

# *The* BELLTOWER

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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**CHAMBER**  
  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



## FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

If you haven't yet taken part in the Small Business Roundtable, I encourage you to join us. This is an open forum for businesses with 25 or fewer employees and we meet the 4th Tuesday at 10am at the Chamber. You also need to check out GrowthZone 101 where you can get hands-on navigation of our website and learn to get the most from your member portal. These are held the 4th Friday of each month at 9am.

We still have room for more golfers in our 8th Annual Golf Tournament, which will be held on Friday, May 10 with a tee time of 9am. Thank you to our sponsors and players!

Below you'll see that we now have a 4th banner open for ads. There are some spaces available in both the \$500 and the \$250 areas - this is a great way to go everywhere with us...even when you can't!

There is lots to see in this month's newsletter, including a feature of our Outstanding Business Student Awards!



Thank You to our Golf Sponsors

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8th Annual  
Chamber  
Golf Tournament

CUMBERLAND COUNTRY CLUB  
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024



Items for New Member Bags <<<



# WE NEED MERCH!

FOR MEMBER BAGS  
WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR?

- Pens
- Notepads
- Koozies/KeyChains
- Stress Balls/Sanitizer
- Get creative!

#### Note:

Please drop off at the Chamber Office or  
arrangements can be made for pick up.



24 Frederick Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502  
301-722-2820



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## KEEP IN MIND...

The business landscape is constantly changing and adaptability is a major key to success.  
Embracing change and turning challenges into triumphs can offer new opportunities.

## >>> New Members



### Nelson Auto Sales

Veterans Memorial Highway  
P.O. Box 488  
Ridgeley, WV 26753  
Contact: Matt Cosner  
304-738-9290  
matt@nelsonautosalesonline.com  
Category: Auto Sales



### Queen City Cravings

108 W. Harrison Street  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
Contact: Chelsea Boyle  
301-777-0011  
eat@cravingsdeli.com  
Category: Restaurants



### Novus Management Services, LLC.

157 Baltimore Street, Suite 102  
Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
Contact: Dustin Freas  
301-722-0484  
abeall@novuspain.com  
Category: Healthcare

## >>> Upcoming Events & Meetings

MAY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Membership Committee 9AM		Lucky Ladies Committee 10PM	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Golf Committee 9AM			Education & Workforce Development Committee 8:30AM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Transportation Committee 9AM		State of Maryland General Assembly House of Delegates Committee on Education & Workforce Development			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Leadership Allgany Steering Committee 8:30 AM				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1



The  
**CHAMBER**  
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

*presents*

# CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

AT THE

*Woman's Civic Club*



BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

515 WASHINGTON STREET  
CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

**Register  
Online**

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

**TAKE GUIDED TOURS OF THE HOUSE  
AND LEARN ABOUT THE MISSION OF  
THE WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB.**

**NETWORK & WIN \$500!**

**MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND PRESENT TO WIN!**



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2023**



**5:30-7:30PM**

**RSVP  
by  
5/9**

**\$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



# OUTSTANDING Business Student



*Dustin Long*

**ALLEGANY HIGH SCHOOL**

Mr. Long is an exceptional young man who displays the best qualities of an Allegany Camper. He is dependable, dignified, and determined. Not only does he volunteer in the school store every day; he is a member of track and field, cross-country, the current Parliamentarian of the AHS Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). With a cumulative GPA of 4.25, Dustin excels in and out of the classroom as one of the few students at Allegany in the P-Tech program. Moreover, he is an active member of the community, volunteering through his church on mission trips, aiding the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad's Polar Express events, packaging food at the Western Maryland Food Bank, and is the former Master Counselor of Cumberland Chapter Order of DeMolay. Mr. Long has been invited to address the Allegany County Board of Education and continues to be an advocate in his new roles. Upon graduation, he plans to become a cybersecurity professional or mechanical engineer with the goal of joining IBM or Northrop Gruman at Rocket Center, WV to deliver advanced tech-based solutions to our community and beyond. Congratulations, Mr. Long, on your outstanding achievements!



*Lydia Vassiliadi*

**BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL**

Lydia Vassiliadi, a leader from middle school through high school, excels in service and academics. Dedicated to her community, she contributed countless hours to local initiatives through her school and 4-H. With outstanding academic performance, Lydia leads by example, going above and beyond in all endeavors. As President of BW Grows, she inspires others to action. Her scientific mind and robotics background as well as three encounters with the US President underscore her potential to tackle future challenges. Respectful, courteous, and self-motivated, Lydia's leadership, service, and academic excellence mark her as a standout individual poised to make a lasting impact.



*Levi Wiseman*

**CENTER FOR CAREER AND  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

Levi shows excellent leadership skills in any task given to him. He is proficient in problem solving, deductive reasoning, social skills and work ethic. When placed in a group, Levi takes charge and leads the group through tasks. He is currently studying for the A+ certification exam and shows strong commitment to ensuring he passes this difficult certification test.



*Dylan Pifer*

**MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH  
SCHOOL**

focused and wants to own his own successful business.

