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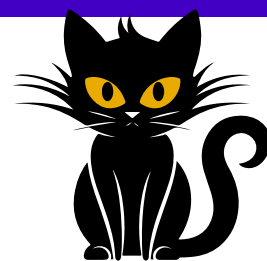
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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- And more...

Boo!



FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



In this month's newsletter you will find our last chance to promote the UpNext event on October 28. We are looking for event booklet sponsors, event sponsors, and we still have room for you to purchase a booth. We've been asked if this is replacing our Business Showcase/Expo - YES, it is! We've lessened the cost to you, created workshops that are based on member feedback, and are hosting at Allegany College of Maryland where our participants will have an audience of both tradition and non-traditional students, faculty and staff. Worried you might get hungry? We've got a few food trucks for that!

You have until October 17 to purchase your space, but just until October 14 to place an ad for as little as \$25 - what?! Our workshops are filling up so follow the links on the flyers to get registered and make this a great day for your business.

Workshops

Social Media in 20 Minutes a Day
Google Business Profile Hacks
Small Business Cash Flow
Finding & Keeping Good Employees
Interviewing the Right Way
Canva Made Simple
Would You Hire an AI? You Might Want To!
Putting ChatGPT to Use
Leadership

Business Services

Finding qualified candidates
Offset costs of training and re-training
Financial projections
Business plan writing
Turning an idea into reality

Booth Space

Showcase your business
Highlight & sell your products
Talk to potential next employees

Networking

Connect with professionals
Learn more about other businesses

Register Now!

Up/next Workshops

Sponsorship Opportunities

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- Workshop Drawing Sponsor \$500
- Networking Breakfast Sponsor \$1,500



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ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

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8am-2pm

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Schedule

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*Click
FOR
Details*

Up/next Event Booklet Advertising

THE UPNEXT EVENT BOOKLET IS AN 18-PAGE GUIDE FEATURING EVENT DETAILS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, AND RESOURCES TO HELP ATTENDEES NAVIGATE WORKSHOPS, FOOD OPTIONS, AND VENDORS. WE HAVE 14 ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESSES WHO WANT TO CONNECT WITH OUR AUDIENCE.

WITH MORE THAN 800 STUDENTS AND OVER 200 STAFF ON CAMPUS, COMMUNITY VISITORS, FOOD TRUCK PATRONS, AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS, THIS BOOKLET IS A GREAT WAY TO PUT YOUR BUSINESS IN FRONT OF ENGAGED ATTENDEES.

WELCOME PAGE - QUARTER BOTTOM PAGE: \$25
EVENT GUIDE PAGE - QUARTER BOTTOM PAGE: \$25
ABOUT PAGE - QUARTER TOP PAGE: \$50
EVENT GUIDE PAGE - QUARTER BOTTOM PAGE: \$25
MAP PAGE - QUARTER TOP PAGE: \$50
WORKSHOP SCHEDULE PAGE - HALF BOTTOM PAGE: \$75
WORKSHOP INFO PAGE - QUARTER BOTTOM PAGE: \$25
WORKSHOP INFO PAGE - QUARTER TOP PAGE: \$50
WORKSHOP INFO PAGE - QUARTER TOP PAGE: \$50
FOOD TRUCK MAP PAGE - HALF BOTTOM PAGE: \$75
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS PAGE - HALF BOTTOM PAGE: \$75
CONTACT INFO PAGE - HALF BOTTOM PAGE: \$75
INSIDE BACK PAGE - FULL PAGE: \$100

PURCHASE BY OCTOBER 15!!!!

Available



**MEMBER
CHECK-IN**

What type of
events do you
prefer
attending?

Click to tell us!



Board of Directors Seeking Nominations

Do you want to be more involved with the Chamber? Have you worked with a Chamber member who would be a great candidate?

The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking individuals interested in being a member of the Board of Directors. Composed of 18 members, on third (six members) of whom are elected annually to serve in the volunteer role for three years.

Each candidate must be willing to meet the following criteria to be considered:

- Be an active member in good standing
- Serve as a member of the Board for a period of three years
- Attend all regularly schedule Board meetings (monthly), Orientation (December), and Strategic Planning Session (January)
- Serve on at least one active standing committee
- Attend Chamber events, such as After Hours, UpNext: A Business & Skills Exchange, Ladies Night Out, Golf Tournament, Crab Feast, Ribbon Cuttings, Business Recognition, and programs such as Leadership Allegany and Leadership Allegany Rising graduations, and the Outstanding Business Student Awards.
- Assist with and volunteer at Chamber events as needed

At the October 23rd, 2025 Board of Directors meeting. the Nominating Committee shall present to Chair Rob Collette a slate of at least six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms, to replace the Directors whose regular terms are expiring. Each candidate must have agreed to accept the responsibility of the directorship. Upon receipt of the Nominating Committee's report, the Chamber membership will be notified of the names of the individuals who have been nominated.

