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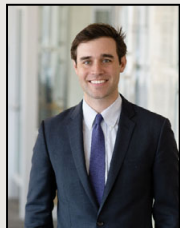
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**CHAMBER MISSION**  
To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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## Good Morning Metro South @ Good Samaritan Medical Center

Wednesday, February 7 | 7:30 am - 9:00 am

Join us on Wednesday, February 7th for Good Morning Metro South from 7:30 am - 9:00 am at the Moakley Center at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton. We are excited to announce the featured speaker for this breakfast will be Investment Expert, Michael Tyler.



Michael Tyler, Chief Investment Officer at Eastern Bank

Michael Tyler is the Chief Investment Officer at Eastern Bank Wealth Management. He sets investment policies and structures asset allocation strategies for client portfolios. As the primary spokesman for the firm's investment services, Michael develops and disseminates economic and financial market viewpoints. He is also responsible for selecting and overseeing providers of investment services.

This breakfast networking event will be sponsored by OCES. OCES provides a variety of services to those individuals most in need. Their programs offer significant life-supporting care contributing to an individual's ability to live within the community as independently as possible for as long as possible while preserving dignity and quality of life. OCES is the largest provider of these in-home and community based services for older adults and people living with disabilities in the southeastern part of Massachusetts.

Hosted by Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton who dedicates themselves to delivering affordable health care to all, being responsible partners, and serving as advocates for the poor and underserved in the communities which they serve. Space is limited for this event, so pre-registration is required. Thank you!

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## New Employment Laws in 2018

Friday, February 9 | 12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

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Every year brings new legal changes and challenges for employers throughout Massachusetts. Please join Peter Moser, Ari Kristan, and Toby Crawford of Hirsch Roberts Weinstein LLP as they discuss new legal developments that will impact the workplace in 2018.

Meeting will take place at Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301. The admission price for Members is \$8, and the price for Future-Members is \$15, lunch will be included. The meeting is sponsored by UMASS Boston.

Pre-registration is required. Register online through the Chamber Calendar, or contact Athena Lavoie: [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com)

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## Robert DeLeo to Speak at BSU

Tuesday, March 20 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend our Annual Legislative Luncheon, to take place on Tuesday, March 20, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at the Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom @ Bridgewater State University. This year's featured speaker will be **Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo**, with a Regional Update from the Mayor of Brockton, Bill Carpenter.

The Metro South Legislative Luncheon offers Chamber members and the community an opportunity to hear from state and federal elected officials. This is a great place for networking, as well as to meet and mingle with selected and elected officials from throughout the region.

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## Multi-Cultural & Networking Event at The Perfect Place

Thursday, February 22



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce will hold a Multi-

Cultural Business Forum & Business After Hours event on Thursday, February 22, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm at The Perfect Place, 2039 Main Street in Brockton. Please join us as we celebrate the region's culturally diverse heritage and the success stories of various small businesses.

The evening will consist of a Business Resource Expo and a Woman & Minority Owned Business Panel, followed by regular Business After Hours networking. Enjoy refreshments and a cash bar provided by The Perfect Place, dessert by Peppercorns Cafe & Catering, and live entertainment by Entertainment One Stop Shop LLC. This is a great opportunity for potential and existing entrepreneurs to learn about helpful resources, network with local businesses, and hear from entrepreneurs who have successful businesses.

Premier Panel Sponsor:



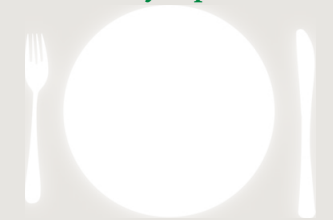
Business After Hours Sponsor:



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## Taste of Metro South

Tuesday, April 24



Save the Date!  
At the Shaw's Center.

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## Multi-Cultural & Networking Event (cont.)

Join the Metro South Chamber on Thursday, February 22 as we host the 3rd Annual Metro South Multi-Cultural Business Forum and Business After Hours! The purpose of the event is to celebrate diversity, engage and inspire business owners, and provide resources to advance woman and minority-owned business opportunities, leading to additional job creation and local investment. The evening will consist of networking opportunities, a business resource partner expo, and a woman and minority owned-business panel.

