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Building the next generation of business leadership

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own business or creating a product of your own? The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA) gives students in grades 6 through 12 the opportunity to turn their ideas into real businesses, transforming “Student to CEO.”

YEA is more than a business program; it is a hands-on experience that helps students discover their potential, develop leadership skills, and build lasting connections in a supportive environment. Through the guidance of local business leaders, mentors, and instructors, students gain valuable real-world experience while learning what it takes to launch and manage a successful business.

Throughout the program, students create business plans, develop products or services, and present their ideas to a panel of community leaders acting as investors. Selected students may even receive funding to help bring their businesses to life.

If you know a student who thrives in an engaging, creative, and confidence-building program, encourage them to apply for another exciting YEA year. For more information, contact Tami Chadick at YEABlairCounty@gmail.com or apply [here](#).



Congratulations and Well Done!

...to Val Barner of [Skills of Central PA](#), Amy Cotner, D.Ed. of [Mount Aloysius College](#), Gwen Fisher of [PA CareerLink Blair and Bedford Counties](#), Shawna Hoover of [Operation Our Town](#), Erin N. Kay of [CONTACT Altoona](#), Cindy R. Brown of [Bob Perks Cancer Assistance Fund](#), and Lisa N. Hann of [Family](#)



[Services Incorporated](#), who were all recently named to Pennsylvania Business Central’s Women in Business Top 2026 Non Profit Female Leaders.

A testament to servant leadership

—*Briana Shriver*
LBC Class of 2023

The Leadership Blair County Program, organized by the Blair County Chamber of Commerce, is an exceptional opportunity for professionals looking to grow as leaders while making a meaningful impact in our community. As a graduate of the program, I can confidently say it not only strengthened my leadership skills but also gave me a deeper understanding of the region and the vital organizations that shape it. Through hands-on experiences and meaningful connections, I gained a network of colleagues who continue to support and inspire me.

For both individuals seeking personal and professional growth and businesses looking to invest in their future leaders, this program delivers lasting value. Leadership Blair County fosters collaboration, innovation, and community engagement in ways that extend far beyond the classroom.

I strongly encourage interested candidates and local employers to apply before the June 30th deadline. This is more than a leadership program. It’s an investment in people, relationships, and the future of Blair County.

APPLY [HERE!](#)



Ribbon Cutting



Homewood Living Martinsburg

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in celebration of the rebranding of Homewood Living Martinsburg, located at 437 Givler Drive, Martinsburg. Homewood Living Martinsburg is a continuing care retirement community also known as a Life Plan Community that has served residents of Blair and surrounding counties since 1974. For more information go to www.homewoodlivingmartinsburg.com. Pictured at the ribbon are, from left: Megan Rossman, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Jack Inskip, Resident, Homewood Auxiliary; Robin Kurland, Resident, Homewood Auxiliary; Fred Marschak, Resident, Homewood Auxiliary; Robin Stern, Executive Director, NHA; Susan Makosky, Resident, Homewood Auxiliary; John Bonebreak, Resident, Homewood Auxiliary; Renee Krider, Homewood Auxiliary; and Greg Haffling, Homewood Living Martinsburg and Chamber Ambassador.

Welcome New Chamber Members



The Blair County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome its newest members. Pictured, standing, from left: Megan Rossman, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Josh Strickland and Dana Keith, **INCREASE HEARING**; Manny Nichols, **ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP BLAIR COUNTY**; Mark Booker and Jackie Keagy, **ACADEMY SPORTS + OUTDOORS**; seated, from left: Typhani Russo, **BOOKWORMS AGAINST BULLIES**; Kelly McCoy and Jennifer Anderson, **MIDTOWN OAKES HEALTH AND REHAB CENTER**; Roberta Klepser, Individual; **STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANDREA VEROBISH**; and Jason Ebersole, **KEGERREIS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING**.

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OCTOBER 17 - 28, 2027

11 day tour - Tokyo to Kyoto

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

June 9 — 6:00 p.m.

Devorris Center for Business Development

A travel expert from Ketrow KURTZ Travel will be on-hand to answer your questions about this exciting trip.

No cost or obligation to attend.

Let us know you are coming:
chamber@blairchamber.com

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Leadership Blair County Class of '26

Together for AMERICA 250 PA BASH

Music · BBQ · Party

When **Saturday, June 6**

doors **4pm**

Where **Jaffa Shrine Center**

Shallow 9 @ **7pm**

\$45 Beer & BBQ Included

Music by Shallow 9

Benefits Sweat For Vets - S4V.org

TICKETS:



+21 event - valid ID required