



# The CHAMBER



## ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



### Executive Director

In just a few days we will host our **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** and once again we have a full field. Thank you to all of our golfers who will be joining us Friday, May 5. Will Rocky Gap Casino Resort defend their wins from the past two years or will the Bell Tower Cup go to another winner? This event has grown to be a great success for the Chamber thanks to our golfers and our sponsors, including **Gold: AES Warrior Run, Chessie Federal Credit Union, Cintas, M&T Bank, Rocky Gap Casino Resort, Verizon, and Silver: Timbrook Automotive.**

**Lucky Ladies Night Out** will be happening June 9 and the committee has been busy collecting basket raffles and working on all of the details that make this a great evening. Thank you to our sponsors **The Kristi Agency – Allstate, Bella, LLC, and WEPCO Federal Credit Union.**

The month of April was packed with programs, including the **Legislative Wrap-Up**, a workshop on Maryland Saves, and **Like a Woman: Breakfast Edition**. Maryland Saves is an important program to pay attention to if you offer payroll through an automatic deposit system. We will be sending an information sheet about this later in the week and I encourage you to check out the basic outline and consider next steps. We went into the Legislative Wrap-Up knowing that our delegation had a tough session debating a minimum wage increase, exhausted their arguments on cannabis regulations, and had to become familiar with a new administration that is one of the most progressive that our state has seen in nearly a decade. It was a long session (*yes, we say that every year*), but it was a sense of going in knowing that our asks for amendments would likely not be

avored. Although there were some wins within the big bills that passed, they were minimal, and the impacts will be felt as early as the fall of this year. What we currently know about family medical leave (FAMLI) is that the cap was set at 1.2% with a 50/50 split, but the implementation (October 2023) will begin at .8 -.9% of gross

wages, and the first benefits through this program can be taken as early as January 2026. We will continue to provide updates as they become available, and we will send additional details soon. It is important that you share information about this with your employees as early as possible.

The Chamber has a number of committees which help define some of the work we do. Our Education Committee, throughout April, finalized selections for the FSU/WCBC Student Salute scholarship awards, presented our Teacher of the Year award to Dr. Joseph Thompson at Fort Hill High School, wrapped up **Leadership Allegany! Rising** with a Class of 2023 graduation, has compiled its list of Outstanding Business Students for the year, and reviewed our scope of work for the remainder of the year. Our Economic Development Committee has been considering its function within the Chamber and we recently convened economic development stakeholders from the cities of Cumberland and Frostburg, the county, and downtown Cumberland to discuss what we might accomplish together that is necessary to the upward trajectory of our community.

Your support of the Chamber allows us to continue this type of work. We are making connections in the community that are important to improving our future, and although we share a great deal of information about events, sponsorships, and advertising, it is through these mechanisms that we are successful. Much of what we do shines a light on your business, and we thank you for seeing the value in our efforts.

**Juli McCoy**  
Executive Director

### MAY 2023

Volume XLI No. 5  
Bell Tower Building  
Cumberland, MD 21502

### May Calendar

#### May 1

8:30 am  
Golf Tournament Committee Mtg.  
Chamber Boardroom

#### May 2

9:30 am  
Lucky Ladies Night Out  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### May 3

8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### May 5

9:00 am  
Chamber Golf Tournament  
Cumberland Country Club

#### May 8

9:00 am  
Transportation Committee Mtg.  
Chamber Boardroom

#### May 11

8:00 am  
Education Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### May 16

8:30 am  
**Leadership Allegany**  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

4:00 pm  
Marketing Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### May 17

8:00 am  
Economic Dev. Comm. Mtg.  
Chamber Boardroom

5:30 – 7:30  
**“Chamber After Hours”**  
Hosted by Startup Portal

#### May 25

Noon  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

#### June 7

8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom

## Member Profile: Appalachian Pro Wash, LLC

158 Quail Drive  
P.O. Box 500  
Ridgeley, West Virginia 26753  
301-697-9219 or 301-268-5715  
Contact: Roger and Billy Ryan, Owners  
E-mail: [apw@apwsoftwash.com](mailto:apw@apwsoftwash.com)



Appalachian Pro Wash started out as Appalachian Roof Restoration in 2017. In 2018 they decided to change their name to Appalachian Pro Wash, LLC to better suit what they as a small business have to offer. They have been in business for six years and have two employees. Roger Ryan, Owner, is licensed in both West Virginia and Maryland.

