparable from talent strategy. As repetitive tasks are handed over to algorithms, the role of the supply chain professional is being redefined around human-machine collaboration. Rennie emphasizes that this shift requires a "cultural transformation toward continuous learning," moving the workforce away from transactional tasks toward strategic oversight and analytical problem-solving.

Prepare for the transformation

ASCM's Top 10 Supply Chain Trends in 2026 represent a fundamental set of interconnected strategies necessary for competitive success. Embracing them will help ensure your supply chain is a lasting competitive advantage. Download the full report today to master critical challenges and exciting opportunities alike — and solidify your role as a true supply chain leader.

Abe Eshkenazi, CSCP, CPA, CAE
Abe Eshkenazi is chief executive officer of the Association for Supply Chain Management (ASCM)
<https://www.ascm.org/ascm-insights/scm-now-impact/trends-2026/>

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**Certified for Transformation
in Supply Chain (CTSC)
Classes Begin this Spring!**
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Top 10 Supply Chain Trends for 2026 — One-Page Summary

The global supply chain landscape has permanently shifted. Organizations are moving beyond disruption response and into **intelligent transformation**, driven by digitization, geopolitical volatility, cost pressures, and rising sustainability expectations. The 2026 trends highlight where leaders must focus to build **resilient, tech-enabled, and future-proof networks**.

1. Artificial Intelligence

AI is the top transformative force, reshaping planning, logistics, forecasting, and automation. Machine learning improves demand accuracy, generative AI accelerates product development, and integrated AI-robotics ecosystems reduce errors and boost speed. Success requires strong data foundations and workforce upskilling.

2. Trade Policies & Global Dynamics

Geopolitical instability is driving regionalization, nearshoring, and “anywhere-but-China” sourcing strategies. Companies are building multi-regional footprints and vertically integrating to secure critical inputs. Scenario planning, diversification, and long-term contracts are essential to mitigate volatility.

3. Automation

Robotics, autonomous vehicles, and adaptive automation are redefining logistics and manufacturing. E-commerce and 3PLs lead adoption, using automation to reduce labor costs and accelerate fulfillment. Organizations must redesign processes, train workers, and strengthen cybersecurity around connected systems.

4. Agility & Resilience

Digital twins become the core enabler of resilience, providing real-time visibility, predictive insights, and rapid scenario modeling. Cross-functional collaboration and strong data governance are required to fully leverage these virtual replicas.

5. Workforce Evolution

A digital skills gap is widening. AI, analytics, and automation shift human roles toward strategic oversight and problem-solving. Companies must invest in continuous learning, technical fluency, and knowledge transfer as experienced workers retire.

6. Visibility & Traceability

Unified, real-time data platforms enable end-to-end transparency. Blockchain strengthens fraud prevention and compliance, especially in pharmaceuticals and luxury goods. Firms that fail to adopt visibility tools risk competitive disadvantage.

7. Cybersecurity

As supply chains digitize, cyber risk expands across partners and systems. Network segmentation, continuous vulnerability scanning, and multi-factor authentication are becoming standard. 3PLs increasingly differentiate through advanced security capabilities.

8. Cost Optimization

Tariffs and duties are driving structural cost pressures. Companies are shifting from blunt cost-cutting to precision cost management—tracking actual purchased costs, adopting pull-based inventory, and diversifying suppliers to hedge volatility.

9. Agile & Dynamic Sourcing

Agile sourcing enables rapid pivots in response to resource scarcity, export controls, and geopolitical shocks. Industries like pharma are localizing production to improve reliability. Long-term resilience requires diversification, vertical integration, and closed-loop material strategies.

10. Climate & Circularity

Circular design, renewable energy, and reverse logistics are becoming mandatory due to regulations and consumer expectations. Automotive leads with closed-loop manufacturing for batteries and high-value components. Companies must embed circularity into R&D, operations, and distribution networks.

Summarized by Copilot

https://www.ascm.org/globalassets/ascm_website_assets/docs/top10trends2026.pdf



Membership News

Introducing the ASCM Colorado University Ambassador Program (FY25)



Empowering the Next Generation of Supply Chain Leaders

The ASCM Colorado Chapter is proud to announce the launch of the **University Ambassador Program (FY25)** — a new initiative designed to strengthen the connection between **students, academia, and the professional supply chain community**

What Is the University Ambassador Program?

The program appoints selected university students to serve as **ASCM Colorado Chapter Ambassadors** at their respective campuses. Ambassadors act as a bridge between the Chapter and student communities, helping to promote ASCM programs, events, and professional development opportunities.

Ambassadors will work closely with the ASCM Colorado Chapter leadership to support student engagement initiatives throughout the academic year.

Program Objectives

The University Ambassador Program aims to:

- Increase student awareness of ASCM and its role in the supply chain profession
- Encourage student participation in Chapter Professional Development Meetings (PDMs), tours, and events
- Build leadership and communication skills among participating students
- Strengthen partnerships with universities and faculty across Colorado
- Create a pipeline of future ASCM members and certified professionals

What Ambassadors Will Do

Students selected as University Ambassadors will:

- Represent the ASCM Colorado Chapter on their campus
- Promote Chapter events, meetings, and certification opportunities
- Coordinate or support student-focused activities and information sessions
- Serve as a point of contact between students, faculty, and the Chapter
- Provide feedback on student interests and engagement opportunities

Benefits for the Student Ambassador

Participation in the University Ambassador Program offers students:

- Hands-on leadership experience
- Networking opportunities with supply chain professionals
- Exposure to real-world supply chain practices
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ASCM Colorado Chapter 81 Calendar of Events

2026

Dinner Meetings, Tours, Networking and More!

Feb 2026

- 04 Board of Directors Meeting
- 11 Professional Development Meeting
Topic: Sales & Operations Planning
Speaker: Lindsay Vollmar
- 14 CPIM Introduction

Mar 2026

- 04 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 S&OP Begins
- 11 Virtual Professional Development Meeting
Topic: Student Presentation TBD
Speaker: Student TBD
- 14 CSCP Begins
- 21 CPIM Section A Begins

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Topic: Sales and Operations Planning
Speaker: Lindsay Vollmar
Location:Marriott West

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Apr 2026

- 01 Board of Directors Meeting
- 08 Networking Session or Tour
- 11 CPIM Section B Begins

May 2026

- 06 Board of Directors Meeting
- 09 CPIM Section C Begins
- 13 Professional Development Meeting
Topic: Artificial Intelligence in Supply Chain Management
Speaker: Lorenz Pallhuber
- 16 CTSC Begins

Jun 2026

- 03 Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 CPIM Section D Begins
- 24 Summer Networking Event (location TBD)

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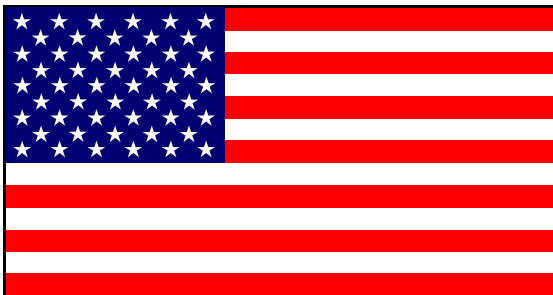
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