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The
CHAMBER

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Thank you to our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers for the support of our 8th Annual Golf Tournament! We had to quickly shift into Lucky Ladies Night Out planning - our committee has been working to collect donations for our baskets and finalizing details. We are down to limited seating for the Friday, June 14 event so if you haven't yet purchased tickets or want to send staff, please grab them while you can! We're also still in need of a few more basket sponsors - this is a public event and a great way to advertise. Thank you to **Bella, LLC, Chessie FCU, The Kristi Agency, Wepco FCU, and UPMC Western MD** for sponsoring the event!

You will see that Crab Feast tickets are officially on sale today! Thank you to our current sponsors: **The Belt Group, Chessie FCU, Pinnacle Strategies, LLC, and UPMC Western MD**. We will continue to offer tickets in the traditional way for this event - as a reminder, if you are giving out tickets, please ensure your guests are 21+.

We're celebrating the **Leadership Allegany Class of 2024** who will be graduating June 5 - **congratulations to our own Andrea Kraft and Board member Marisa Miller**, along with all of our new soon-to-be alumni! The Class of 2025 application is now available both in this newsletter and on our website - who do you know that will love the experience?



Congrats to our Golf Winners

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Aircon Engineering
First Place Gross



Egle Nursing & Rehab
First Place Net

Lucky Ladies Night Out <<<

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ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

Lucky Ladies Night Out

Friday, June 14, 2024
Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds

AVAILABLE SEATING IS LIMITED!

\$45 per person
\$275 per table of 7

Pre-Order! **Basket Raffle Tickets**
\$5/ticket sold in bundles of 5

5 for \$25	20 for \$100
10 for \$50	25 for \$125
15 for \$75	30 for \$150

CASH ONLY @ THE DOOR

Purchase a bundle of 15 or more and get an extra door prize entry!

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KEEP IN MIND...

Invest time in building meaningful relationships with fellow business leaders and entrepreneurs. Your network is your net worth. Try out our Small Business Roundtable!


>>> New Members



Chick-Fil-A Queen City Center
 221 Williams Street
 Cumberland, MD 21502
 Contact: Matt Nunn
 770-855-7179
 matt.nunn@cfafranchisee.com



Homestead Harmony Property Management
 1939 Frederick Street
 Suite 3
 Cumberland, Maryland 21502
 Contact: Mark Dever
 240-807-9604
 homesteadharmoniypmllc@gmail.com



CLEAResult
 5014 Pegasus Court, Suite K
 Frederick, Maryland 21704
 Contact: Kroy Taughinbaugh
 540-226-9294
 kroy.taughinbaugh@clearresult.com

>>> Upcoming Events & Meetings

JUNE

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5 Membership Committee 9AM	6	7	8
9	10 Transportation Committee 9AM	11	12	13	14 	15
16	17	18 Leadership Allowing Strategy Committee 8:30 AM	19 	20	21	22
23	24 Executive Committee 3PM	25	26	27 Board of Directors 12PM	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

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CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

AT

R.H. LAPP & SONS, INC.

880 KELLY ROAD
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

Register
Online

**JOIN US FOR DRINKS,
REFRESHMENTS AND PRIZES**

**TAKE GUIDED TOURS OF THE
R.H. LAPP FACILITY**

NETWORK & WIN \$750!

MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND PRESENT TO WIN!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

5:30-7:30PM

RSVP
by
6/13

\$5 REGISTRATION FEE - MUST BE 21 OR OVER TO ATTEND

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
24 FREDERICK STREET | CUMBERLAND, MD 21502
301-722-2820 ANDREA@ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM



Alumni Spotlight

As a pillar program of the Chamber, we are proud to spotlight alumni of Leadership Allegany quarterly in the Chamber newsletter. Featured alumni are asked a series of questions about how the program impacted their personal and professional life.

This quarter, we feature **BJ Wrights** from the Class of 2009, who was also the class Valedictorian.

What is your current role?

Correctional Treatment Specialist - Drug Treatment Specialist with the Federal Bureau of Prisons located at the Federal Correctional Institution in Cumberland, MD.