With the slate of nominees released, additional names of candidates for directors can be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least five (5) qualified members of the Chamber.

Nominees will appear on the ballot to be voted on during the December 5th Annual Meeting.

For more information, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or email Juli at juli@alleganycountychamber.com.

New Members

Arrow Investments

16804 Mountain Club Ave
Rawlings, Maryland 21557

Phone:

Contact: Rebecca Lee

Email:

rebecca@arrowinvestmentsonline.com

Lefty's Place

118 Baltimore Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Phone: 240-362-7286

Contact: Amel Morris

Email: amelmorris@hotmail.com

Village Caregiving

31 Baltimore Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Phone: 240-967-8899

Contact: Tasia Eirich

Email:

tasiapage@villagecaregiving.com

Dogwood Daycare & Grooming

11112 Creek Road
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Phone: 301-904-9982

Contact: Tina Rose

Email:

dogwood4daycare@gmail.com

Green Line Energy Solutions, LLC.

11206 Hollywood Road
Hagerstown, MD 21740

Phone: 240-818-7813

Contact: Aaron Palmer

Email:

palmer@greenlinesecuritysolutions.com

Upcoming Events & Meetings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 8:30AM	10	11
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY CLOSED	14 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM	15 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM	16	17 MEMBERSHIP 101 10 AM	18
19	20	21 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM	22 EDWARD JONES RIBBON CUTTING 10 AM	23 KENSINGTON RIBBON CUTTING 2PM	24	25
26	27	28 UPNEXT 8-2PM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3PM	29	30 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 12 PM	31	

October 2025

November 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	6 RECOGNITION RECEPTION 6-8:30P	7 RURAL KING RIBBON CUTTING 9 AM	8
9	10	11 CLOSED	12	13 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 8:30AM	14	15
16	17	18 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM	19 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM CHERRY RIBBON CUTTING 10 AM	20 BOARD OF DIRECTORS 12 PM	21 MEMBERSHIP 101 10 AM	22
23	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING CLOSED	28 THANKSGIVING CLOSED	29
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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.



Jim Lindner
Class of 2012

This quarter, we feature Jim Lindner from the Class of 2012.

What is your current role?

VP/Sr Relationship Manager – Business

What is your favorite memory from your Leadership Allegany experience? My favorite memory was being together as a group and learning about the County. The level of education received from the Leadership Class was amazing. I was born and raised in Allegany County and learned of things that I never knew existed.

What advice would you have for future Leadership Allegany members? Be open to learn. Be active in the class and soak in all that is being presented. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone to grow.

What is the most important thing you learned from the Leadership Allegany program? The most important thing I learned in Allegany Leadership is the commitment of the locals to make this a great place to live. So many local folks give so much back to the community and truly this area.

Describe a rewarding moment in your career? It is difficult to single out just one rewarding moment as a commercial lender. I have been given a great opportunity at First People Community FCU to assist so many individuals to experience their dreams of being self-employed. I have been able to assist many businesses to purchase an existing business, start up a new business, to expand their facility or obtain new equipment and grow. It has been very rewarding.

The
CHAMBER
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AFTER HOURS

at the
ROSENBAUM
118 BALTIMORE ST.

JOIN US FOR DRINKS, REFRESHMENTS & PRIZES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
5:30–7:30PM

NETWORK & WIN \$1000

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY:

RSVP BY
10/9



REGISTER
ONLINE



MUST BE PRESENT & PRE-REGISTERED TO WIN

\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE (MEMBERS)

\$15.00 REGISTRATION FEE (NON-MEMBERS)

MUST BE 21 OR OVER TO ATTEND

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2025 Annual Recognition Reception

Please join us in honoring

Large Business of the Year

First Peoples Community Federal Credit Union

Small Business of the Year

Chew On This - Jerky

Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

Queen City Creamery

Community Service Award

Maryland Wellness

Non-Profit of the Year Finalists

Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation

The Children's League

Western Maryland Health System Foundation

Outstanding Young Professional

Katelyn Yoder, M&T Bank

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M&T Bank

2025 Annual Recognition Reception

Frostburg State University Lane Center

Thursday, November 6, 2025

6:00-8:30pm

Cash Bar

Reservations: \$60.00 per person

Theatre Style Seating

Includes:

