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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



The month of May is already off to a busy start with May 1st being our Outstanding Business Student Awards in the morning and our Legislative Wrap-Up in the afternoon. This year we are hosting 15 students from Allegany County Public Schools, Allegany College of Maryland, Bishop Walsh, Calvary Christian Academy, and Frostburg State University who were nominated by teachers, guidance professionals, and professors for their outstanding academic performance. Later in the day we will host our Allegany County Delegation to get a one-on-one update of the 2025 Legislative Session. From cyber and technology, taxes, transportation and workforce development, we had a hectic session playing defense and opposing multiple bills that were proposed to increase the cost of doing business.

On May 2nd we will host our 9th Annual Golf Tournament at Rocky Gap Casino Resort with a ball drop to kick off the event, and a fun, new putting game. If that's not enough, each golfer will walk away with a bag full of goodies and a playing card.

To recap some of what we did in April, we had a great time at Brewed for Business so watch for the next morning networking event! We also had a very successful Ladies Night Out thanks to the leadership of Marisa Miller and our amazing volunteers. We received so many wonderful compliments on the event that it has truly energized us! As we move into summer, we'll be planning for the Crab Feast and looking toward what the remainder of the year will bring - in the meantime, we hope to see you at an upcoming After Hours!



Chamber After Hours Host Opportunities

The CHAMBER
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD
After Hours

HOST OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

JANUARY JULY
MARCH AUGUST
MAY

Now Open for
2026

Contact the Chamber Office at 301-722-2820 or Email
info@alleganycounty-chamber.com

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2025

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9th Annual Chamber Golf Tournament

The CHAMBER
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

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STUDENT SALUTE

Kamryn Rice
Fort Hill High School
\$5000 Scholarship to FSU

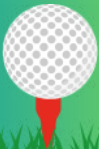
Charlotte Crawford *Gunner Wilson*
Fort Hill High School
\$500 Scholarship to FSU

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MEMBER CHECK-IN

What local issues most impact your business success?

Click to tell us!



New Members

Allegany Garrett Titles & Settlements
 164 N. Centre Street
 Cumberland, MD 21502
 Contact: Alex Rungay
 alexrungay@agtitles.com

Battaglia West
 20100 Reckley Lane SE
 Oldtown, MD 21555
 Contact: Solomon Rose
 solomon@battagliawest.com

Clean Compost, LLC
 10500 Pearl View Place
 Cumberland, MD 21502
 Contact: Ardon Hall
 ardon@cleancompost.green

Upcoming Events & Meetings



May  2025

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-----|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 SBDC OFFICE HOURS 9 AM | 3 | 4 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9 AM | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM | 11 | 12 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 9 AM | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM | 18 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

| MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT | SUN |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----|-----|
| | | | 1 LEGISLATIVE WRAP UP 5:50 P OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STUDENT RAN | 2 GOLF TOURNAMENT | 3 | 4 |
| 5 SBDC OFFICE HOURS 9 AM | 6 | 7 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9 AM | 8 EDUCATION COMMITTEE 9 AM | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM | 21 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 CHAMBER CLOSED | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

 June 2025

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

presents

CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

hosted by

GROW WEST CANNABIS COMPANY



**RSVP
BY
5/15**

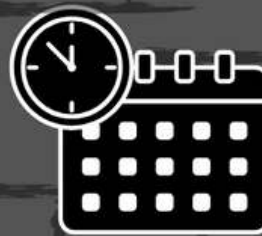
**Register
Online**

*Join us for drinks,
refreshments, and prizes!*

**213 South Walnut Place
Cumberland, MD 21502**



*Leadership Allegany
Classes of 2004, 2014, 2024*



**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 21ST
5:30 - 7:30PM**

NETWORK & WIN \$2,750!