Appalachian Pro Wash offers a wide range of outdoor cleaning services for both residential and commercial businesses. They do house washing, roof washing, gutter cleaning both inside and out and can also brighten them up. They clean all kinds of concrete

from walkways, patios, steps, driveways and around pools. They offer shutter restoration, small roof repairs and gutter replacement along with cleaning outside windows. During the holiday season they offer Christmas light installations which was added to their business just one year after their initial startup and is doing well.

They have the most up to date equipment which includes pressure washers, hot water machines, surface cleaners and purified water fed poles. Appalachian Pro Wash can strip, brighten and stain log homes and wood siding, cedar shakes and they also offer deck restoration.



The eighth annual ***“Lucky Ladies Night Out”*** will be held on **Friday, June 9th** at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club Picnic Grounds, Cumberland, Maryland. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes dinner, beer, wine, seltzer, soft drinks, bottled water, and a raffle ticket chance on a grand prize drawing. Reserved tables of 7 are available at a cost of \$250.00. After May 19th the cost is \$45.00 per person or \$275.00 for a table. Reservations must be purchased in advance and are non-refundable. Doors open at 5:30 pm. You must be 21 years of age to attend – **the event is open to the public**. Reservations can be made online through the Chamber’s website (<https://alleganycountychamber.com/events/lucky-ladies-night-out/>), by contacting the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or by emailing [andrea@alleganycountychamber.com](mailto:andrea@alleganycountychamber.com) or [peg@alleganycountychamber.com](mailto:peg@alleganycountychamber.com).

***“Lucky Ladies Night Out”*** is a fun evening with your friends. Enjoy catering by **Hornet’s Nest/Wing and a Prayer** and then browse the impressive, themed gift baskets on display. Baskets are raffled off throughout the evening; purchase just one ticket or if you are feeling lucky purchase a ticket for all the baskets being offered. There is no limit to the number of raffle tickets you can purchase. Raffle tickets are just \$5.00 each. At the end of the evening, you could walk away with some fabulous gifts including salon treatments, outdoor fun, massages, overnight accommodations, auto detailing, restaurant gift certificates, a Mystery Basket filled with fabulous items and more. Volunteers will be on hand to replenish your drinks so you can enjoy the evening without missing all the fun.

***“Lucky Ladies Night Out”*** is proudly sponsored by **Bella LLC, The Kristi Agency** and **WEPCO Federal Credit Union**.





Startup  
Portal  
Cumberland

**Allegany County Chamber of Commerce presents**

# **Chamber After Hours**

Hosted by Startup Portal

Join us for drinks, light refreshments and prizes. Learn more about how to take your business plan from paper to profit.

**Wednesday, May 17 | 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

48 N Centre Street, Cumberland, MD

## **Network and Win \$1000!**

**\$5.00 Registration Fee | Must Be pre-registered and present to win | Must be 21 years or older to attend.**

**Allegany County Chamber of Commerce**

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**Scan to register!** →





# OUTSTANDING Business Student



*Audrey Litman*  
**ALLEGANY HIGH SCHOOL**

Audrey is currently the president of Allegany's Future Business Leaders of America chapter. Through this organization she has had the opportunity to work in FBLA's student-run bookstore, help plan events, and compete in various business competitions. She has placed on a regional, statewide, and national level through these competitions, being awarded 1st in the state and

7th in the nation for the FBLA Publications Design Event.

Outside of FBLA, Audrey is the Allegany County Association of Student Councils President, the secretary of Allegany's National Honor Society, the flute/piccolo section leader of the Allegany marching band, and a member of Allegany's mock trial team and jazz band.



*Ava DiNola*  
**BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL**

Ava is the Editor-in-Chief of the 2022-2023 yearbook. She communicates with the advisor about assignments, deadlines, photography issues, page layout, staff needs, etc. Ava has done an amazing job on this year's book. She is also responsible for assisting other editorial leaders and supports photographers and other staff members with their responsibilities. She has been successful in

leading the staff in meeting their deadlines with accuracy and competence.

In addition to her dedication to the yearbook Ava is an accomplished performer, athlete and student leader. She participated in Spartan Theatre for four years, including several leading roles and is a member of her church's praise band. Ava has been a key contributor to the success of the soccer, tennis and cheerleading teams. She was selected as a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership delegate and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and the Bishop Walsh Humanities Honor Society.