Dylan was a true pleasure to have in our Business and Marketing Essentials class. His contributions to our classroom were immense. He came to class with a good foundation and money sense. His leadership skills allowed him to lead conversations with his fellow students. He shared his knowledge with other students and was confident enough to ask questions where appropriate. His goal is to be an entrepreneur. He shared that he was unaware of all the different aspects of owning your own business but he is still



*Ben Twigg*

**FORT HILL HIGH SCHOOL**

Fort Hill senior Ben Twigg is an outstanding and extremely busy business student. Twigg is currently enrolled in College Principles of Macroeconomics at Allegany College of Maryland and maintains a 4.48 GPA. Twigg, an AP Scholar, serves as vice president of the National Honor Society and the Science National Honor Society and is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society and Rho Kappa National Honor Society. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Mock Trial Team, and Leadership Allegany Rising are among Twigg's numerous extracurricular activities. Music is one of Twigg's passions; he is a member of the Fort Hill Jazz Band, All-County Jazz Band, All-County Band, and WVU Honor Band and is a section leader of the Fort Hill Marching Band. He is a member of Fort Hill Show Choir and has performed in several spring musicals, including Beauty and the Beast and Oklahoma! His community service activities include volunteering with the Arc of Frederick County, serving as a church worship leader, and assisting with homeless outreach activities. After graduation, Twigg plans to major in political science and psychology and minor in Spanish at a yet-to-be-determined university. He is interested in pursuing a career in national security or law.



*Madison Grace Getz*

**CALVARY CHRISTIAN  
ACADEMY**

where she has been employed 1 1/2 years, and the Dairy Barn, where she has been employed for 3 years. Madison also demonstrates leadership through her past involvement in Chick-Fil-A Leader Academy and Leadership Allegany Rising, and her current involvement on the chapel music team at Calvary and with the Legacy Youth Group at Cornerstone Baptist Church.

Madison Grace Getz is an outstanding and conscientious student in Calvary's Class of 2024. She holds a cumulative GPA of 3.97 and will deliver the salutary address at her graduation on May 18. Madison has consistently taken honors classes when able, and she took a dual-credit college English course through ACM and CCA during her junior year of high school. Madison demonstrates integrity and dependability in her dealings with her peers and superiors, as is evidenced by her work in the community with Kickmasters,



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# OUTSTANDING Business Student



*Fatima Drammeh*

**ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**  
BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

Fatima was selected for this award due to her work ethic and outgoing personality. She is an excellent student who contributed much to the classroom. She worked at Roy Rogers during her years at ACM and volunteered at an assisted nursing home and at the Western Maryland Food Bank. She hopes to have a stable job that leads to a management position someday. She plans to transfer from ACM to a 4-year college after graduation and has narrowed it down to Bowie State, Morgan State, or Frostburg State.



*Andrew Lynch*

**ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Andrew Lynch has worked at The Wheelhouse Academy and Weis Markets in Cresaptown, MD. He has volunteered at flag-setting events for Memorial Day, WVU concession stands, engaged in community outreach by reading to kids, numerous baseball lessons, and other community service activities. His plans after graduation are to work as an accountant and gain financial stability to start a business. The most notable qualities that distinguish him from others are his ability to thrive in diverse environments, strong teamwork and leadership skills, and an unwavering determination to tackle any challenge.



*Quanton Spade*

**ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Through my experience at ACM, I was able to do an internship at a local construction company in Bedford, PA. The internship gave me some insight and knowledge to both further my business management experience and help me in a career path. I know that in the future I would like to start my own business. Currently, I am working with my dad and uncle at our family business where I am not only learning about the building construction trade, but I am learning how to run and operate a business. Right after high school, I began volunteer coaching with the junior high and high school wrestling program at Everett Area High School where I graduated from. Growing up, I was a three-sport athlete, and I learned many valuable lessons, created friendships, and developed qualities that will last a lifetime. I really enjoy working with kids and want to be able to leave a lasting positive impact on them like many of the coaches I had growing up. Through my time as an athlete, I learned and developed qualities such as drive, self-motivation, and determination that continue to help me every day in any task that I seek out to complete. Also, growing up working for the family business I learned how to interact with both customers and other businesses. These qualities combined with the importance of small, family-owned businesses that has been instilled in me, have given me the passion to want to start my own business in the future. I am honored to be a recipient of the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Awards.



*Brandon McCloskey*

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

Brandon completed his bachelors degree in 2021 and was awarded the Chamber of Commerce award for Finance and Economics while he was an undergrad. During this time, he worked at "Chick-fil-a" to help pay for his education the entire 4 years he was an undergrad. Brandon has been at ABL-Northrup Grumman for the past four years, starting as an intern, and progressing to his current position as a Business Analyst in the office responsible for managing rocket motor development. Brandon is currently enrolled in Frostburg's MBA program and has a 4.0 and is expected to graduate this August.



