





Executive Director

I am not someone of few words when it comes to writing. I realize, however, that we are all quite busy and perhaps the best way to communicate to you the many things that need to be said as clearly and concisely as possible is to do so briefly!

- The golf tournament: huge success! Thank you to our Gold Sponsors AT&T, Cintas, Delmock Technologies, Maryland Broadband Cooperative, Rocky Gap Casino Resort, and UPMC Western Maryland. This being my first, I wasn't sure what to expect, but the committee worked hard and you are all greatly appreciated. Thank you to our many volunteers, as well!
- Lucky Ladies Night Out: June 11 and yet another shining example of teamwork to make a great event! Thank you to our sponsors: Bella, LLC, Kristi Otto Allstate Agency, Divine Reflections, Homespire Mortgage, and an anonymous donor. The committee began planning under tight restrictions, but the re-opening of our state is a welcomed addition to the fun that is in store. If you have not yet gotten your tickets, contact our office this week to save your seat!
- Another team that continues to work hard is the **Marketing Committee**. If you have not yet *set up your user account on the website*, please contact our office. Features there include member-to-member information about sales and discounts, job postings, and this newsletter. We are adding more and more and we will soon have quick how-to videos to help walk you through the navigation.
- The Chamber has signed on to support the **Washington Street Bridge Alliance**. This group has been formed to address the repair needs of the Washington Street Bridge, which has been out of commission since 2017. If you, as your business, and/or as an individual wish to sign on to support their cause you can access any of the information here: https://bit.ly/3fCpRvR.
- "After Hours" is back and this month we'll visit Archway Station on June 16. All members are welcome and registration can be completed here: https://bit.ly/3uFX9hW. I know we have a lot of members who are excited to dive back into this important part of Chamber membership and I am thrilled to have an opportunity to see all of you!

Juli McCoyExecutive Director

JUNE 2021

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"Chamber After Hours"

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm Hosted by: Archway Station

June Calendar

June 10

8:00 am Education Committee Meeting Allegany College of Maryland

June 11

6:00 – 9:00 pm Lucky Ladies Night Out Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds

June 15

8:00 am

Leadership Allegany!

Steering Committee Hybrid

June 16

8:00 am

Economic Development Com. Mtg. Hybrid

5:30 – 7:30 pm *Chamber After Hours* Archway Station

June 21

8:00 am

Leadership *Allegany!* Alumni Mtg. Hybrid

June 24

Noon

Board of Directors Meeting Hybrid

July 7

8:00 am

Membership Committee Meeting Hybrid

2021 Chamber Golf Outing Memories



Winner of The Bell Tower Cup – Rocky Gap Casino Resort



Cintas Corporation



Delmock Technologies



Maryland Broadband Cooperative



UPMC Western Maryland

Allegany County Chamber of Commerce



FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2021

ALI GHAN SHRINE CLUB PICNIC GROUNDS
SEATING STARTS AT 5:30PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE @ALLEGANYCOUNTYCHAMBER.COM OR BY CALLING 301-722-2820

MUST BE 21 OR OLDER

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES HORS D'OEUVRES, BEER/WINE/SOFT DRINKS
+ A RAFFLE TICKET ON A GRAND PRIZE DRAWING!
(\$40.00 INDIVIDUAL/\$260.00 TABLE OF SEVEN)

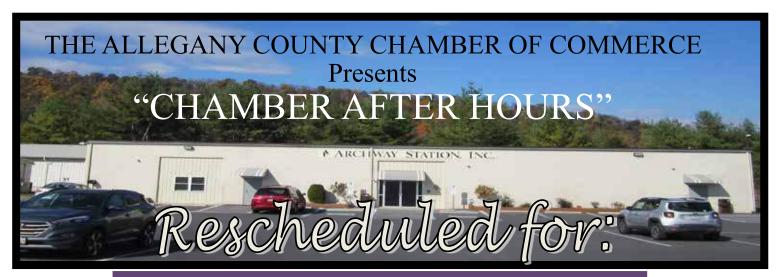
THEMED BASKET RAFFLES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

SALON TREATMENTS, MASSAGES, AUTO DETAILING, RESTAURANT GIFT CERTIFICATES, OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS...AND MORE!