Ava is also a student leader in BW Grows, a student run agribusiness at Bishop Walsh School. They use both cutting edge and traditional techniques such as hydroponics, aquaponics and a greenhouse to generate agricultural products for the school and community. She also helps with marketing for the annual plant sale.



*John McGuire*  
**CENTER FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

John participated in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) during his Junior and Senior year at the Center for Career and Technical Education. In his junior year he earned third place in Computer Problem Solving and placed first in Network Design in his senior year. In the summer of 2022 John completed a 6-week paid internship with the Allegany County Government IT Department. He is a straight A student in high school and has all A's

in college with the exception of one B.

While attending high school he participated in the Pathways Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) program. As part of the program, he is earning his AAS degree in Computer Technology with a concentration in Cyber Security from Allegany College of Maryland. He will earn his college degree two weeks before graduating from high school. Students in the P-TECH program have the option of extending the program 1 or 2 years beyond high school to allow for more time to complete college classes. He has opted to complete the program at an accelerated pace completing the whole program while in high school.

John also participated in the Fort Hill Marching Band during all four years of high school. Somehow, he still finds time to complete computer work orders for the high school, fix teacher and student laptop issues, Wi-Fi connections and printing. He also installs technology equipment such as projectors and computer labs.



*Kourtney Taylor*  
**MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL**

Kourtney is a senior at Mountain Ridge High School. She has completed Document Processing I, AP Psychology, four years of Honors Principles of Biomedical Sciences, as well as Allegany College of Maryland classes; College English 101 and College Speech and Communication. Kourtney is on both the honor roll and the A-B honor roll. She interacts very well with her peers and is a pleasant young lady.

She has been a babysitter since 2018 and a dog sitter since 2020.

Kourtney is planning to attend Frostburg State University in the fall to obtain a degree in Psychology.





*Shannon Lewis*  
ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Shannon graduated in December 2022 with an associate degree in business administration and is currently working towards a bachelor's degree with the 3+1 program with Seton Hill. She currently works at Hunter Douglas and began employment with them 18 years ago and has spent most of her tenure as a customer support representative. During COVID she was offered an opportunity for a supervisory role within her department.

Moving slowly into that new role, she found a new passion for her job and wanted to learn more in order to drive and lead within the company. She made a joke to her oldest daughter, who was a student at Allegany College of Maryland at the time, that she was going to enroll in school because they needed softball players. She responded with, "Yes, yes you should. Let's do this, mom." So, she did. And thanks to her, Shannon is enjoying this new chapter more than she thought she would. She started her schooling journey, not quite sure where it would take her but now with support and motivation, she is moving forward and can see that she is capable of achieving great things.

Shannon has five children and over the years, learning to be a good listener and be empathic to each of their unique needs, has given her an edge and allowed her to sharpen her skills as a leader. Her leadership style allows her to be empathic to the members of her team, while also allowing them to be in charge of their individual journeys. Shannon has volunteered with the AYEPS (Allegany Youth Enrichment Program) program in Cumberland, Maryland and holds a lemonade stand each year during Lemonade Days in June to support Alex's Lemonade Stand, an organization that supports research finding a cure for childhood cancer.

As she works through her course work and towards more degrees, she hopes to advance her career within Hunter Douglas. Shannon is not sure where each day is going to take her next but is grateful for the opportunities that Allegany College of Maryland has afforded her. Shannon has also started to research the possibility of working towards her master's degree and possibly a doctorate.



*Marcus Folk*  
ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Marcus graduated in Fall 2022 with a degree in Business Administration. His GPA was 3.8. Marcus is a passionate, hardworking, and driven business professional. After graduating from Allegany College of Maryland, he started his career at Chaney-Buskirk Insurance. This experience has taught him how to build a successful sales pipeline while building meaningful relationships with his clients.

He is fascinated by intelligent value-based investment. His ultimate employment goal is to advise clients how to invest in an intelligent manner that will build generational wealth for them and their families.



*Allison Schnuck*  
ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Allison will graduate this spring with a degree in Business Administration. Her overall GPA is 3.8. After graduation, she plans on attending West Virginia University to continue her studies in Agribusiness. She plans on owning her own business as well as continuing to work on and advance her family's farm.

Allison is an active member of FFA, where she has been her school Chapter president and secretary. She received her chapter FFA degrees as well as her State FFA degree (in PA it's called the Keystone Degree). Along with FFA, she is also a past member of 4-H where she held numerous offices. In her community, she has taken part in many events, such as holding a toy/food drive for the local humane society for dogs and cats. During the holidays Allison helped the Salvation Army with bell ringing and packing operational Christmas Child shoe boxes as well as gathering donations.