What is your favorite memory from your Leadership Allegany experience? The experiential activities to various areas of Allegany County and beyond. Our class had the opportunity to white water raft at Deep Creek Lake's Adventure Sports Center, visit AES, Oldtown historical areas, local state prisons, and various other locations. I really enjoyed learning about the jobs/careers that other people in the community have and the services that they passionately provide to their customers.

What advice would you have for future Leadership Allegany members? Take the dive and sign up. Get with your employer or benefactor and apply, interview, and get uncomfortable. I like to say that life begins outside our comfort zone and Leadership Allegany provides so many experiences that allow us to grow personally and professionally.



BJ Wrights
Class of 2009

What do you want people to know about the program? Leadership Allegany is a great program for anyone who wishes to have a greater appreciation for the people, places, and history in Allegany County. The program takes participants on an amazing journey of new friendships, experiences, and challenges.

Describe a rewarding moment in your career? I have been employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons for over 24 years. During that time, I have had the great opportunity to participate in numerous collateral duties. From serving as a Self-Defense Instructor to being a team member on Special Operations, Disturbance Control, and Evidence Recovery teams, I have learned so much in what seems like such a short time. For several years now, I have served on our institution's Affirmative Employment team in various roles, including Recruitment Outreach Program Coordinator and Disability Employment Program Manager. One of the most rewarding parts of my career has been sharing the benefits of federal employment with students at local colleges, universities, and job/career fairs.

43rd Annual Chamber Crab Feast

ALI GHAN SHRINE CLUB PICNIC GROUNDS

AUGUST 2, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$70.00 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BY JULY 21ST

\$85.00 PER PERSON IF PURCHASED BEGINNING JULY 22ND

Must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance, none will be sold at the gate. Event is AYCE on premises with beverages included, no coolers or outside refreshments permitted. Crabs will be served by the Crab Corps.

The Chamber is offering members an opportunity to reserve their own corporate tent. Tent prices include the tent and tables and chairs only, they do not include tickets to the event. tickets must be purchased separately.

10 x 10 Tent (Seats 12) \$300.00
(Includes (2) rectangular tables, 12 chairs and corporate sign)

20 x 20 Tent (Seats 20) \$550.00
(Includes (5) round tables, 20 chairs and corporate sign)

20 x 40 Tent (Seats 40) \$950.00
(includes (10) round tables, 40 chairs and corporate sign)

Tent quantities are limited; so please reserve early.

The Chamber is also offering a limited number of corporate sponsorships for the event at a cost of \$500.00. As a sponsor your logo will be included on all correspondence and social media posts as well as the crab feast flyer that appears in our weekly and monthly newsletters and on a banner displayed at the event.

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By:



For more info email andrea@alleganycountychamber.com or call 301-722-2820



A PROGRAM PROUDLY OFFERED BY THE
ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

CLASS OF 2025 RECRUITMENT

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 30 – JUNE 26, 2024

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY & JOIN A NETWORK OF LEADERS?



I am so thankful to have experienced the incredible journey that is Leadership Allegany. Although I grew up in Allegany County, each topic day deepened my understanding and appreciation of the projects, initiatives, and businesses that

exist in the area.

Equally rewarding has been the bond our class has formed and the network of community leaders we've become a part of. With our shared experiences and excitement for our community's future, I know our class will continue to drive positive change in Allegany County.

Ashley Swinford
Class of 2024 Valedictorian

Leadership Allegany provides an opportunity for individuals committed to making a difference in Allegany County and its surrounding region to:

- Become acquainted with processes, programs and challenges that currently exist in the community.
- Gain an understanding of the public and private operations within Allegany County and the state of Maryland.
- Gain a deeper understanding of the issues endemic to the region by observing and hearing the views of others. Programs are engineered for class participation and
- dialogue and cover such topics as: Arts and Entertainment, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Healthcare, Human Services, Local and State Government.



Leadership Allegany 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.