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

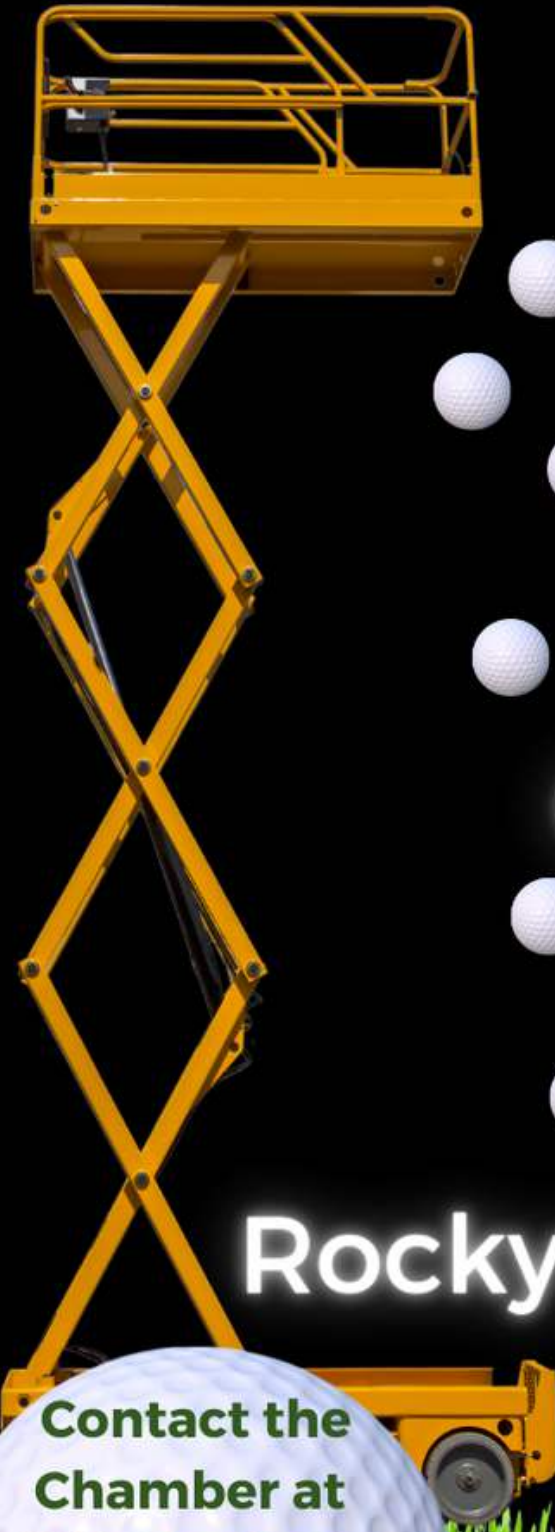
24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
andrea@alleganycountychamber.com
301-722-2820



Winner announced
Friday, May 2nd



Don't need to be
present to win!



50/50 Ball Drop Raffle

Closest to the hole
wins!

Rocky Gap Casino Resort

Contact the
Chamber at
(301) 722-2820 to
purchase tickets
today!

\$5 per
ticket

OUTSTANDING Business Student



Audrey Rader
ALLEGANY HIGH SCHOOL

As both the Senior Class President and President of FBLA, as well as secretary for our National Honor Society, Audrey has made significant contributions to our school. Her role in student government has showcased her ability to collaborate with peers and faculty to bring about positive change. Audrey is a natural leader, and her strong communication skills, combined with her ability to listen and empathize with others, have earned her the respect of both her peers and teachers. Her leadership skills have flourished over the years as she was selected for the following recognition: Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar representative, Rotary Youth Leadership Award nominee, Leadership Allegany Rising Graduate, and Envision Leadership Scholar. Miss Rader also donates her time to such community organizations as The Salvation Army Angel Tree, Acting Out For Good, Hooley Plunge, and is an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Karma Muir
BISHOP WALSH SCHOOL

Karma, the Vice President of Bishop Walsh School's Student Council, excels as a standout business student. Karma has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership abilities, strong academic achievements, and a deep commitment to community and business-related activities within our school. As a natural-born leader, she is always willing to speak up, offer solutions, develop new ideas, and take charge when faced with challenges. Her dependability and consistency have been vital in the planning and executing of student council fundraisers and events. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Karma, and this award is a well-deserved recognition of her hard work, initiative, and positive impact on our school community.

Harley Smith is a dedicated and highly competent IT student who is graduating high school with a AAS degree from Allegany College of Maryland in Cybersecurity. Since joining the P-Tech program at CTE, Harley has proven to be hardworking and driven in any task he is given. Harley actively participates in discussions on solutions to problems and collaborates with teams well. In P-Tech he is a leader amongst his peers, actively showing his IT knowledge in every circumstance. His experience with miscellaneous work orders around the school have translated seamlessly with his internship that turned into an apprenticeship at the Board of Education, actively problem solving and implementing IT solutions. This year, Harley took first place in the Computer Problem Solving competition at the FBLA State Competition, advancing him to compete at the National level this summer.