*Kole Morgan*  
FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

In May 2023 Kole will graduate from Frostburg State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting with a minor in business administration. He currently has a 3.85 cumulative GPA. He maintains a commitment to both academics and athletics at Frostburg State University. He is a member of the Men's Cross Country and Track and Field teams.

He served as captain when the men's team received their first All-Academic Team Award. Kole is also president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and serves as a representative on the University Athletic Advisory Committee. He has been continually involved in the Accounting Association student club as well.

Kole is actively completing a tax internship at Hohing and Lewis, LLC in LaVale, MD. He has been accepted into the University of Maryland as a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in accounting with the hopes of eventually taking the CPA and CFE exams.



*Bradie Moore*  
FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING & FINANCE

Bradie is a local, graduating senior with a major in Business Administration, with a concentration in Finance at Frostburg State University. He consistently maintains a spot on the Dean's List for his near-perfect GPA of 3.89. He is currently a package handler with UPS locally. Bradie is an athlete, focusing on baseball. He has earned several highly coveted, competitive scholarships for his academic and athletic accomplishments.



# OUTSTANDING Business Student



*Steven Minnick*  
**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING & FINANCE

Steven is a local, graduating senior in Business Administration with a concentration in Global Business at Frostburg State University. He maintains a 3.25 GPA. He is a member of the FSU Finance Club, where he learned about trading stocks and commodities. He also serves as a peer tutor. Steven works part-time at Hive Group, LLC in Virginia as an operations intern. He is an invited member of the National Society for Leadership and Success.



*Michael Brault*  
**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING & FINANCE

Michael is a local, graduating senior majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing at Frostburg State University. He manages a high GPA of 3.7 while taking honors' courses. He is an invited member of the National Society for Leadership and Success. Michael is currently serving as a marketing student-consultant for a local restaurant.



*Cody Boone*  
**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Cody Boone will graduate in May from Frostburg State University with a major in Economics and a concentration in Business Economics with a minor in Management. He currently has a 3.43 GPA. While at Frostburg State University, Cody has been an active member of the Economics Club and has proven to be a natural leader with a love for the ocean. In 2022, Cody studied abroad

under the program entitled "Semester at Sea" where he visited 14 countries. The program enabled him to experience international cultures, different languages and gain new perspectives on employment opportunities abroad.

In keeping with the ocean-centered theme in his life, Cody has been accepted as a Navy Surface Warfare Officer Candidate and will begin Office Candidate School in July. His training will last for 13 weeks and prepare him for commission as an Officer of the Navy, where his economics background should help him become an effective, analytical leader.



*Makenzi Jenkins*  
**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Makenzi will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources Management and a Minor in Industrial Organizational Psychology from Frostburg State University. She has an outstanding 3.593 GPA and has been ever-present on the Dean's list.

Currently she is employed as a Team Leader and Hiring Assistant at Chick-fil-A Queen City Centre in Cumberland and serves as the treasurer for the Frostburg SHRM (Society of Human Resource Management) chapter.

Makenzi exhibits superior academic performance due to her respect for others, insatiable curiosity and effervescent personality. Coupled with exceptional engagement she is a proven classroom leader who constructively challenges her instructors and peers. Makenzi is an intelligent, positive individual who makes things happen. She has the ability and motivation to accomplish whatever she sets out to achieve. After graduation, Makenzi will begin working as a Sales Representative for Breakthru Beverage Group in Western Maryland.



*Bo Schene*  
**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Last year Bo graduated Magna Cum Laude with a 3.9849 GPA from Frostburg State University with a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Accounting and minoring in both Business Administration and Finance. In May of 2023 he will graduate from FSU's MBA program with a focus in Business Analytics and an astounding 3.889 GPA. His perseverance, intelligence and motivation in the classroom was also seen on

the court as he was a five-year member of the Men's Basketball team where he served as team captain for two years. Bo also served as the team representative on the Student Athletic Advisory Council.

After graduation, he will begin working with the accounting firm, EisnerAmper, in Owings Mills, Maryland. He also hopes to obtain his CPA certification in the near future.

