Zachary Lemnios will join us to discuss IBM’s strategic agenda including a vision of emerging technology needs, current and future research agendas, investments, challenges, and strategic initiatives. In addition, he will share the critical work that is currently being conducted with IBM Watson and how Watson is working side-by-side with industry leaders to help them discover smarter ways to use their analytics to access knowledge and insights. Watson is helping to change the way we work across multiple industries and helping us get closer to answering some of the world’s most challenging problems.

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