



# The CHAMBER



## ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



### Executive Director

Happy Fall! We are so excited that **Leadership Allegany** and **Leadership Allegany! Rising** each welcomed their Classes of 2023 in separate orientations recently. The adult participants will begin the series with arts and entertainment and the high school juniors will visit healthcare and social services to kick off their programs this month. It's never too soon to consider being a part of the **Leadership Allegany** experience – take a look at our website for more details about both programs.

The month of October is promising to keep us on our toes. On Thursday, October 6 at Allegany High School, we will host ACPS students enrolled in the biomedical/health sciences curriculum for a Biomedical/Health Science Forum, made possible by our Education Committee partners. This first-time program will feature a panel of seven healthcare professionals who represent pharmacy, dentistry, senior care, general/primary care, physical therapy, and mental health services. The Chamber asked its healthcare members to participate in a survey to help showcase workforce opportunities in Allegany County projected for the next two to five years as part of its mission to keep bright minds in our community. Students will participate in an interactive panel discussion and receive a card with access to digital information. Special thanks to *Joseph Brewer* and *Breann D'Attri*, **Allegany County Public Schools**, for their assistance in bringing the concept to fruition.

We will host Candidate Forums on October 12 and 13 for the general election. Like the forums held in advance of the primary election, each session will begin at 6 pm. These will be held as a livestream option and in person at the newly

renovated LaVale Library. More details can be found on social media and on our website. We once again will partner with **Allegany Media** and **WFWM** to help us broadcast. Also from our Legislative Committee work, watch for an opportunity to let us know what your areas of focus and concern are for the 2023 Maryland Legislative Session. This will help us confirm our legislative initiatives for the year and ensure that we are serving as a voice for the business community.

The Chamber's **Allegany County Local Business Showcase** is quickly approaching and will be held at the Lane Center at Frostburg State University on Wednesday, October 19, 4:30-7:30 pm. More information is included in this newsletter. This event is free and open to the public – a great way to see the products and services of over 40 of our members. This also will serve as our *Chamber After Hours* for the month with Network & Win up to \$750.

We will start shifting our focus to the Business Recognition Reception, to be held November 10 at 6 pm. Watch for invitations and more details coming soon. Also coming up is the Chamber's Annual Meeting, scheduled for December 1 at noon. We will host Mary Kane, President & CEO of the Maryland Chamber as our keynote speaker. Please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

**Juli McCoy**  
Executive Director

### OCTOBER 2022

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Bell Tower Building  
Cumberland, MD 21502

### October Calendar

- October 5**  
8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 6**  
9:30 am  
BioMed Roundtable Discussion  
Allegany High School
- October 11**  
2:30 pm  
Local Business Showcase  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 12**  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Candidate Forums
- October 13**  
8:00 am  
Education Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom  
  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Candidate Forums
- October 17**  
Noon  
**Leadership Allegany**  
Alumni Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 18**  
8:30 am  
**Leadership Allegany**  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- October 19**  
8:00 am  
Economic Development  
Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom  
  
4:30 – 7:30 pm  
Local Business Showcase and  
"Chamber After Hours"  
FSU – Lane Center
- October 27**  
Noon  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom
- November 2**  
8:00 am  
Membership Committee Meeting  
Chamber Boardroom



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**LOTS OF GIVEAWAYS**

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Wednesday, October 19, 2022  
4:30 pm to 7:30 pm – Frostburg State University  
Lane Center – Alice R. Manicur Assembly Hall (ARMAH)

**The October "Chamber After Hours" will be held as part of the Local Business Showcase.**  
**Be sure to pre-register and attend to be eligible for the Network and Win Drawing which is now at \$750.00.**  
**See enclosed flyer.**

Join us for the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, **Local Business Showcase**, sponsored by ACT 1st Federal Credit Union, Dunkin' and UScellular with over 35 local businesses and non-profit organizations showcasing their latest products, programs and services.

### Gold Sponsors:

**ACT Personnel Service, Inc.**

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**Mountain City Center for the Arts**

**Rocky Gap Casino Resort**

**UPMC Western Maryland**

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### Non-Profit Organizations:

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Allegany County Chamber of Commerce

Allegany County Habitat for Humanity

Archway Station

CES @ Frostburg State University

Comfort Keepers

Horizon Goodwill Industries

The Children's League

Tri -State Concert Association

Western Maryland Consortium/Allegany

College of Maryland

Western Maryland Building and

Construction Trades Council

Western Maryland Works/Allegany

College of Maryland

### Food Vendors:

Chartwell's

Chew On This – Jerky

Dunkin'

Little Caesars Pizza

**This event is an excellent opportunity and a perfect outlet for attendees to gain knowledge of the vast myriad of services Chamber members can provide.**

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# CANDIDATE FORUMS

## October 12 & 13, 2022

**EACH NIGHT BEGINS AT 6PM**

*\*Start Times Will Vary For Successive Sessions*

Wednesday, October 12th

6 pm: City Council

7 pm: Board of Education

Thursday, October 13th

6 pm: County Commissioners

7 pm: District 1 Senate



**LaVale Library  
Community Room  
815 National Hwy**

**In Person or Live Stream via QR Code**



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**THE ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
"CHAMBER AFTER HOURS" HOSTED BY:**

**ALLEGANY COUNTY  
LOCAL BUSINESS  
SHOWCASE**

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**M & T BANK**

**MOUNTAIN CITY CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**ROCKY GAP CASINO RESORT**

**UPMC WESTERN MARYLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 | 4:30 - 7:30PM  
@ FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY LANE CENTER**

**JOIN US FOR NETWORKING, HORS D'OEUVRES, & DRINKS**

**\$5.00 REGISTRATION FEE COLLECTED AT DOOR - MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE TO ATTEND**

**NETWORK & WIN - \$750.00**

**(MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED & PRESENT TO WIN)**

**PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022**

**ORGANIZATION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLEASE RETURN TO:**

**ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 24 FREDERICK STREET, CUMBERLAND, MD 21502**

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## Member Profile: The Beauty Lounge, LLC

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Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
240-362-7537  
[www.vagaro.com/thebeautyloungellc](http://www.vagaro.com/thebeautyloungellc)  
Contact: Emily Collins and  
Courtney Swauger, Owners  
E-mail: [thebeautylounge508@gmail.com](mailto:thebeautylounge508@gmail.com)



The Beauty Lounge is a full-service salon that offers a fun and relaxing environment. The salon is a proud, women owned business operated by Courtney Swauger and Emily Collins. Their mission is to provide you with an experience you can't wait to come back to! Currently, they are offering hair, extension, nail, lash and makeup services. Their passion is to help every guest feel and look beautiful

Staying educated on the latest styles and trends is one of their top priorities. They attend multiple trainings throughout the year to stay updated on what is new in the beauty industry. You can check out their work posted weekly on their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Whether you are looking for a new style, needing a moment of relaxation or just want to stop in for good conversation, they are there to welcome you. Their team of experienced stylists and nail artists are ready to get you scheduled for a relaxing experience!

To learn more about The Beauty Lounge, please visit their website at: [www.vagaro.com/thebeautyloungellc](http://www.vagaro.com/thebeautyloungellc).



## New Members

*(patronize these members and welcome them to the Chamber)*

### Atkinson Welding

P. O. Box 1056, Cumberland, Maryland 21501  
[www.atkinsonweld.com](http://www.atkinsonweld.com)  
301-724-6263

Contact: Brook Atkinson, President  
E-mail: [brook@atkinsonweld.com](mailto:brook@atkinsonweld.com)  
Category: Steel – Fabricators and Erectors

### Keller Williams Premier Realty

17301 Valley Mall Road 864, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740  
301-745-4450

Contact: Kait Shanahan, Realtor  
E-mail: [klrw864@kw.com](mailto:klrw864@kw.com)  
Category: Real Estate

### PharmaCare South Cumberland

1100 West Industrial Blvd. Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
[www.pharmacarenetwork.com](http://www.pharmacarenetwork.com)  
301-722-5100

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Contact: Jennifer Hare, Marketing & Public Relations Director  
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Category: Drug Store/Pharmacy



## Candidates Forum



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Committee, in partnership with **WFWM** and **Allegany Media Corporation** will be holding a series of Candidate Forums on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. The October 12<sup>th</sup> forum will include City of Cumberland Council candidates at 6:00 pm and Allegany County Board of Education candidates at 7:00 pm. The October 13<sup>th</sup> forum will include Allegany County Commissioner candidates at 6:00 pm and District 1 Senate candidates at 7:00 pm.

The forums will be held at the LaVale Library Community Room and will be in person and broadcasted live on Facebook and YouTube and available on the Chamber's Facebook page and website after the event. The general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will be able to attend or view the forums to learn more about the candidates prior to the election.



# LEADERSHIP *Allegany!* RISING

Class of 2023



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce **Leadership Allegany! Rising** program recently held an orientation for the twenty-three participants who are participating 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, are 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 gain the knowledge and motivation to effect positive change within the region. Class members cover topics such as healthcare, social services, government, economic development, business careers and higher education.

Participating in the program are:

**Ian Beal**, *Mountain Ridge High School*  
**Brooke Evans**, *Allegany High School*  
**Taylor Fann**, *Center for Career and Technical Education*  
**Madison Getz**, *Calvary Christian Academy*  
**Rory Gilmore**, *Bishop Walsh School*

**Jacob Green**, *Calvary Christian Academy*  
**Alexis Heavner**, *Fort Hill High School*  
**Kinsey Hostetler**, *Allegany High School*  
**Annabeth Hughes**, *Mountain Ridge High School*  
**Hailee Johnson**, *Calvary Christian Academy*  
**Matthew McKay**, *Center for Career and Technical Education*  
**Ashlee Meager**, *Calvary Christian Academy*  
**Jensen Moreland**, *Fort Hill High School*  
**Caleb Morgan**, *Center for Career and Technical Education*  
**Jake Nowaczyk**, *Bishop Walsh School*  
**Braden Puffenberger**, *Center for Career and Technical Education*  
**Brycen Ritchie**, *Mountain Ridge High School*  
**Duncan Stangel**, *Bishop Walsh School*  
**Benjamin Twigg**, *Fort Hill High School*  
**Ella Valentine**, *Mountain Ridge High School*  
**Lydia Vassiliadi**, *Bishop Walsh School*  
**Sam Wu**, *Allegany High School*  
**Camden Zapf**, *Fort Hill High School*

The program is proudly sponsored by AT&T, Bella, LLC, First United Bank and Trust, Geppert, McMullen, Paye and Getty, Somerset Trust and Mr. James "Snake" Robertson.





## Annual Membership Meeting Write-in Candidates

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at noon at the Cumberland Country Club. During the meeting the Chamber membership will have an opportunity to elect six members to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is composed of eighteen members, one third (six members) of whom are elected annually to serve for three years.

Candidates for directors may be nominated by petition bearing the genuine signature of at least (5) qualified members of the Chamber. Each candidate must be willing to meet the following criteria in order to serve:

- Be an active member in good standing with the Chamber
- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors for a period of three years
- Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings (*held the last Thursday of each month*) and an Orientation and Strategic Planning Session (*held in January*)
- Serve on at least once active standing committee
- Attend Chamber events, including After Hours, Golf Outing, Local Business Showcase, Lucky Ladies Night Out, Holiday Reception, Crab Feast, Ribbon Cuttings, and Recognition Dinner
- Assist with Chamber events and fundraiser

If you or a member you know has an interest in serving on the Chamber Board of Directors please contact Nominating Committee Chair **Patrick Buck, CBIZ Benefits and Insurance Services**, at 301-789-7627. Candidate names will appear on the ballot to be voted on during the December 1st Annual Meeting at the Cumberland Country Club. Thank you.

## "Chamber After Hours"

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

4:30 to 7:30 pm

Hosted by:

Allegheny County Chamber Local Business Showcase

## Chamber Holiday Reception Sponsorship Opportunity



The Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce is looking for sponsors for our **Annual Holiday Reception**. The event will be held on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the Allegheny Museum, 3 Pershing Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

The reception is always well attended and provides a great opportunity to gain exposure for your business. There will be great food, drink, fellowship and of course unlimited networking!!

Sponsorship at a cost of \$500.00 provides the following:

- Company logo in monthly newsletter
- Company logo in weekly enews
- Company logo on flyer advertising the event
- Table tent card with your company name displayed throughout the event
- Company name on sign at entrance to event
- Photo in the January newsletter and on the Chamber website

Please contact the Chamber office if you have an interest in sponsoring the Chamber's Holiday Reception at 301-722-2820.



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Juli R. McCoy, Executive Director

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