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Wednesday, June 16, 2021 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM 45 Queen Street Cumberland, MD

Join us for networking, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and prizes!

Beer & wine sponsored by: Blue Ridge Risk Partners \$5.00 Registration fee collected at door—Must be 21 years of age to attend Must be pre-registered and present to win

NETWORK & WIN \$1,750.00

Organization Name:
Member Names:
Member Guests:
Please return to: Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, 24 Frederick St, Cumberland, MD 21502 Phone: 301-722-2820/Fax: 301-722-5995/Email: krista@alleganycountychamber.com







Celebrates 115th Birthday



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrated our 115th birthday in April. Throughout 2021 each month we will offer interesting tidbits of history that occurred over the years. This month and next month's newsletters will feature an annual report by Chamber of Commerce Secretary F. H. Ankeney presented at a general membership meeting on March 2, 1925 detailing the "hot spots" over an eleven-year period This month's article will focus on the highlights from 1914 to 1917.

Upon its establishment the Chamber of Commerce "immediately became active in civic matters and in promoting the industrial and business development of Cumberland in particular and the community in general. Among those most active in this new organization were the late Thos. Footer, its first President who retained his active and keen interest in the Chamber up to his death in 1923, John S. McCauley, H.D. Billmeyer, Isaac Hirsch, Henry Shriver, H. E. Weber, H.U.F. Flurshutz, Henry Vogel, Tasker G. Lowndes, Geo. G. Young, I.T. Holland, Morris Rosenbaum, John Schwarzenbach, T. B. Finan, W. L. Sperry, John G. Lynn, and A. P. Cross, all of whom are still interested and active in everything for the welfare and advancement of Cumberland and to whom Cumberland is greatly indebted. No one can realize and appreciate fully the sacrifices these men have made for their community. They have given generously of their time, their talents and of their means, that Cumberland be made a better place in which to live and conduct our business or profession. Their efforts were not always understood or appreciated, but the experience of time has proven that theirs was always an unselfish devotion to their community and to these men and to other, who, thru the influence of these pioneers, later became active in the Chamber of Commerce work, Cumberland owes its present high status of prosperity, healthfulness, and favorable prominence nationally". (taken from the Chamber March 2, 1925 minutes)

This still holds true today. Our Chamber would not be able to exist without the dedication of our board of directors, committee chairs, committee members and our membership at large. We are truly grateful for the amount of time, energy and financial contribution they provide our organization each and every year. We are eternally grateful for your membership.

Now, let's take a look at what the Chamber accomplished during their first four years.

1914 — Commercial Day for Cumberland Retailers, sought new industries for the area, improved mail service, favored "Buy A Bale of Cotton" movement, endeavored to secure more adequate electric lighting service, took active role in Farmers Institute and Boys and Girls Club, and became interested in boosting the National Road.

1915 — Became interested in an Agricultural Fair for Cumberland, protested to city government about unsanitary housing conditions in certain city sections, took action to secure an Industrial Survey of Cumberland, endorsed Greene Street subway project, and activity began securing Kelly-Springfield Tire Company plant.

1916 — Contract made with Kelly-Springfield – which marked the beginning of a new era for Cumberland placing them before the nation as one of the most progressive cities in the United States. Also, arranged a banquet with the main feature being a transcontinental telephone "hook-up" which enabled attendees to hear people speaking as far away as San Francisco.

1917 — Secured the enactment of a Dog and Sheep Law, concrete road completed to Pennsylvania state line on Bedford Road, Industrial Survey of Cumberland by B & O Railroad completed, became interested in north and south highway from Bedford, PA to Cumberland, MD, and the Fort Cumberland Hotel was organized built and financed locally.

Be sure to check in next month to learn about the Chamber's focus from 1917 to 1924. Stay tuned!!!



Welcome New Members

(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)

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Outstanding Business Student Awards

sponsored by:





The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee and the Rotary Club of Cumberland are pleased to announce the winners of the Annual Outstanding Business Student Awards.

