

The BELL TOWER

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Summer

FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO



There are so many reasons we have to love where we live. We promote our beautiful scenery, the endless trails, outdoor adventure that awaits, and the many activities that keep us busy. None of this makes us a community. What does is the immediate response when any of us are facing a challenge or disaster. It's the people who donate money and water, their own vehicles to run loads of supplies where they are needed most. It's teachers and administrative staff spending the night with stranded students at the high school, organizations and groups pulling on their boots and not thinking twice about heading straight in. It's Frostburg State University opening their campus to 295 elementary students to finish out their school year, getting high-fived and greeted by Bob Cat, and the list goes on.

Thanks to so many donations, the Chamber was able to assist with immediate needs following the May 14 flooding. This included water and snacks for volunteers, first aid, diapers, and hygiene products, as well as coordinating purchases of dehumidifiers, fans, and cleaning supplies.

Now, we shift our focus to finding ways to aid businesses with reopening. Thanks to Chessie Federal Credit Union for opening their Goodwill account, and to UPMC Western MD for providing additional funds, we can continue to address next steps for clean-up and repair.

We have lots coming up - two After Hours + a Brewed for Business in June, Leadership Allegany applications are available now through June 27, and Crab Feast tickets are up on the website! Our banner ads are being finalized with just a few spots remaining - get one while you can and go everywhere with us!





Chamber After Hours Host Opportunities



HOST OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

MAY

AUGUST

NOVEMBER

Now Open for
2026

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



Leadership Allegheny



CONGRATULATIONS!
Class of 2025



Mr. Eric Bowlus	Chew on this Jerky, LLC.
Mr. Seth Bradley	Allegheny County Public Works
Mr. Devin Burke	City of Cumberland
Ms. Luanne Cook	Allegheny College of Maryland
Ms. Haley Fitzpatrick	Friends Aware
Ms. Kimberly Folk	Canal Place
Ms. Rosa Garcia	Biomedical
Ms. Jessica Hook	Local Management Board
Ms. Julie Jones	Allegheny County Dept. of Social Services
Ms. Madeline Lafferty	Rainmaker Music Management
Ms. Katherine Lick	John Humbird School
Mr. Hayden Lindsey	City of Frostburg
Ms. Kayla McCullough	CBIZ Benefits & Insurance Services
Mr. Christopher Miller	First Peoples Community FCU
Ms. Megan Nolan	R.H. Lapp & Sons, Inc.
Ms. Alison Peters	First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland
Ms. Deborah Rogers	Charis Realty Group
Ms. Kierstin Snyder	Progressive Physical Therapy
Ms. Krystal Stair	CBIZ Financial Services
Ms. Kristin Wilkins	UPMC Western Maryland

MEMBER CHECK-IN

What local issues
most impact your
business success?

Click to tell us!





New Members

Cycles & Things

165 N Centre Street
Cumberland, MD 21502
Phone: (301) 722-5496
Contact: Dana Haberern
Email: danahaberern@gmail.com

Queen City Cigar Company

114 S. Centre Street, Suite 200
Cumberland, MD 21502
Phone: 301-338-7999 Email:
qccigarcompany@gmail.com



Upcoming Events & Meetings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM	5	6	7
8 SBDC OFFICE HOURS 9AM	9	10 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM	11	12	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 CHAMBER CLOSED	30					

July

2025

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	1	2 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 9AM	3	4 CHAMBER CLOSED	5	6
7 SBDC OFFICE HOURS 9AM	8 MARKETING COMMITTEE 3 PM	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 LEADERSHIP ALLEGANY STEERING 9 AM	16	17 CHAMBER AFTER HOURS 5:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June

2025

ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

presents

CHAMBER AFTER HOURS

hosted by

RSVP
BY
6/12

1812 BREWERY
CUMBERLAND, MD

Register
Online

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



Leadership Allegany

Classes of 2005, 2015, 2025



**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 18TH
5:30 - 7:30PM**

NETWORK & WIN UP TO \$3,000!