**Exhibitors include:** BC Tent & Awning, Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Brockton 21st Century Corp., Haitian Community Partners, Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD), SCORE, SEED Corporation, Supplier Diversity Office Operational Services Division, The Perfect Place, Brockton Area Transit Authority (BAT), Center for Women & Enterprise, Old Colony YMCA, Rotary Club of Brockton, Bridgewater Savings Bank, Entertainment One Stop Shop, Beantown Builders, and more.

### 5:00 pm Business Resource Expo & Networking

Learn about resources available to help start and grow your business. Experts will assist you on a variety of topics ranging from financing, developing a business plan, marketing your business, and winning government contracts.

### 5:30 pm Woman & Minority Owned Business Panel

Hear from a panel of local businesses as they share their success stories. Learn how they used their backgrounds to develop new ideas, leverage regional resources, and tap into new markets.

### 6:15 pm Business After Hours Networking

Meet hundreds of new potential clients during this Business After Hours event. Enjoy live entertainment provided by Entertainment One Stop Shop LLC, delicious food from The Perfect Place, a cash bar, dessert from Peppercorn's Cafe & Catering, and the opportunity to win prizes. Be sure to bring your business cards!



Donald Donalson,  
Beantown Builders

Dr. Ellie Paris-Miranda,  
Ellie Paris Store

Jaysen Goncalves, Luanda  
Restaurant & Bar



DJ Rashaud Garner,  
Entertainment One Stop Shop

Good Samaritan Medical Center will also attend and offer free blood pressure screening as part of the Resource Expo. GSMC will offer the screenings along with prevention and self-treatment recommendations, including smoking cessation resources.

This is a great opportunity for potential and existing entrepreneurs to learn about helpful resources, network with local businesses, and check out The Perfect Place's wonderful event facility. The Perfect Place features a banquet facility, on-site catering capability, and ancillary services including event planners, musicians, and photographers. And, it is ideally located on the border of West Bridgewater and Brockton. This is their second consecutive year hosting our Annual Metro South Multi-Cultural Business Forum. Take the opportunity to see for yourself.

Last year's event was a success, drawing great interest among the diverse populations of the region, leading to new partnerships and business relationships. Sponsorships are still available. For more information or to register, contact Athena Lavoie, (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email: [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com)



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- Compliance with two new state laws: the Massachusetts Pay Equity Act and the Massachusetts Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
- Disability accommodations for medical marijuana users after the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's *Barbuto v. Advantage Sales & Marketing LLC* decision
- Impending developments in wage and hour law, including an update on a possible increase of the salary threshold for exempt employees
- Changes at federal agencies under the Trump administration, and the anticipated impact on workplace requirements.

Located at Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301. The admission price for Members is \$8, and the price for Future-Members is \$15, lunch will be included. The meeting is sponsored by UMASS Boston.

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## Businesses Invited to Federal Reserve; Boston

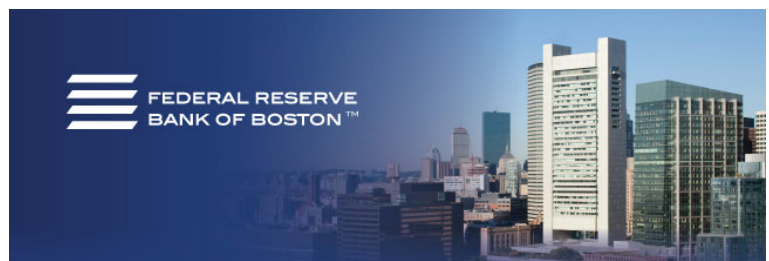
"Good Jobs are Good Business" Forum to be held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston in the New England Room (600 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210) on Friday, February 9 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am.

