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Award winning moments



The red carpet has been rolled up, but the memories from this year's Gala & Annual Celebration continue to shine. It was an unforgettable evening celebrating the accomplishments, leadership, and impact of our award recipients, all set against a night of elegance and community pride. The Chamber would like to extend its sincere congratulations to this year's honorees and heartfelt thanks to the many sponsors who made the evening possible. Through the generous support of our business community, these partners helped create a first-class experience and allowed us to recognize the individuals and businesses that make our community stronger.

April All-Stars ★★★★★★

Since sponsorships are such an integral part of the Chamber's ability to offer great events we recognize sponsors each month as "All-Stars."

The All-Stars for April are:

1st Summit Bank, Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, Altoona Curve Baseball, Altoona First Savings Bank, Beck, Smithbower, Ickes Financial, LLC, Benzel's Bretzel Bakery, Inc., Berry Solutions Group, Blair Companies & American Eagle Paper Mill, Clemens Food Group, DeGol Organization, DelGrosso Family of Companies, First Commonwealth Bank, First National Bank, Graystone Court, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Highstreet Insurance and Financial Services, Hometown

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Investing in Blair County's Emerging Leaders

The future of Blair County depends on strong, committed leaders, and they may already be on your team. The Chamber is currently accepting applications for the Leadership Blair County Adult program – a program designed to elevate adult professionals in the workforce into confident, community-minded leaders.

This nearly year-long experience challenges participants to grow both personally and professionally through hands-on learning, collaboration, and deep engagement with the region's key industries and issues. Participants don't just graduate with leadership skills, they become inspired, connected, and ready to make a lasting impact within your organization and across the community.

By investing in Leadership Blair County, employers demonstrate a commitment to developing talent, strengthening workplace culture, and shaping the future of our region.

Nominate an emerging leader today – and help build a stronger Blair County for tomorrow.

For more information, email Megan Rossman at mrossman@blairchamber.com – or [download the application.](#)

Ribbon Cutting



Fort Roberdeau

A Chamber ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in celebration of the opening of the new lead mine exhibit at Fort Roberdeau, located at 383 Fort Roberdeau Road, Altoona. It also marked the season's opening day at the Fort. The new lead mine exhibit showcases the original lead mine site and educates about why the mine and fort were so important to the Revolutionary War efforts. For more information, including hours of operation and events, go to www.fortroberdeau.org. Taking part in the celebration are, from left: Eva Egler, Chamber Ambassador; Morgan Koziar, Discover Blair County; A.C. Stickel, A250PA-Blair County Commission; Andy Ellenberger, Tyrone Township Supervisor; Megan Rossman, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; State Representative Scott Barger; Richard Sutter, Exhibit Sponsor; Blair County Commissioner Amy Webster; Michele Ivory, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Dr. Jonathan Burns, Juniata College; Glenn Nelson, Director, Fort Roberdeau; Jennifer Fleck, President, Fort Roberdeau Association Board; Bill Benson, Volunteer; and Donna Gority, Chamber Ambassador.

Unlocking workforce potential this May

The 2026 Spring Employment Conference is coming to the Altoona Grand Hotel on Monday, May 18th from 9:00 AM to Noon — and it's free to attend.



Themed Unlocking Potential: Workforce Development Solutions, this year's event features keynote speaker Steve Shope from the Pennsylvania Treasury — a new Blair County Chamber of Commerce member. Steve will lead a session on myths and barriers around hiring people with disabilities, making the case for why now is one of the best times for employers to tap into this often-overlooked talent pool.

The morning includes a continental breakfast and networking from 8:30–9:30, followed by additional speakers from St. Francis University and Shirley's Cookies, and a resource wrap-up at noon.

Registration is encouraged but not required. For more information and to register, visit www.SASMG.org.

Saluting Our Renewals

Members that have renewed their membership in April.

Celebrating 40-49 Years

Link & Associates, P.C.
Midstate Tool & Supply, Inc.
Sermac
United Way of the Southern Alleghenies

Celebrating 30-39 Years

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy
Cove Forge Behavioral Health
Pro Active Sports, Inc.
S & A Homes, Inc.
Zane Helsel Excavating, Inc.

Celebrating 20-29 Years

Alto Reste Cemetery, Inc.
Bolger Brothers, Inc.
Central Pennsylvania Humane Society
Freedom Rentals
Grannas Bros.
Iron Masters Country Club
Kunzler & Company, Inc.
New Pig Corporation

Park Home

Press Box Printing
Rosch Visionary Systems, Inc
S&T Bank
The Knickerbocker Tavern, Inc.
Wessel & Company
Williamsburg Community School District
Zeigler Chevrolet, Inc.

Celebrating 10-19 Years

Pyramid Engineering, PC
Burchfield & Son Landscaping, Inc.
Kerr Promotions
Shoe Fly Stores
Central PA Asthma & Allergy Care
HoneyBaked Ham & Cafe
Ron Beatty Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning, Inc.
Premier Pest Control and Lawn Care
Rotary Club of Altoona

Celebrating 5-9 Years

Alternative Community Resource Program, Inc.
Blair Planning Commission
CenClear
Journey Center LLC
Marianna's Fundraisers

Celebrating 1-4 Years

Blair County NAACP Branch
Cassus Media LLC
Crownsnest Broadband, LLC
Discovery Wellness Coaching, LLC
J. Ardie Dillen
Joe Zappia & Team - Venn Financial Solutions
KarPro Inc.
Lawruk Machine & Tool Company, Inc.
LCBC Church
Marcus & Mack, PC
PennTerra Engineering, Inc.

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