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

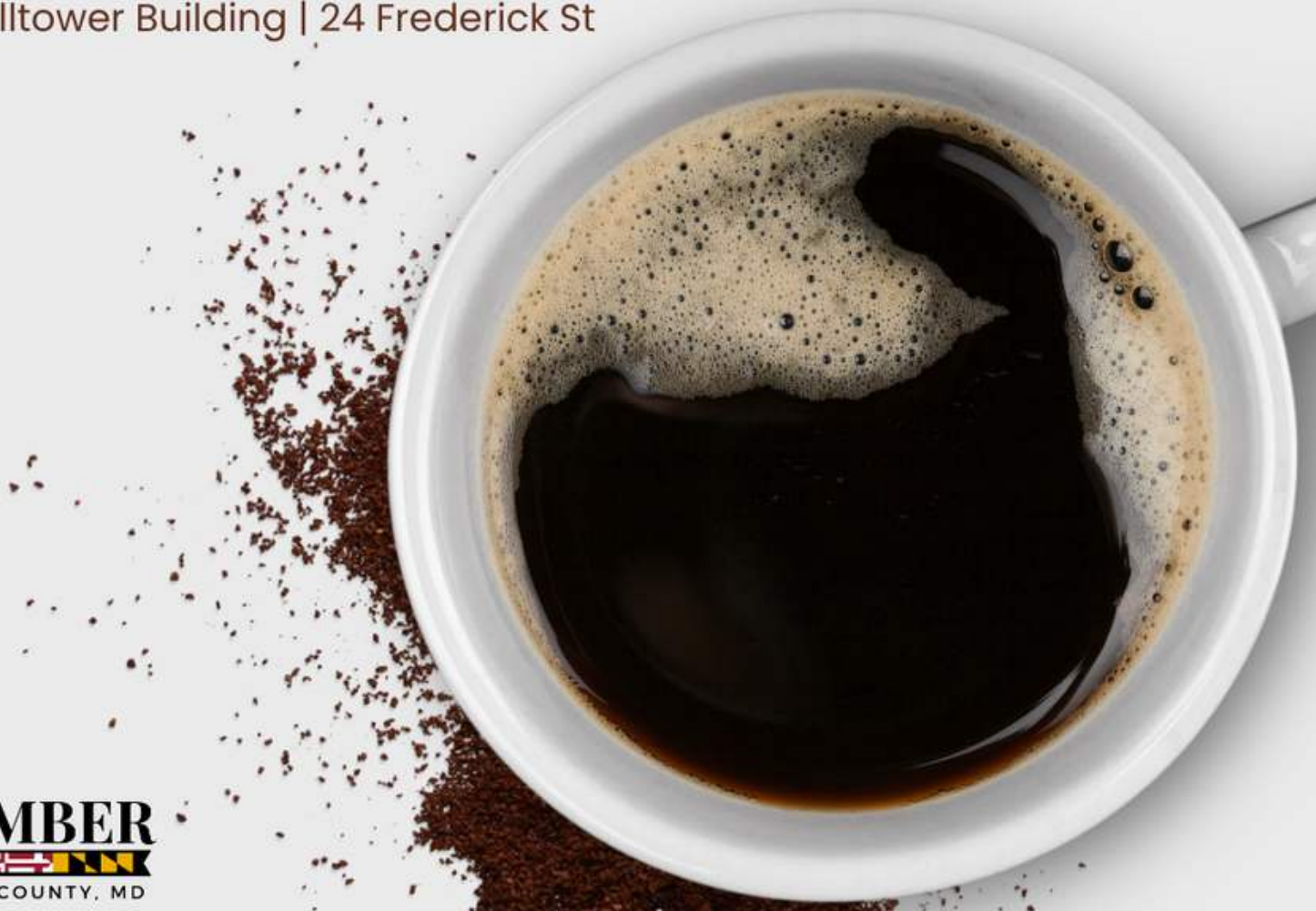
The
CHAMBER
ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD

Friday, June 13th | 7:30–9am

brewed for business

Network over a cup of joe
and start your day the right
way at the Chamber!

Belltower Building | 24 Frederick St





A PROGRAM PROUDLY OFFERED BY THE
ALLEGANY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OVER 25 YEARS!

CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 30 - JUNE 27, 2025

READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY & JOIN A NETWORK OF LEADERS?



Participating in Leadership Allegany has been an eye-opening and inspiring experience. Throughout the program, I was able to gain a deeper understanding of the incredible resources, organizations, and people working tirelessly to make Allegany County thrive.

The relationships we built, the perspectives we shared, and the passion we discovered together have created a strong foundation for future collaboration. These connections have created a robust network, and I am excited to continue collaborating with fellow leaders to strengthen Allegany County. I leave this program not only more informed, but more empowered to contribute meaningfully to our community.

Jessica Hook

Class of 2025 Valedictorian

Leadership Allegany provides an opportunity for individuals committed to making a difference in Allegany County and its surrounding region to:

- Become acquainted with processes, programs and challenges that currently exist in the community.
- Gain an understanding of the public and private operations within Allegany County and the state of Maryland.
- Gain a deeper understanding of the issues endemic to the region by observing and hearing the views of others.
- Programs are engineered for class participation and dialogue and cover such topics as: Arts and Entertainment, Economic Development, Education, Environment, Healthcare, Human Services, Local and State Government.



Leadership Allegany is dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of leaders with a clear understanding of the community and a commitment to its advancement.

CLASS OF 2026 APPLICATION

Tuition & Program Commitment

Tuition for the **2026** Program will be **\$1,600.00 plus a \$25.00 application fee** and may be paid by the individual or the sponsoring institution. Tuition is due prior to Orientation. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available to individuals who might otherwise be unable to participate.