Costco, Mercadona, Trader Joe's, and QuikTrip – four companies that are consistently providing good jobs for employees in low-cost settings. How do they do it? Zeynep Ton, author and adjunct associate professor of operations management at MIT, has spent more than ten years researching how organizations can design and manage their operations in a way that satisfies customers, employees, and investors simultaneously.

Join the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston for a discussion with Zeynep as she talks about her book, *The Good Jobs Strategy: How the Smartest Companies Invest in Employees to Lower Costs and Boost Profits* and her research on quality jobs, published in managerial and scholarly journals like Harvard Business Review, California Management Review, and Organization Science.

The event is an opportunity for employers to share their personal perspectives, successes, and challenges in providing quality jobs to employees, and learn from Zeynep about the counterintuitive strategies that can help transform worker investment into higher profit margins for the company and a better employee experience.

For additional information and to register, contact Chris Shannon at (617) 973-3483 or via email [@Chris.Shannon@bos.frb.org](mailto:@Chris.Shannon@bos.frb.org)



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*Networking at Events is one of the most effective ways to grow your business!*

**February Calendar**

- 7** **Good Morning Metro South** 7:30 am  
 Moakley Center, Good Samaritan Medical Center, 235 N Pearl Street, Brockton
- 7** **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00 am  
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- 9** **Employment Law Developments in 2018** 12:00 pm
- 22** **3rd Annual Multi-Cultural Event** 5:00 pm  
 The Perfect Place, 2039 Main Street, Brockton
- 28** **New Board Member Orientation** 12:00 pm  
 Cape Cod Cafe, 979 main Street, Brockton

**March**

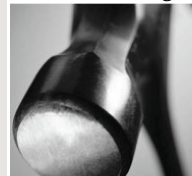
- 7** **Ambassador Meeting** 8:00 am
- 15** **DCAAM Contractor Certification Workshop** 10:00 am
- 20** **Legislative Luncheon** 12:00 pm  
 Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom, Bridgewater State University
- 20** **Executive Board Meeting** 3:00 pm
- 22** **SEED Workshop** 8:30 am
- 28** **Board Meeting** 12:00 pm

**April**

- 4** **Ambassador Meeting** 8:00 am
- 5** **Business After Hours** 5:00 pm  
 Family and Community Resources, Inc. 18 Newton Street, Brockton
- 24** **Taste of Metro South** 5:30 pm  
 The Shaw's Center, One Feinberg Way, Brockton

**May**

- 8** **Executive Board Meeting** 3:00 pm
- 23** **Board Meeting** 12:00 pm



**Impact.**  
 It takes the right tools to start or grow a business. And it takes customers to keep business growing. The Metro South Chamber of Commerce builds strong businesses and communities by connecting you to new customers and suppliers, as well as to those who influence the local economy and quality of life. Access to the right tools. One more way the Chamber makes an impact.



To join the chamber call 508.586.0500 or visit www.metroouthchamber.com

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), Sixty School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

## GOOD News

Members - send Good News to  
[estratton@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:estratton@metrosouthchamber.com)

Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center

### BLF Announces Annual Cupcake Decorating Contest

The Brockton Library Foundation is holding their annual cupcake decorating contest on Tuesday, February 20 at the Brockton Main Library, 304 Main Street, from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. This free fun event is for young kids. For more information and to register please call The Children's Room at (508) 580-7890 x 301.

### Southern Technical Institute Celebrates First Graduation Ceremony of its 50th Year

Nineteen Practical Nurse students graduated from Southeastern Technical Institute's part-time evening Practical Nurse Program on January 10, 2018. This was the first graduation ceremony of the 50th year! Since 1968, STI has graduated 1,783 Practical Nurse students. The students will soon take the NCLEX-PN exam to become LPN's. Congratulations to all of the Graduates! Of Brockton: Denise Burke, Shandra Croce, Nelson Inegbedion, and Evelyn Recinos. Of Hanson: William Foshey. Of Taunton: Amelia Hoard, and Amy Pedro. Of East Taunton: Nicole Weed. Of North Dighton: Marquis Johnson-Bell. Of West Bridgewater: Amy Lambert. Of Bridgewater: Cheri Moore. Of Middleboro: Rebecca Manning. Of Foxborough: James McKinney. Of North Easton: Vinea Price, and Anna Vaughan. Of Whitman: Christine Reilly. Of Norwood: Andrea Stone. Of Attleboro: Ashley Street.