This is the thirty-third year area business students have been recognized for their achievements in business courses in the county's public and private high schools, Allegany College of Maryland, and Frostburg State University.



Erica Metheny Allegany High School

Erica, a junior at Allegany High School, has been class president for three years. She has a 4.45 GPA and is an AP Scholar student. She has been a member of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for three years and held

the position of president. In November 2020 she organized her chapter's participation in the state FBLA's Media Madness program. She has also competed at the regional, state, and national levels in FBLA. Erica has been actively involved with the Masonic youth group, the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, where she gained her public speaking skills. As a Maryland Rainbow state officer, she not only did volunteer work such as serving fundraiser breakfasts and caroling at nursing homes but gave speeches and traveled across the state of Maryland. She is the daughter of Richard and Debra Metheny of LaVale, Maryland.



Corinne is the Editor-in-Chief of the 2021-2022 yearbook at Bishop Walsh School. She has done an amazing job on this year's yearbook considering the many restrictions of the pandemic. She is also responsible for assisting



the other editorial leaders and supports photographers and other staff members as well. Corinne is an intelligent, creative, and talented young woman. Her traits have made her well suited to not only following but giving directions, leading her classmates, and performing detailed tasks behind the scenes.



Jackson Dayton Calvary Christian Academy

Jackson has a 3.32 GPA. He is on the varsity soccer and basketball teams. He is a member of a group that leads worship in the weekly school chapel. As part of his sports management class, he does many chores around the

school. He has worked outside of school as a machine operator at First Fruits, a sanitary engineer at Knobley Mountain Hauling, sous chef at Chef Paul's and a farm worker at True Vine Farms. Jackson plans to attend either Liberty University or Valley Forge and major in business administration.



Cody Blankenship Center for Career and Technical Education

Cody is completing the P-TECH Program, which is housed in the Center for Career and Technical Education. The program allowed him to earn 60 credits at Allegany College of Maryland during his four years in high school.

In May, he will graduate from ACM with an associate degree in Cyber Security, two weeks before he receives his high school diploma and CTE Certification in IT Networking. Cody has achieved all of this while maintaining a 3.9 GPA. He has been an active member in Future Business Leaders of America and has competed at the regional and state competitions for the past two years. In addition, he has worked independently completing IT work orders for CCTE and has shown the ability to communicate with adults in a professional manner and problem solve various IT-related issues. Upon graduation, Cody will begin an internship with IBM and plans to secure a job in the cybersecurity field while pursuing his bachelor's degree in Computer Science.

Rachel Jones Mountain Ridge High School

Rachel is a senior honor roll student who maintains an overall 4.38 GPA. In addition to her business classes, she has taken 13 honors classes, 6 advanced placement classes and 10 college courses. She completed four of



those college courses during the summer. She is treasurer of the National Honor Society, co-editor of the yearbook and a member of the Green School Committee, the Spanish Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. At her church, Rachel is a member of the youth mission team, the audio/visual team and helps with Vacation Bible School. She has also volunteered at the Union Rescue Mission and at the Covid vaccination clinic at the hospital. Rachel also finds time to work at Chick-fil-A and the Frostburg Freeze. She plans to attend Grove City College, majoring in exercise science and minoring in business. Rachel is the daughter of David and Elaine Jones of Frostburg.



Emily Beck
Allegany College of Maryland
Business Management

Emily graduated from Mountain Ridge High School in 2019 and is now enrolled at Allegany College of Maryland to study business with an emphasis on marketing. During

her last semester at ACM, she decided to change direction and study real estate and finance. She passed the real estate licensing course and completed an internship with Coldwell Banker Professional Real Estate Services in the Fall of 2020. Through these experiences studying and working in the real estate industry she discovered that this would be her future academic focus. She graduated with honors from ACM in December 2020 with an Associates of Applied Science degree in Business Management and a Letter of Recognition in Marketing and Sales. After graduation Emily worked at Coldwell Banker until starting school at Frostburg State University in January 2021. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics. After graduating from FSU, she plans to begin her career by investing in real estate in college towns and potentially opening her own rental property business.