*Congratulations & best of luck to all the Outstanding Business Students in their future endeavors!*





2023

*Annual Recognition Reception*

*Nominations Now Open!*

*Business of the Year*

*Entrepreneurial Spirit*

*Community Service*

*Nonprofit of the Year*



*Scan or visit the Chamber's website to complete the form online; a nomination package is included in this newsletter, as well. Self-nominations are welcome and all will be considered.*

*Now through June 16*

## ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for its 2023 Recognition Awards. The award winners are honored at the Chamber's Reception in November 2023. Since 1988, the event has been the Chamber's premier annual opportunity to recognize Allegany County's most notable successes among its membership.

### CRITERIA FOR HONOREES

The Chamber's awards are given annually at the Recognition Reception. The awardees are limited exclusively to Chamber members who are recognized by their peers as making exemplary contributions to the community by:

1. Contributing to the betterment of the region through community service, leadership roles, and achievements that benefit the people and the progress of our county.
2. Demonstrating an exemplary model in professional and personal practice. Awardees provide a role model for other business professionals and community leaders; hold a greater vision for self and for company ethic that models progress; and raise the standard for professionals locally.

Criteria for the **Business of the Year** are based on the following:

For the business best demonstrating positive economic impact in our community while including significant contributions to the community's growth and well-being. This business would demonstrate an exceptional level of representing their industry and the local business community as a whole. Benchmarks may be exemplary staying power, sales growth, employee growth, production expansion, significant improvement in financial position, etc.

Criteria for the **Entrepreneurial Spirit Award** are based on the following:

For the individual, founder, or team who has demonstrated the best of community-wide benefits of the entrepreneurial spirit. Benchmarks may be a significant product, service or technology innovation, successfully taking a division in a totally new direction, starting a new product/service line, innovative ways to overcome significant challenges, etc.

Criteria for the **Community Service Award** are based on the following:

For the individual or organization best demonstrating Chamber members' involvement in community service. Benchmarks may be demonstrations of regularly going above and beyond their core mission, in order to serve our broader community.

**New for 2023, the Chamber wishes to honor one of its nonprofit members.**

Criteria for the **Nonprofit of the Year Award** are based on the following:

For the organization that has demonstrated community service, as indicated in their defined mission and vision. Benchmarks may include meeting or exceeding fundraising goals to exceed their intended investment in the community, or creating and successfully implementing a program or service that addresses a community need.



## NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

Any designated representative of a Chamber member may nominate another Chamber member [self-nominations are acceptable].

The basic **Nomination Package** must include:

- Single cover page listing:
  - Full name, title, business & home address, all contact phones/faxes/emails of **Nominee**
  - **Award** for which nomination is being made
  - One paragraph summary of nominee's business or organization, date of establishment, scope
  - Full name, title, business address, contact info of **Nominator**
- **Letter of Nomination** (1 to 3 pages) which specifically details those outstanding actions and characteristics which elevate this person and/or organization above others. Nominators should keep in mind the large number of very active local businesses and individuals and highlight those attributes and performance that merit the award.
- **Signed Release** giving the Chamber permission to, at the Chamber's discretion, promote the nominee in media, publications, etc.

The **Nomination Package** may also include **Appendix/Supplemental Information** such as new articles, photographs, magazine articles, etc.

All complete **Nomination Packages** must be postmarked or received by the Chamber office by 4:00pm **Friday, June 16, 2023**. Incomplete packages or packages received after the deadline will not be considered.

The award winners will be chosen by a committee consisting of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, two Past Chairpersons, a selection from the general membership, and the honorees from the previous years' awards.

**All business award winners and (up to three) nonprofit finalists will be notified on or before Friday, July 28, 2023.** The nonprofit award will be announced the evening of the reception.

Complete form online (QR code or link below) or print.



<https://forms.office.com/r/WCd5xDv5hx>



ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

2023 Outstanding Business Recognition Award Nomination

COVER PAGE

Date of Submission: \_\_\_\_\_ Nomination for (select only one): ☐ BUSINESS OF THE YEAR  
☐ ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT  
☐ COMMUNITY SERVICE  
☐ NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

NOMINEE Info

Full Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATOR Info

Full Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

ONE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY of NOMINATION (why business or individual should win award, overall scope of community/business impact, date of establishment/time in region, etc.).

CONSENT for DISCLOSURE The undersigned [nominee] herewith agrees with and consents to the disclosure of the nomination file contents, at the discretion of and by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. That disclosure may, at the Chamber's discretion, include print, broadcast, and electronic media, and other means of promotion.