### His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley Celebrates Mass at Good Samaritan Medical Center

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of "Amazing People Caring for Others", His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley celebrated Mass in the Chapel at Good Samaritan Medical Center on Sunday, January 28. This special service is part of a year-long celebration to recognize fifty years of service to the community from staff, physicians, volunteers and board members at Good Samaritan Medical Center.

## Health Care Matters

### Good Samaritan Medical Center Recommends Mental Health Check for New Year

The start of a new year is often a time to plan for the future and embrace new goals. One of the most popular New Year's resolutions is to focus on losing weight. But in setting health goals, it is important to consider physical *and* mental health - which often goes neglected, but is equally as important to overall wellbeing.

### Bridgewater Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Donates \$5,000 to Project Contemporary Competitiveness, INC.

Bridgewater Savings Bank and their Charitable Foundation was established in 2003. On January 16 of this year, the Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation proudly announced a donation of \$5,000 to Project Contemporary Competitiveness, INC. Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) provides a six-week residential summer program for students grades nine through eleven. The students engage in intellectually and socially stimulating activities in a friendly and supportive environment. The students who attend this six-week program come away with the valuable understanding of balancing freedom and responsibility.

### Fuller Craft Museum Current Exhibition: "Threads of Resistance"

*Threads of Resistance* is an exhibition of modern and traditional quilts created in response to the Trump administration's actions and policies. The project was conceived by a group known as the Artist's Circle. They explain, "We take issue with the divisive actions of the Trump administration. Our art explores our emotional responses to these actions, in the hope that it will encourage civilized, constructive conversation and, ultimately, better understanding of one another's viewpoints." This exhibition is open to the public in the Community Gallery of the Fuller Craft Museum, located at 455 Oak Street, Brockton until February 18.

### OCES Raises Over \$7K for Emergency Fund

Old Colony Elder Services raised \$7,714 for their Emergency Fund program over the holiday season. Their #SafeAndWarm campaign ran from November 2017 through the end of the year. OCES' Emergency Fund is essential in helping to meet the needs of at-risk low-income older adults and individuals with disabilities who are in a crisis or emergency circumstance that

threatens their health and/or living situation. This particular campaign is over, but donations to the Emergency Fund may be made at any time of the year by visiting [www.ocesma.org](http://www.ocesma.org).

### MassMEP Launches New Mechanical Systems Skills Training, Graduates First Class.

Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MassMEP) Mechanical Systems Skills Training provides comprehensive training in mechanical power transmission for the shop floor. The training features hands-on work with robust, stand-alone, mobile training stations. Industrial-strength components - bearings, belt drives, chain drives, gear drives, and more - are housed in a heavy-duty mobile framework with a customized modular drawer storage system. The classroom learning and the bench work hand-in-hand. The next class starts March 5, 2018.

### Family and Community Resources "Kids at Heart" Trauma Fundraiser

FCR is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 2018 - 50 years of providing essential, life-affirming services to children and families throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. To kick off the year-long celebration, they are hosting a party and fundraiser! Each year FCR serves nearly 2000 people who have experienced loss and trauma with the goals of helping victims heal and obtain the skills and resources that they need to ensure a healthy future. Hosted at The Promenade Lounge at Raynham Park, 1958 Broadway, Raynham 02767, Friday, February 9, from 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$25, a cash bar, raffle prizes, and light appetizers will be served. For more details, call FCR at (508) 583-6498 x 139.

### Bridgewater Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Donates \$2,500 to Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts

Bridgewater Savings Bank announced on January 26 that its Charitable Foundation has made a donation of \$2,500 to Housing Solutions for Southeastern Massachusetts. Housing Solutions for Southeastern

Massachusetts is committed to helping low and moderate-income families and individuals by providing decent, safe and affordable housing. Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation donated \$2,500 to Housing Solutions' Scattered Site Transitional Apartment Program (SSTAP) which provides shelter and support services for families who are homeless due to domestic violence.