Danielle Tucker Allegany College of Maryland Business Management

Danielle moved to Cumberland, MD four years ago where she started a family and returned to school. She will graduate this spring with an associate degree in Business



Management and currently maintains a 3.7 overall GPA and will graduate with honors. Danielle interned at ALCOVA Mortgage. Her plan upon graduating is to enroll in the real estate course offered by the ACM Continuing Education program. Danielle has a passion for real state and sees this field as a pathway to personal financial success and an opportunity to help people, including families like hers, to fulfill their dreams of owning a home. As a mother of two young children, she has been challenged by the need to attend classes, complete required readings and assignments, and study, all while being a full-time stay at home mom. She is very proud of having excelled at school while raising a family.



Susan Yoder Allegany College of Maryland Business Management

Susan will receive an associate degree in Business Management this spring and has accepted a job offer from AmeriServ in their Loan Department as a CSR. She currently

works for H & R Block, Northwinds Golf Course and Shanksville Stoneycreek School District. She is the mother of three children and grandmother of one. Over the years she has been an active volunteer in many organizations, including the Shanksville (PA) Fire Department where she became an EMT in 1994. She held

various offices in the Ladies Auxiliary while it existed. She has been a PTSA member for over 20 years and held several offices, which included chairing many fundraising events. She is a member of the Dress to the Nines organization, the 11th Society of Farm Women and Shanksville United Methodist Church. In college she met the challenge of simultaneously being a single mother, full-time worker and student. Susan plans to complete her bachelor's degree in Business, while working at Ameriserv.



Eric Beitzel Frostburg State University Department of Accounting

Eric is graduating with a degree in Accounting in May 2021 and currently has a 4.00 GPA. He studied at Rosedale Bible College and Garrett College before joining Frostburg State

University for his Accounting degree. He has two years of intern experience at Beitzel Corporation in Grantsville, MD assisting in accounts payable processes and expense management. As part of the Rosedale International REACH Program, he led a four-member team to Istanbul, Turkey to work with refugees. Currently he serves as a local outreach coordinator for Cherry Glade Mennonite Church, and he also serves as the outreach coordinator for Cru Campus Ministry for both Garrett College and Frostburg State University.

Brandon McCloskey Frostburg State University Department of Economics

Brandon will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Science degree and a double major in Economics and Business Administration. He is an excellent student with a current grade



point average of 3.922. He was employed for four years at Chick-fil-A in Cumberland, most recently as kitchen director. For the past year Brandon has been employed as Program Management Intern at Northrop Grumman.



Justin Hershberger Frostburg State University Department of Management

Justin will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Human Resource Management. He has an impressive 3.67 GPA and has been

ever-present on the Dean's list. He is a thoughtful team-oriented individual who put 100% into his work. He is a quiet leader who strives to do his best in everything he does. Because of his determination and working off campus, he will graduate debtfree. Throughout his two years at FSU, he has overcome numerous hardships and obstacles and has become a better, stronger person because of them.



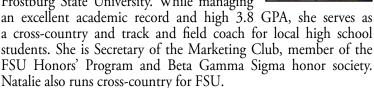
Madison Finnan
Frostburg State University
Department of Marketing and Finance

Madison is a graduating senior in Business Administration with a concentration in Global Business at Frostburg State University.

She maintains a 3.56 GPA and holds many leadership roles on campus – President of the Marketing Club, VP of Beta Gamma Sigma and a member of the National Society for Leadership and Success. She participated in the "Pitch Perfect" one-day immersion conference in 2019 and earned a first runner-up award. She works part-time at Bentley Homes as a property shower. As a leader in the Marketing Club, Madison co-created the "Let's Connect" event, where student members network with working professionals in the field of marketing and business.