Hors d'Oeuvres & Small Plate Menu

RSVP by Thursday, October 30th

Reservations: \$60.00 per person



Scan Above to Register Online

Please Make Checks Payable to

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce & Return With RSVP Card

Cash & Credit Cards are accepted

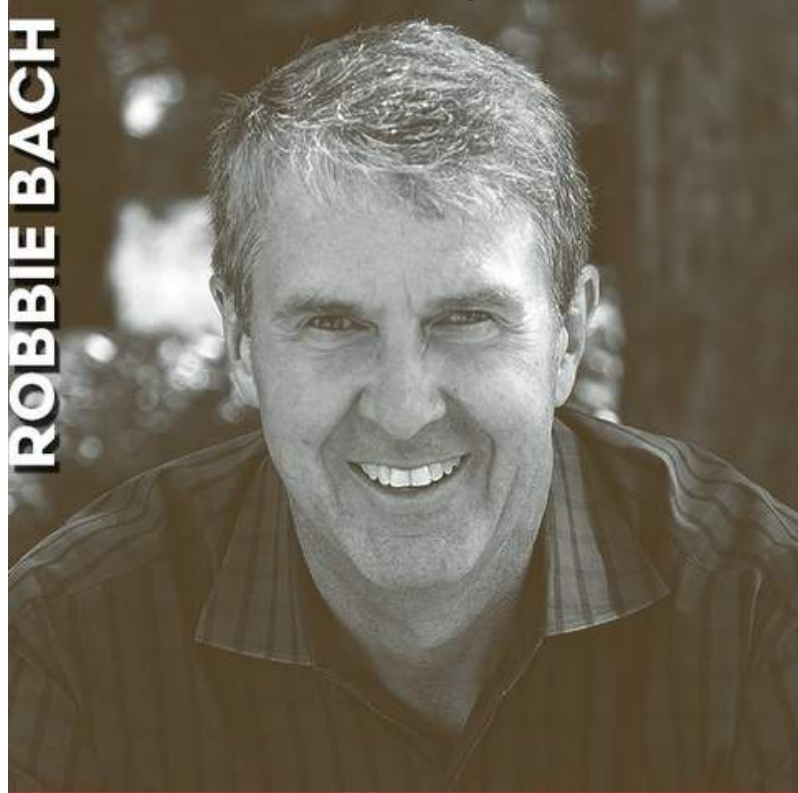
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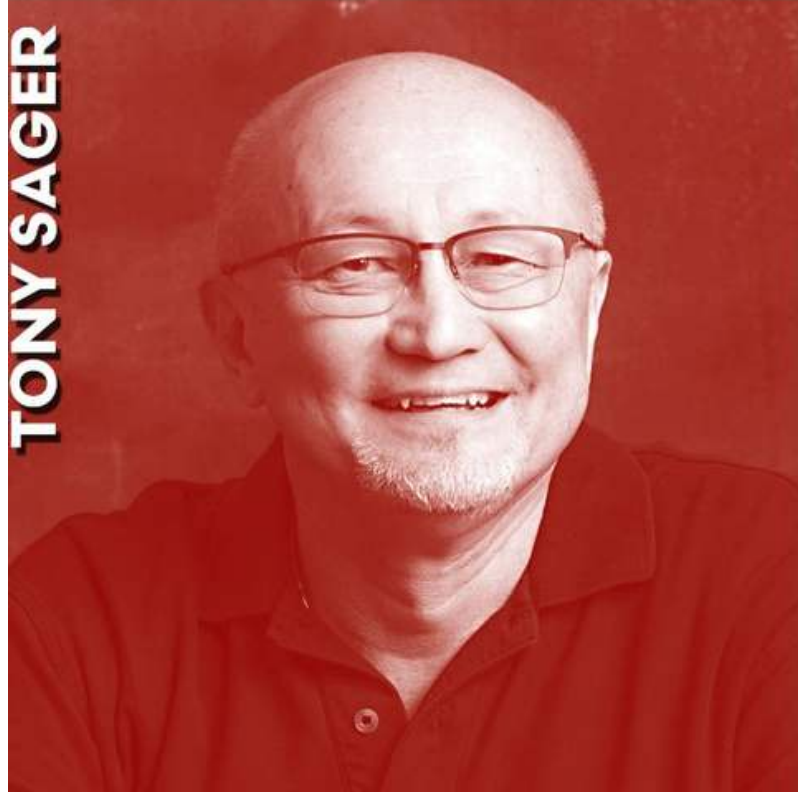
Join us on October 16th at Rocky Gap Casino Resort!



ROBBIE BACH



CHERRY ROSE TAN



TONY SAGER

October 16
Rocky Gap Casino Resort

TECH AT **THE GAP**
PIONEERING  POSSIBILITY
2025



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More information on Presenters and Tickets
can be found at www.techgapmd.com