Harley Smith
CENTER FOR CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Gavin Clayton stands out among his peers through a combination of academic excellence, leadership, and unwavering dedication to personal and professional growth. Throughout high school, he has maintained a 4.3 GPA while excelling in advanced business courses and is a member of the National Honor Society. From the beginning, Gavin has demonstrated a remarkable passion for business and entrepreneurship. While excelling in Principles of Entrepreneurship and Business & Marketing Essentials classes, he has consistently displayed initiative, strategic thinking, and an impressive work ethic. Beyond the classroom, Gavin has demonstrated strong leadership and initiative through starting his own lawn care company and being voted the captain of the Mountain Ridge High School Varsity Soccer Team that had an undefeated regular season. These achievements, combined with his integrity, motivation, and forward-thinking mindset, truly distinguish Gavin as a deserving recipient of the Mountain Ridge Outstanding Business Student Award. After graduation, Gavin plans to attend Allegany College of Maryland to play soccer and major in Business Management.



Gavin Clayton
MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

Fort Hill junior Travis Greely is an outstanding business student. During the fall semester, Travis was enrolled in two business courses: business and marketing essentials and principles of entrepreneurship. His creative ideas, attention to detail, and leadership skills were exceptional. He showed great enthusiasm and consistently produced top-notch projects. Travis, an aspiring realtor, said, "Business classes teach you responsibility, persistence, and critical thinking skills." He plans to use those skills in his future career in real estate. This fall, Travis will enroll in the Long and Foster Institute of Real Estate to obtain his real estate license and begin working in the field as a senior in high school. "I've been interested in real estate for several years," said Travis, who plans to move to Dallas, Texas after high school graduation. "I'm drawn to the flexibility and the ability to reach out into the community and explore new opportunities." Travis, an honor roll student with a 4.17 GPA, is enrolled in numerous honors and AP classes. He also volunteers at his church. During his time with the Boy Scouts of America, he served as a patrol leader. Travis plays the piano and violin and enjoys running and cooking in his spare time.



Travis Greely
FORT HILL HIGH SCHOOL

Kaden Lee is a junior at Calvary Christian Academy. He is the son of Robin and Michael Lee of Augusta, West Virginia. Kaden has a 4.0 GPA, is enrolled in several honors classes, including Advanced Math, and has been on the President's Honor Roll his entire high school career. He is the treasurer for the CCA Class of 2026 and serves on the Student Council. He is active as a student leader in Calvary's Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) huddle. He has participated in the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contests annually through the McCoolle VFW, and he represents Calvary in the 2025 class of Leadership Allegany Rising. Kaden has an entrepreneurial mind and is active in the community through Hope Christian Church in Augusta and its Tree of Life Coffee ministry, where he volunteers faithfully each Sunday and throughout the year at various community events. Profits from the coffee ministry benefit Haiti Hope Mission and Victory Christian Academy in Augusta. Kaden has recorded more than 320 volunteer hours in high school through his junior year.



Kaden Lee
CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



Graci Sheets

ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND
ACCOUNTING

I am a current Business Administration student at Frostburg State University. I graduated from Fort Hill High school with a 4.35 GPA. While in high school I was a member of student council, yearbook staff, national honor society, national art honor society, track team, and co-captain of the varsity cheerleading squad. I graduated summa cum laude from Allegany College of Maryland in December of 2024 with a degree in Business Accounting. I have worked part time since graduating high school and have volunteered various times at the Allegany County Animal Shelter. After completing my education, I hope to obtain a position in the field of Human Resources somewhere in Allegany County. I have a great enthusiasm for learning, and I am excited for a future career in business.



Quentin Adams

ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

"I began volunteer work at a very young age, helping my grandmother at a local nursing home on the dementia floor starting around age six. I continued this for several years and also participated in Cub Scouts beginning in first grade, remaining active in scouting and volunteer efforts all the way through to earning the rank of Life Scout. While I don't have a specific job title in mind, my ultimate employment goal is to positively impact every company I'm a part of. I'm driven to be a force for improvement and meaningful change in the business world. After graduating with my associate degree this May, I will be continuing my education at Frostburg State University to pursue a Bachelor's in Business Administration, with plans to follow that with a master's program. I'm also preparing for a personal milestone—marrying my wonderful fiancée, Skyler McKenzie, in the spring of 2027. What sets me apart from others is my perspective as a non-traditional student is that I've spent nearly a decade in the workforce, gaining firsthand insight into what needs to change in today's industries. I'm highly motivated, deeply determined, and have built myself up from the ground, despite being told I'd never succeed. I'm proud of how far I've come, and I'm even more excited about the contributions I can make to the world moving forward."