Natalie Gray Frostburg State University Department of Marketing and Finance

Natalie is a graduating senior majoring in Business Administration with a concertation in Marketing and a minor in Management at Frostburg State University. While managing





Brandon McCloskey Frostburg State University Department of Marketing and Finance

Brandon is a graduating senior with a dual major in both Business Administration – Finance and Business Economics at Frostburg

State University. He consistently maintains a spot on the Dean's List for his near-perfect GPA. He is currently a program management intern at Northrop Grumman. He earned a "Top Performer" intern award through Northrop Grumman in 2020. He has earned several highly coveted, competitive scholarship for his academic accomplishments. Brandon plans to work for Northrop Grumman after graduation.

Neil Cardiff Frostburg State University MBA Program

Neil was an exceptional MBA student at Frostburg State University. The faculty were impressed with his work and he performed all assigned tasks beyond their expectations. He



provided clear and understandable examples/solutions to problems he faced. Neil actively aided other MBA students in his courses by participating in discussion boards and leading many conversations. He was always respectful in his communications with faculty and provided a student's perspective on how to tweak assignments to better aid students.



LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS!!!

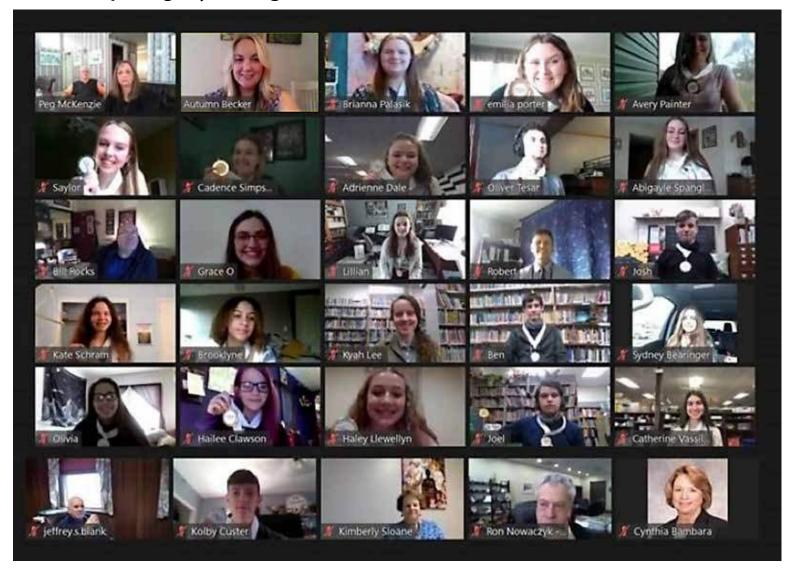
We still need a few male volunteers - come join the fun. If you have an interest, please give us a call (301-722-2820).

The sixth annual "Lucky Ladies Night Out" will be held on Friday, June 11th at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club Picnic Grounds, Cumberland, Maryland. Tickets are \$40.00 per person/\$260.00 (table of seven) and include hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, seltzers, bottled water, soft drinks and a raffle ticket chance on a grand prize drawing. Doors open at 5:30 pm. You must be 21 years of age to attend – **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.** Tickets can be ordered by

contacting the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or by emailing krista@alleganycountychamber.com or peg@alleganycountychamber.com.

"Lucky Ladies Night Out" is proudly sponsored by Bella LLC, Divine Reflections, Homespire Mortgage, and the Kristi Otto Allstate Agency.

Leadership Allegany! Rising — Class of 2021 Graduates



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Allegany! Rising Class of 2021 recently held a virtual graduation ceremony for the twenty-two participants in this year's program. Leadership Allegany! Rising, which is modeled after the Chamber's very successful Leadership Allegany! program, is dedicated to providing positive change by creating a network of future leaders committed to impacting their community.

The participants, all high school juniors, were from Allegany High School, Bishop Walsh School, Calvary Christian Academy, the Center for Career and Technical Education, Fort Hill High School, and Mountain Ridge High School. In a forum of open discussion and interaction class members gained the knowledge and motivation to effect positive change within the region. Class members covered topics such as healthcare, social services, government, economic development, business careers and higher education.