CLASS OF 2025 APPLICATION

Tuition & Program

Commitment

Tuition for the 2025 Program will be **\$1,500.00 plus a \$25.00 application fee** and may be paid by the individual or the sponsoring institution. Tuition is due prior to Orientation. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available to individuals who might otherwise be unable to participate.

Participation

In order to accomplish the objectives of the program, the full participation of each class member is necessary. Participation includes:

Orientation - Thursday, September 19, 2024 beginning at 9am through Friday, September 20, 2024 ending at 5pm.
Full attendance is mandatory.

State Government Day - Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 8am through Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 6pm in Annapolis, MD. **Full attendance is mandatory.**

Equivalent of one full day per month. Class normally meets the second Wednesday of each month; please see schedule on this page. Participants will be permitted to miss one full session or the equivalent of one full session, not including Orientation and State Government Day.

Members of the class will be required to participate in a Class Project, which challenges the group to consider the collective experiences throughout the program using leadership and team skills. More information will be provided throughout the program.

Application & Selection Process

Leadership Allegany is an open program and applications are encouraged from all segments of the community (must be 21 or older). Participants will be selected from a diverse mix of the local population.

Participants will be chosen by a Selection Committee; class size is limited.

All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence. Special emphasis should be given to any question you feel will significantly add to the Committee's knowledge of your qualifications.

Participants in the Leadership Allegany Class of 2025 will be selected from those individuals who have submitted a **completed** Application Form by June 26, 2024. To assist the Selection Committee, we request the forms be typed or printed legibly.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

September 19 - 20, 2024
Orientation

October 9, 2024

November 13, 2024

Snow Date: November 20

December 11, 2024
Snow Date: December 18

January 8, 2025
Snow Date: January 15

February 12, 2025
Snow Date: February 19

March 4 - 5, 2025

April 9, 2025

May 14, 2025

May 28, 2025

June 4, 2025
Graduation

Completing your Leadership Allegany Application:

- ▶ Read Application and Selection Process sections thoroughly.
- ▶ Include Letter of Recommendation and Resume or Bio.
- ▶ Include \$25.00 non-refundable application fee, paid by applicant.
- ▶ Do not send checks to cover tuition now. Accepted participants will be billed their tuition.
- ▶ Applications must be post-marked by June 26, 2024.
- ▶ All applicants will be notified of their status by August 9, 2024.
- ▶ Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- ▶ Mail completed forms to:

Leadership Allegany

Bell Tower Building
24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Leadership Allegany Class of 2025 Application

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name (or nickname) as it should appear on your name badge: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Years in the Area: _____

Contact Number: Mobile Number: _____

Preferred Email Address: _____

Please List any dietary restrictions and/or food allergies: _____

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____ Type of Business: _____

Date Began: _____ Current Title: _____

Work Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Work Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Briefly Describe Your Responsibilities: _____

How many days per month does your work require you to be out of the county? _____

What do you consider your highest responsibility, skill or career achievement so far? _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

If not provided on your resume, please include major volunteer activities: (Please indicate organization)

Roles: _____

Please list, in order of importance, any community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, or athletic organizations in which you have been a member.

Dates of Membership	Organization	Official Positions Held
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What have you accomplished in any one or more of these positions that you think is important?

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions:

What do you hope to gain from the Leadership Allegany experience and how do you think it will benefit you as a leader?

What are the two most pressing challenges facing our region? How should we face these challenges? Your feedback will help shape topic days so please provide a specific plan of action.

Tuition for each participant in Leadership Allegany is \$1,500.00 and is due prior to Orientation. All meals and lodging for Orientation and State Government are included. **An additional \$25.00 non-refundable application fee, paid by the applicant, is required to secure individual commitment to the program.** Make checks payable to **Allegany County Chamber of Commerce.**

How will your tuition be paid? ☐ Employer ☐ Personally ☐ Other _____

A limited number of need based scholarships will be available for participants in the program. If selected to participate, will you find it necessary to seek such assistance? No Yes

I understand the purpose of the Leadership Allegany Program and that completion of this application does not ensure a candidate's acceptance in the Class of 2025. If selected to participate, I will commit to the time required.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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Nonprofit of the Year



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