Participation

In order to accomplish the objectives of the program, the full participation of each class member is necessary. Participation includes:

Orientation - Thursday, September 18, 2025 beginning at 9am through Friday, September 19, 2025 ending at 5pm. **Full attendance is mandatory.**

State Government Day - Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 8am through Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 6pm in Annapolis, MD. **Full attendance is mandatory.**

Equivalent of one full day per month. Class normally meets the second Wednesday of each month; please see schedule on this page. Participants will be permitted to miss one full session or the equivalent of one full session, not including Orientation and State Government Day.

Members of the class will be required to participate in a Class Project, which challenges the group to consider the collective experiences throughout the program using leadership and team skills. More information will be provided throughout the program. This may require additional time outside of the scheduled topic days.

Application & Selection Process

Leadership Allegany is an open program and applications are encouraged from all segments of the community (must be 21 or older). Participants will be selected from a diverse mix of the local population.

Participants will be chosen by a Selection Committee; class size is limited.

All applications will be handled in the strictest confidence. **Special emphasis should be given to any question you feel will significantly add to the committee's knowledge of your qualifications.**

Participants in the Leadership Allegany Class of 2026 will be selected from those individuals who have submitted a **completed** Application Form by June 27, 2025. To assist the Selection Committee, we request the forms be typed.

SCHEDULE 7

September 18 - 19, 2025
Orientation

October 8, 2025

November 12, 2025
Snow Date: November 19

December 10, 2025
Snow Date: December 17

January 14, 2026
Snow Date: January 21

February 11, 2026
Snow Date: February 18

March 3 - 4, 2026

April 8, 2026

May 13, 2026

May 27, 2026

June 3, 2026
Graduation

Completing your Leadership Allegany Application:

- Read Application and Selection Process sections thoroughly.
- [Review the FAQ on our website.](#)
- Include Letter of Recommendation and Resume.
- Include \$25.00 non-refundable application fee, paid by applicant.
- Do not send checks to cover tuition now. Accepted participants will be billed their tuition.
- Applications must be post-marked by June 27, 2025.
- All applicants will be notified of their status by August 8, 2025.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Mail completed forms to:

Leadership Allegany
Bell Tower Building
24 Frederick Street
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Spark Your Wanderlust

SPAIN & COSTA DEL SOL | MARCH 2026 | ENDLESS HORIZONS



C I Destinations presents
Spain & Sunny Costa del Sol
Allegany County Chamber of Commerce
Departing March 17, 2026

Only \$3599 if
deposited by
July 31, 2026

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Granada
- Alhambra Palace
- Generalife
- Mijas
- Seville
- Ronda
- and More!

Please contact the chamber for more information at
(301) 722-2820.

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GRAND OPENING & Ribbon Cutting



THURSDAY, JUNE 5
114 S. CENTRE ST.
4-5PM

Light Refreshments & Cash Bar



ATTENTION

INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL **JUNIORS!**



The Allegany County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Allegany Rising Program is dedicated to promoting positive change by creating a network of future leaders committed to impacting their community.

TOPIC DAYS INCLUDE:

- **ORIENTATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
- **HEALTHCARE/SOCIAL SERVICES**
- **GOVERNMENT**
- **BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CAREER**
- **HIGHER EDUCATION**

**BEGINS IN
SEPTEMBER!**

Up to four high school Juniors will be chosen from each high school in Allegany County.









CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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

2-\$500 spots
open!

8-\$250 spots
open!

44TH ANNUAL CHAMBER CRAB FEAST

ALI GHAN SHRINE CLUB PICNIC GROUNDS
AUGUST 1, 2025
6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$70.00 PER PERSON UNTIL JULY 18TH
\$85.00 PER PERSON BEGINNING JULY 19TH

PURCHASE
ONLINE!
UNDER EVENTS ON
CHAMBER WEBSITE!

SPONSORSHIPS
AVAILABLE!

- | | |
|---|------------|
| 10 x 10 Tent (Seats 12)*
(Includes (2) rectangular tables, 12 chairs and corporate sign
<i>*note: price includes 10 tickets</i> | \$1,000.00 |
| 20 x 20 Tent (Seats 36)*
(Includes (6) rectangular tables, 36 chairs and corporate sign
<i>*note: price includes 20 tickets</i> | \$2,000.00 |
| 20 x 40 Tent (Seats 48)
(includes (8) rectangular tables, 48 chairs and corporate sign
<i>*note: price includes 40 tickets</i> | \$3,800.00 |

ALL TICKETS MAY BE PICKED UP BEGINNING
MONDAY, JULY 7TH AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE

Must be 21 years or older to attend. Tickets must be purchased in advance, none will be sold at the gate. Event is AYCE on premises with beverages included, no coolers or outside refreshments permitted. Crabs will be served by the Crab Corps.

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By:

