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The
CHAMBER

ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD



FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Happy New Year and welcome to 2024! We are running full steam ahead over these next few weeks with a jam-packed January. PACE, MACCE, our first Golf Committee meeting, and the Board and Committee Chair annual retreat and planning session. We hope you enjoy our fresh newsletter layout - Andrea Kraft, Communications Manager, and our Marketing Committee collaborated to bring together our work at a glance and interactive features. Enjoy!

Board of Directors & Committee Chairs

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2024 Executive Committee

From Left to Right: Rob Collette, First Vice Chairman; Parika Andreassen, Chairwoman; Juli McCoy, President & CEO; Julie Westendorff, Second Vice Chairwoman; Patrick Buck, Immediate Past Chairman

Ahmad Ahmad, Rocky Gap Casino Resort
 Kate Barnard, Kinfolk Counseling
 Molly Beeman, Boggs & Company Wealth Management
 Crystal Bender, ServiceMaster of Allegany County
 Jeffrey Blank, Allegany County Public Schools
 Kristan Carter, The Toasted Goat
 Robert Godfrey, UPMC Western MD
 Jeremy Irons, The Belt Group
 Larry Jackson, Town Center Development Group, LLC.
 Mary Jane Marker, R.H. Lapp & Sons, Inc.
 Marisa Bowen Miller, Pillar Innovations/Beitzel Corporation
 S. Ramani Pillai, Buckel, Levasseur, Pillai, & Beeman
 Brandi Rice, First United Bank & Trust
 John Short, Frostburg State University

Board of Directors

Committee Chairs

Jeremy Irons, Legislative & Crab Feast Committees
 James Robertson & Autumn Becker, Education & Workforce Development
 Richard Hoover, Finance Committee
 Rodney Barker, Golf Committee
 Dr. Sara Beth Bittinger, Leadership Allegany Steering Committee
 Robert Godfrey, Leadership Allegany Steering Committee
 Autumn Becker, Leadership Allegany Rising
 Dr. Dong Wook Huh, Local Business Showcase Committee
 Timi Hadra, Lucky Ladies Night Out Committee
 Kristi Minnigh, Marketing Committee
 Eric Bowlus & Steve MacGray, Membership Committee
 Courtney Thomas-Winterberg, Transportation Committee

Thank you to our outgoing board members who dedicated their time, talent, and resources to the success of the Chamber.

Christina Mallow
 Kristi Minnigh
 Rebecca Rupert

Thank You!

AAD-INC.
 ADVERTISING ART DESIGN, INC.

Thank you to Kathie Smith and staff at AAD,inc. for producing the Chamber newsletter for many years.

KEEP IN MIND...

Resilience stands as your most valuable asset. While the idea of turning challenges into opportunities for personal growth may appear daunting, the Chamber is committed to supporting you in fostering collaboration and discovering resources that facilitate adaptation.

>>> New Members

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Abacus Custom Painting
101 South Centre Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Contact: Gary Martin
gmartinesquire@gmail.com
301-606-8158
Category: Painting Contractors



Lamar Advertising Company of Altoona
1519 Route 764
Duncansville, PA 16635
Contact: Chrystal Robinette
304-303-4335
crobinette@lamar.com
Category: Billboard Advertising



Karen Morgan Photography
14500 Williams Road, SE
Cumberland, MD 21502
Contact: Karen Morgan
240-522-3776
Karenmorgan1002@gmail.com
Category: Photographers



Appalachian Contractors
Appalachian Contractors
708 South Lakewood Drive
Ridgeley, WV 26753
Contact: Mark Tyler
appconwv@gmail.com
240-580-0186
Category: Construction Companies –
Homebuilders, General Contractors, Home
Improvement/Remodel

>>> Upcoming Events & Meetings

JANUARY

2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	1 CHAMBER CLOSED	2	3 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9 AM	4	5	6
7	8 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE 9AM	9 GOLF COMMITTEE 9 AM	10	11 EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 9AM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 12 PM	12	13
14	15 CHAMBER CLOSED	16 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY RISING 10 AM	17	18 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 12 PM	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE 12 PM	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

>>> Ribbon Cutting

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New Location!

Hamm & Glasbrenner

22. S. Broadway Street
Frostburg, MD 21502

301-729-4721

Pre-Legislative Breakfast <<<



2024 Legislative Session
January 10 - April 8

Chamber Legislative Committee
Thursdays @ Noon
Chamber Board Room & Zoom

>>> Holiday Reception

Thank you to our Sponsors - we
couldn't do this event without you!



State Farm Cathy Carpenter & Denny
Delaney, Rusco Home Improvement,
AES, Long & Foster, UPMC Western
MD, Allegany Museum, & R.H. Lapp &
Sons, Inc.

Special thank you to Giuseppe's Italian
Restaurant for the delicious food!



Sponsorship Opportunities **2024**

Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast - April 2024

Sponsorship: \$500

***Chamber Golf Tournament - May 2024**

Sponsorship: \$100 - \$1,200

Teams sold separately, except \$1,200 sponsorship level.