Anthony DeBorja

ALLEGANY COLLEGE OF MARYLAND
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Throughout my time at Allegany College of Maryland, I've been fortunate to learn from such dedicated faculty members who have consistently challenged and supported me. This recognition means a great deal, not only as a reflection of my academic and extracurricular efforts, but also as a testament to the mentorship I've received from all of ACM. I am the Office & Logistics Manager, and also doing sales too at Structural Fiberglass in Bedford, PA! I would like to own my own business one day, preferably in the entertainment industry. Otherwise, I am just kind of learning tricks of the trade for now. I would like to build a reliable skillset before I make any investments in myself of that size.



Ava Ebersole

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING

Ava Ebersole is a graduating senior at Frostburg State University, where she is majoring in accounting with a minor in business administration and has a GPA of 3.7. Her vibrant campus involvement includes active participation in organizations such as Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Sigma Pi, The National Society of Leadership and Success, and The Accounting Association. Demonstrating her commitment to community service, Ava has volunteered with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, providing essential tax services to those in the community. Looking ahead, she plans to further her education by pursuing an MBA and obtaining her CPA license, solidifying her dedication to excellence in the field of accounting.



Aaron Liang

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Aaron Liang is a graduating senior with a major in Business Administration and a concentration in Finance at Frostburg State University. Aaron has a GPA of 3.6 in the challenging finance program. He is Vice President of Finance in the American Marketing Association FSU Chapter, Vice President of the Badminton Club, Session Chair of Student Research at the ACME Conference, and works as a student assistant for Professor Ye. Aaron strives to deliver more than is asked by his professors. He comes highly recommended by the finance faculty, who describe him as hard-working, pleasant, and responsible.



Kristin Propp

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Graduating from Frostburg State University with a bachelor's degree in economics and minor in sustainability studies, Kristin has been selected for this honor for her academic achievements, as well as her campus involvement. Kristin has served as the economics club vice president and as a member of the national society of leadership and success during her time at FSU.



Trey Hose

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT

The Department of Management has selected Trey R. Hose as the recipient for the 2025 Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Student Award. Trey will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in General Management. He has a perfect 4.0 GPA and has been ever-present on the Dean's list.

In addition to his superior academic performance Trey has a high respect for others, insatiable curiosity, and a dedication to perfection. Coupled with exceptional engagement he is a proven classroom leader who constructively challenges his instructors and peers. Further, he is the president of the American Marketing Association Chapter, and he gained real world experience overseeing 3 government contracts for operations and human resources working for a military contractor. Finally, he has visited China and is returning there this spring!

After graduating, his goal is to get a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and/or an MBA. I firmly believe his intelligence, drive, and personality will enable him to be successful in whatever he does.



Keydy Cerrato

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MARKETING

Keydy Cerrato is graduating senior majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing at Frostburg State University. Her GPA is 3.5. Keydy is a social media intern in the Center for International Education on campus and Vice President of Communication for the American Marketing Association FSU Chapter. She also volunteers for PAWS Pantry, which provides food and necessities for students in need. Keydy comes highly recommended by her marketing professors for her diligent work ethic and her pleasant demeanor.



Nick Trey

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT - MBA


Nick Trey is an MBA student concentrating in Management with an expected graduation date of May 2025. During his tenure at Frostburg, Nick was a student-athlete for the Frostburg baseball team from 2020-2024. In 2022, Nick received the Dave Sanford Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award for maintaining a 3.875 GPA and contributing to the team's first North Division Championship as a DII program. As a graduate student, Nick also serves as the Treasurer for the Graduate Student Association (GSA), and is a member of the University Advisory Council (UAC), appointed by the president, and a member of the Budget Advisory Council (BAC), appointed by the VP of Administration and Finance. Following graduation in May 2025, Nick will earn the role of Equity Partner with Classic Remodeling Inc. in Ellicott City, MD. Nick intends to utilize his skills from the MBA program in order to reshape the trajectory of Classic Remodeling.

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


2025 BANNER AD AVAILABILITY

BANNER #5


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



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6 - \$500 spots open!

8 - \$250 spots open!