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_



## Chamber Golf Tournament

Friday,  
May 5, 2023  
9:00 am

Cumberland Country Club

## "Chamber After Hours"

Wednesday,  
May 17, 2023  
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Hosted by:  
Startup Portal

## Chamber Crab Feast

Friday, August 4, 2023



Ali Ghan Shrine  
Picnic Grounds

6 – 9 pm

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony


The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce recently held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to welcome Sixty Pershing Street to the Chamber and to the community. Sixty Pershing Street is home to the Rainmaker/McCoury group's new endeavor — training ACM students for jobs in digital marketing for both business and entertainment platforms. By blending their industry contacts — Spotify, major talent agencies, top music management companies, record companies, music festivals — with their needs as festival producers and touring musicians, they are creating local job opportunities. They are offering paid internship hours on work and interaction with industry professionals in Nashville, NYC, Stockholm, and beyond.

Their goal is to create a workspace competitive with Nashville, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. They will be connected to those cities virtually, and when their remote instructors see the workspace, they'll see an environment that's comparable to the best the music business has to offer across the country.

Cutting the ribbon is Stan Strickland, Rainmaker Music. On hand for the celebration was City of Cumberland Mayor Ray Morriss,



Councilwoman Laurie Marchini, Councilman Richard "Rock" Cioni, Councilman Eugene Frazier, Allegany County Commissioner David Caporale, Chamber Executive Director Juli McCoy, Chamber Chairman of the Board Patrick Buck, Immediate Past Chairman Robert Godfrey, board members Molly Beeman, Crystal Bender, Jeffrey Blank, Kristi Minnigh, Rebecca Ruppert and

Chamber Membership Committee members Eric Bowlus, Steve MacGray and Amy Shillingburg. Also attending was Barb Buehl, DelFest liaison, Lillie Strickland, Coordinator for Rainmaker Music, Allegany College of Maryland representatives Dr. Cindy Bambara, John Bone and David Jones as well as numerous downtown Cumberland business owners and friends of DelFest. 

## New Member

*(patronize this member and welcome them to the Chamber)*

**Bedford-Somerset DBHS**  
**(Developmental and Behavioral Health Sciences)**  
245 West Race Street  
Somerset, PA 15501  
814-443-4891  
Fax: 814-443-4898

www.dbhs.co  
Contact: Jennifer Georg, *Human Resources Analyst*  
E-mail: [Jennifer.georg@dbhs.co](mailto:Jennifer.georg@dbhs.co)  
Category: Non-Profit Organization





## Accepting Applications for Class of 2024

The **Leadership Allegany** program is accepting applications for the Class of 2024. The program is dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of leaders with a clear understanding of the community and a commitment to its advancement. The program provides an opportunity to become acquainted with the processes, programs and challenges that exist in the community. **Leadership Allegany** helps participants gain a deeper understanding of the issues endemic to the region and the leadership structure within and beyond Mountain Maryland.

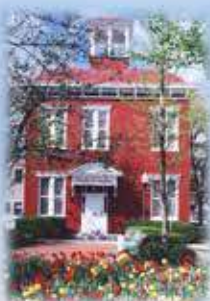
In a forum of open discussion and interaction, class members gain the knowledge and motivation to effect positive change within the region. Educational programs engineered for class participation and dialogue will cover such topics as Economic Development, Education, Environment, Health Care, Local Government, Human Services, State Government and Arts and Entertainment.

This nine-month program begins with an orientation in September 2023 and concludes with graduation ceremonies

in June 2024. **Leadership Allegany** is currently entering its twenty-sixth year. The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce believes today, more than ever, that our future is tied to strong leadership. The more informed and involved the citizens of a community become the stronger the community. In June the Class of 2023 will hold graduation ceremonies and will join the ranks of almost 580 alumni who have completed the program.

Are you ready to make a difference in your community and join a network of leaders? Applications are encouraged from all sectors of the community. A limited number of partial scholarships are available to individuals who might not otherwise be able to participate. Applications will be available soon. The deadline to submit an application for the Class of 2024 is June 23rd.

If you require additional information, please contact the Chamber at 301-722-2820.



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**Juli R. McCoy**, Executive Director

**Allegany County Chamber of Commerce 2023 Officers**

**Chairman: Patrick W. Buck**

**First Vice Chairwoman: Parika M. Andreassen**

**Second Vice Chairman: Robert W. Collette, Jr.**

**Immediate Past Chairman: Robert A. Godfrey**