Lucky Ladies Night Out - June 2024

Sponsorship: \$500

***Crab Feast - August 2024**

Sponsorship: \$500

Tent Sponsorship: \$300 - \$950

Crab Shack: \$700 - sold

Tickets sold separately.

***Local Business Showcase - October 2024**

Sponsorship: \$300-1,200 / \$150 for Non-Profit(s)

Pre-Legislative Breakfast - December 2024

Sponsorship: \$500

Recognition Reception 2024

Sponsorship: \$500

Limit of 3

Leadership Allegany Rising - Class of 2025

Sponsorship: \$500

Holiday Reception - December 12, 2024

Sponsorship: \$500

**Major sponsorship packages are available at various levels,
which include tickets, reservations, and more.
Please contact our office for more details.**

Promoting Hope, Wellness, Choice, and Independence in our Community



Bedford-Somerset Developmental & Behavioral Health Services

We encourage WORK/LIFE BALANCE through....

- ★ Remote work options for some positions
- ★ Family friendly agency with flexible schedule
- ★ Wellness time
- ★ Employee Assistance Program

EXCELLENT Benefits for Full-time Positions....

- ★ Student Loan Reimbursement Program
- ★ Excellent healthcare coverage & pension plan
- ★ Paid vacation, sick, and 12 holidays per year
- ★ Agency vehicle to use for work purposes

Apply today to join our team!

Start a new career where you can utilize your education and skills to serve the individuals and families in the Somerset & Bedford communities.

Our vision is for every person and family that we serve to have a network of family, friends, advocates, and supportive services to live a full and productive life in our community.

Learn more about us at www.dbhs.co

~ Job Opportunities ~

Facilities & Maintenance Manager – Oversees administrative operational duties of all agency facilities and capital improvement projects.

Clinical Therapist – Provides school-based counseling on-site in Bedford County schools and individual & family counseling in an outpatient setting.

Casemanagers – Build a professional relationship with a caseload. Provide case management, link individuals to services, and provide advocacy.

Part-time/On-call Crisis Workers – Provide evening, weekend, or daytime emergency services to adults or children and their families.

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Phone (814) 443-4891 ■ Toll Free (877) 814-4891

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1243 Shed Road, Bedford, PA 15522
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Email Jennifer.Georg@dbhs.co or call 814-701-2909 to apply.

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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.

This quarter, we feature **David Jones** from the Class of 2008.



David Jones
Class of 2008

What is your current role?

Vice President of Advancement and Community Relations & Executive Director of the ACM Foundation

What is the most important thing you learned from Leadership Allegany?

Having grown up in Allegany County and having worked professionally in the County for over 10 years, I expected that I would be familiar with the information shared from each topic day, locations visited, and guest panelists. I was pleasantly surprised about how much I did not know and how the experience helped me to grow professionally.

What advice would you have for future Leadership Allegany participants?

Every topic day will be different, but remain engaged every month, even if you don't have a strong interest in the topic being discussed. I would also encourage future class members to embrace the entire experience, make connections with class members that they don't know, and make it a priority to remain connected (personally and professionally) with their classmates after the experience ends.

Tell us something about yourself that others may be surprised to know about you.

On my 20th birthday, I hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back on the same day. I also had the privilege to attend Cal Ripken, Jr.'s last game as a Baltimore Oriole in 2001.

Describe a rewarding moment in your career?

I have had the privilege to meet and work with each of the five Presidents who have served Allegany College of Maryland since the College was founded in 1961. This includes meeting, interviewing, and staying in close contact with Dr. Zimmer and Dr. Haines, who has since passed. Both had retired when I came to ACM in 1996, but they served as mentors and guides to me early in my career. This rewarding experience continued when I was hired directly by Dr. Alexander who served as a mentor and inspiration to me and also provided visionary leadership. ACM President, Dr. Bambara, is my current supervisor, who models servant leadership, provides unwavering support, and offers solid advice and encouragement.



Calling All Middle School Students!

Share your ideas and show off your civics skills in the National Civics Bee.

**More Prizes Added!
Double cash + surprises!**

LOCAL

\$1,000
cash prize
FIRST PLACE

\$500
cash prize
SECOND PLACE

\$250
cash prize
THIRD PLACE

STATE

\$1,000
cash prize
FIRST PLACE

\$500
cash prize
SECOND PLACE

\$250
cash prize
THIRD PLACE

NATIONAL

State Finalists who advance to the national competition will compete for prizes worth more than **\$50,000**.

About the Bee

The National Civics Bee is an annual competition that encourages young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities. In the first round of the contest, students will participate in an essay competition. Judges will then select 20 finalists to participate in the final round: a live quiz event testing civics knowledge.

How to Enter

If you are a 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student with an idea about using civics to solve a problem in your community, review the rules and guidelines on this page:

alleganycountychamber.com/civics-bee/
(case sensitive)

Next, complete the online submission form, including contact information for your parent or guardian, and upload (preferred method) or mail your 500-word essay.

DEADLINE EXTENDED – must be received by January 22

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Cumberland, MD 21502
info@alleganycountychamber.com

The National Civics Bee is presented by the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce, with support from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.