### Old Colony Elder Services Appoints Alexandra Strangis as Home Care Program Manager

The non-profit agency proudly serving older adults and individuals with disabilities throughout greater Plymouth County, has promoted Alexandra Strangis, to Home Care Program Manager of Care Management. Ms. Strangis joined OCES in 2010 as a Care Manager, and in 2012 was promoted to Home Care Supervisor. In 2015, she was promoted to the position of Home Care Program Lead Supervisor which she held until this most recent promotion. Ms. Strangis graduated from Stonehill College in Easton, MA with a Bachelor of Arts in Healthcare Administration. OCES' mission is to support the independence and dignity of elders and people with disabilities by providing essential information and services that promote healthy and safe living.

### Bridgewater Savings Bank Charitable Foundation Donates \$1,500 to Heidrea for Heroes

Heidrea for Heroes (H4H) is a veteran services organization that was founded in 2013 by two Marine Corp veterans who saw a need to offer struggling veterans resources not typically delivered through traditional post-military service agencies. The funds donated by the Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation will be used to support their mission to provide adaptive housing renovations, vehicle modifications, qualifying home repairs, specialized mobility equipment, veteran/family support and workforce readiness programs that will inspire and motivate veterans and families to move forward through challenges. Learn more at [heidrea4heroes.org](http://heidrea4heroes.org)



Consider this checklist from Steward Family Hospitals to help maintain mental health.

- Meditate for 10 minutes a day, three times a week.
- Talk to at least one person a week about your mental health.
- Check in on at least one friend or family member a week to see how they're doing.

Visit [www.goodsamaritanmedical.org](http://www.goodsamaritanmedical.org)

### Harbor Health Elder Service Plan Open House in Brockton Scheduled for February

The Harbor Health Elder Service Plan (PACE) is excited to start their first full year in Brockton serving the needs of the Elders in the Greater Brockton Area. Join us for an Open House Thursday, February 8th 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at 479 Torrey Street at the Brockton location to learn more about PACE, how they keep

Elders healthy and safe at home all while supporting caregivers in their important role. PACE is uniquely able to serve medically complex Elders and their families with a combination of healthcare and social support, provided with care and respect both at the beautiful new center and in the patients home. To learn more contact Julie Richer at (617) 533-2437, or by email [JRicher@hhsi.us](mailto:JRicher@hhsi.us)

## Member Profile - Meet Evans Machine Co., Inc.



Evans Machine Company, Inc.

Evans Machine Company, Inc. (EMI)  
32 N. Manchester Street, Brockton, MA  
02302 (508) 584-8085

Year Established: 1968

**Products or Services:** EMI is a world class manufacturer of the highest quality precision machined parts. Our services include but are not limited to: Milling, Turning, Grinding, Welding, and Quality Assurance.

Number of Employees: 60+

**What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?**

EMI has learned that we are only limited by our facilities list and quality of our employees. We hire only the finest talent this industry has to offer and we invest in state-of-the-art equipment all while maintaining a quality shop, which provides quick turn services 24/7.

**What is your market area?**

We service local, nationally, and internationally.

**What markets do you serve?**

To name a few: Defense, Automotive, Medical, Construction, Food and Health Industries. Accommodations can be made for other part material such as metal, plastic, wood, etc.

**Awards, honors or special recognition :**

- Metro South Chamber of Commerce "Small Business of the Year Nominee – 2013"
- Metro South Chamber of Commerce "Economic Development Impact Award Recipient – 2015".

**What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community?**

Our focus is on producing quality precision-machined parts for many industries – supporting our client's needs all the way through the process; from design and engineering to final quality inspection. We offer a quick turnaround time and one stop shopping.

**Anything additional we should know about your company?**

We have grown each of the last 10 years and continuously reinvest in our employees and technology. We are continually looking for talented machinists to grow and be part of the successful EMI team.