*Brady K. Weimer*

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

The Department of Management has selected Brady K. Weimer as our recipient for the 2024 Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Management Student Award. Brady will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in General Management. He has an outstanding 3.932 GPA and has been ever-present on the Dean's list. Brady is employed part-time as an equipment operator at Braddock Construction LLC, and is a competitive dirt bike racer. Brady exhibits superior academic performance due to his respect for others, insatiable curiosity, and effervescent personality. Coupled with exceptional engagement he is a proven classroom leader who constructively challenges his instructors and peers. In summary, Brady is an intelligent, positive individual who makes things happen. I passionately believe he has the ability and motivation to accomplish whatever he sets out to achieve. After graduation, Brady will begin entering Management at Braddock Construction.



*Abigail Olson*

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Abigail Olson will graduate in May from Frostburg State University with a major in Economics and a minor in Management. She currently has a 3.657 GPA. Her interest in economics and her enthusiasm for learning have inspired other students and her professors. Abigail is an active member of the Economics club and is the Club's Treasurer. She is also actively involved in the Student Business Leadership Council, Student Support Services, and The National Society of Leadership and Success. She also volunteered to lead student workshops to help lower-level economics students succeed in Principles of Economics. The students have definitely benefited from her help. Abigail is among a group of current economics students at FSU that treat faculty and each other as family. She has emerged as a natural leader and as someone willing to help others in that group. She will be greatly missed in the Economics Department at FSU.



*Aisa Wrights*

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

Aisa Wrights (pronounced 'Ice-a') is a local student who will graduate with her degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing at Frostburg State University. Aisa maintained a high GPA, while working part-time at a local establishment. She is an invited member of the President's Leadership Circle and attended this year's PACE Reception representing the FSU student body. She is an invited member of the National Society for Leadership and Success. Aisa is currently serving as a marketing student-consultant for a local business as part of her marketing capstone course. Aisa Wrights comes highly recommended by her marketing professors for her leadership skills, conscientious nature, and quality workmanship.



*Gustavo Cruz*

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

Gustavo Cruz is a graduating accounting major at Frostburg State University with a GPA of 3.86. A member of the Frostburg football team, Gustavo has consistently demonstrated leadership skills and academic excellence. He has made the Dean's List every semester and earned several academic honors, including a spot on the Mountain East Conference All-Academic Team and the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Gustavo has gained practical experience through an internship at a full-service accounting firm and by volunteering with the FSU Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. After graduation, he plans to pursue an MBA and obtain his CPA license. Gustavo also aspires to join his father in managing their family-owned construction company.

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





# Legislative Wrap-Up 2024

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**Thursday, May 9, 2024  
3:30pm-5pm**

**\$25 per person  
Price Includes 1 Drink  
and Hors d' oeuvres.**

**at the  
Cumberland Country Club**

**Cash Bar**

*Featuring*

**Senator Mike McKay  
Delegate Terry Baker  
Delegate Jason Buckel  
Delegate Jim Hinebaugh**

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**PRE-REGISTRATION  
ENCOURAGED**

**TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS OR  
TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

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# 2024 BANNER AD AVAILABILITY

## BANNER #4

**Turnbull  
Hoover  
& Kahl P.A.**  
CPA



NEIGHBORS OF  
CUMBERLAND



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- 10 After Hours
- Golf Tournament
- Holiday Reception
- Lucky Ladies Night Out
- Crab Feast
- Leadership Allegany Graduation
- Recognition Reception
- Local Business Showcase
- Legislative Wrap Up

3-\$500 spots  
left!

7-\$250 spots  
open!





# Lucky Ladies Night Out

Friday, June 14, 2024

Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds

Early Bird

After May 19th

\$40 per person  
\$250 per table of 7

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

Basket Raffle Tickets

\$5/ticket sold in bundles of 5

Price includes: dinner, beer, wine, seltzer,  
soda, and water, 1 entry into the door prize drawing.

Doors open at 5:30pm. You must be 21 years of age to  
attend, with reservations purchased in advance

Open to the Public.



BELLA, LLC





**SQUAT**



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**BENCH PRESS**

**CLEAN**

**DEADLIFT**

# WEIGHT LIFTING COMPETITION



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Saturday, May 18th. Time TBA

\$25 First Lift Category | \$15 Each Additional Lift Category

Junior, Adult, Master Options



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NEEDS AND RESOURCE FUNDS!  
DON'T WANT TO COMPETE? TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS CAN BE  
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*present*

# **AI in Action:** ***Practical Applications of AI for Business***

**MAY 7, 2024**  
**10AM-NOON**

Allegany College of Maryland  
or attend virtually

***Also Featuring:***

Conversation from a panel of Western Maryland companies employing AI within their organizations, ready to share their insight and practical applications.



Scan QR code  
to register  
for this  
FREE event.

***RSVP Required***



*featuring*

**Dr. Joseph Yun**

Artificial Intelligence Architect  
& Chief Executive Officer,  
BlueFoxLabs.ai

# Membership 101

**Friday, May 17th at 10am**

Join us at the Chamber office to discuss membership, available resources, sponsorship opportunities, and advertising options. We will also be available to answer any questions you may have.



**REGISTER  
NOW**



# Growth Zone 101

**Friday, May 24th at 9am**

Join us at the Chamber office to discuss our new Chamber software. How to use it to maximize your membership! We will be available to help you get set up in the member hub and to answer any questions you may have.



**REGISTER  
NOW**