Participating in the program were:

Sydney Bearinger, Bishop Walsh School
Hailee Clawson, Center for Career and Technical Education
Joel Clise, Calvary Christian Academy
Kolby Custer, Fort Hill High School
Adrienne Dale, Bishop Walsh School

Ben Green, Calvary Christian Academy Josh Howsare, Calvary Christian Academy Lillian Jackson, Allegany High School Kyah Lee, Calvary Christian Academy Haley Llewellyn, Mountain Ridge High School Saylor Miller, Mountain Ridge High School Brooklyn Noel, Fort Hill High School Grace O'Baker, Mountain Ridge High School Avery Painter, Center for Career and Technical Education Brianna Palasik, Center for Career and Technical Education Emilia Porter, Mountain Ridge High School Kathryn Schram, Allegany High School Cadence Simpson, Fort Hill High School Abigayle Spangler, Fort Hill High School Oliver Tesar, Bishop Walsh School Olivia Thomas, Allegany High School Catherine Vassiliadi, Bishop Walsh School

The program was proudly sponsored by AT&T Service, Inc., Bella, LLC, **Leadership** *Allegany!* and Mr. James "Snake" Robertson.

For information about the program please contact the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce at 301-722-2820.



Crab Feast 2021

Sponsored by:





It's that time again – time for the Chamber's **Annual Crab Feast**, scheduled for Friday, August 6, 2021 at the Ali Ghan Shrine Picnic Grounds from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. As always, the event is open to all Chamber members and their guests. Tickets are on sale now!

Ticket prices for 2021 are \$60.00 per person if purchased by July 23rd or \$75.00 after that. **No tickets will be sold at the door**. Be sure to call and order your tickets today!

As a reminder we do have a 21 year and older policy for attendance, due to alcoholic beverages being served and the personal liability incurred with serving alcohol. To order tickets please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.

RESERVE YOUR CRAB FEAST TENT

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. You must be 21 years and older to attend the Crab Feast.

(includes (10) round tables, 40 chairs and corporate sign)
Tent quantities are limited; so please reserve early. To reserve your

Tent quantities are limited; so please reserve early. To reserve your tent for the 2021 Crab Feast, please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820 or e-mail to peg@alleganycountychamber.com.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 flier that appears in our weekly and monthly newsletters and on a banner that will be displayed at the event. For additional information please contact the Chamber office at 301-722-2820.



LEADERSHIP Allegany! Alumni SPOTLIGHT



Donnell VanSkiver

The **Leadership** *Allegany!* Alumni Committee is proud to "spotlight" a **Leadership** *Allegany!* alum quarterly in the Chamber e-newsletter. The alumni member is asked to answer a few questions about how their personal and/or professional life has been impacted by their **Leadership** *Allegany!* experience.

The **Leadership** *Allegany!* Alumni Spotlight series this month highlights the Class of 2010 and we are proud to introduce you to class member **Donnell VanSkiver**.

What is your current role/title?

Donnell H. VanSkiver, CAP, MEP, OM Executive Administrative Assistant to the President Frostburg State University

What is your favorite memory from your Leadership *Allegany!* experience?

My favorite memory was creating and performing a song about leadership during the orientation retreat. It was a unique icebreaker that encouraged creativity and fun. It also diffused the normally awkward "getting to know you" part of a group project.

What advice would you have for future Leadership *Allegany!* members?

I would encourage anyone with interest to participate in this

remarkable opportunity. Not only will you gain valuable knowledge about the community and what it has to offer, but you will also have a front row seat to watch how much you grow, both personally and professionally.

How did Leadership *Allegany*! impact you professionally or personally?

The very mention of the word "networking" was terrifying to an introvert like me. **Leadership** *Allegany!* boosted my confidence in social situations. I was able to build upon this newly fortified courage to later become a certified instructor for the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission. I also became a trainer for the International Association of Administrative Professionals and Junior Chamber International.

Do you have a motto or quote that inspires you?

"Wish it. Dream it. Do it." I have had a small plaque with this saying on my desk throughout most of my career. It reminds me every day to put in the work necessary to carve out success. There are goals to achieve, tasks to accomplish, and dreams to fulfill. Make a plan; do the work; celebrate the reward!



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Juli R. McCoy, Executive Director

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