## Board Profile - Meet Victory Human Services



Albert Senesie, Founder President / CEO

Victory Human Services  
www.victoryhhs.com

Year Established: 2000

**Products or Services:**

Human Services, Adult Family Care, Residential Supports, Case Management, Shared Living.

Number of Employees: 135

**What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?**

Victory Human Services (VHS) is a private non-profit founded by a group of minority managers in the field to remedy a weakness in the human service system in Massachusetts. Poor people with or without disabilities, mental illness, with or without medical and elderly issues who are members of ethnic, cultural and linguistic minorities do not, in general, receive the same quality of support services as others in the Commonwealth and the world in general.

The primary challenges involved are: (1) cultural beliefs about what it means to be disabled; (2) communication styles; (3) language barriers; (4) barriers to family participation; and (3) a persistent lack of culturally competent providers and staff.

**What is your market area?**

Metro Boston, Metro South East, Merrimack Valley and Springfield.

**Please list awards, honors or special recognition your firm has received:**

Albert holds an Ed. M. degree from Harvard Graduate School of Education class of 95, with a focus on Administration, Planning and Social Policy. Albert has over 41 years of professional credentials that span the Education and Human Services fields.

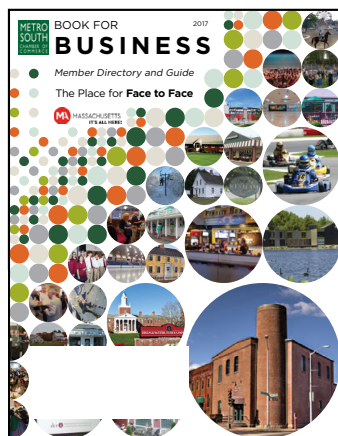
Albert, a Sierra Leonean-American came to the field of Human Services in 1991 from his background as a Science teacher and Professor. He started as a relief counselor working all shifts and quickly rose through the ranks to program Director in 1993 at Vinfen, one of the biggest human services agency in Massachusetts located in Cambridge.

During his career, Albert has received state and national awards-1995 House of representative "families 1000 program"; 2002-State Senate Award and 2010-Stanford who's who professional recognition. 2016-MetroSouth Chambers Economic Impact award.

As president of VHS he has gradually built VHS into a respectable Human Service agency devoted to ethnic and cultural diversity. Albert serves on many boards in Boston and the Sierra Leonean community.



## 2018 Book for Business: Coming Soon!



The Chamber of Commerce will soon be distributing the **2018 Metro South Book for Business**. This book features area dining, lodging, public golf courses, recreation, legislative leaders, community demographics, regional and economic data, and a complete membership listing. The book also includes a full color map of the Metro South region, highlighting hotels, golf courses, industrial parks, town halls, and other points of interest.

Copies of the 2018 Book for Business will be distributed throughout the region to banks, real estate offices, town halls, all Chamber members, area colleges, and sent to all relocating businesses and families interested in the

Metro South area. This is a great opportunity to place an ad that will reach a wide audience and promote your business across the region. Ad spaces are available in full page, half page, 1/4 page, 1/3 page, and 1/6 page dimensions, as well as other options. Renew your ad from last year or place a brand new one! The deadline to place an ad has been extended to Wednesday, February 14.

To place an ad or ensure that your information is correctly listed, please call Emma Stratton at (508) 586-0500 x 222 or email [estratton@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:estratton@metrosouthchamber.com) To view last year's book, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/book-for-business](http://metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/book-for-business).

## The Speaker Sisterhood - A Brockton Chapter



Brenda Loan-Baker and members of the Speaker Sisterhood at their Brockton Chapter

The Speaker Sisterhood has launched a chapter in Brockton! You can improve your speaking skills and increase your confidence in the process.

The Speaker Sisterhood is for any woman looking to improve herself through speaking. Whether you are motivated out of fear, a desire for personal or professional development, or simply want to fine-tune or practice your speaking skills, Speaker Sisterhood Clubs provide a safe and FUN environment to explore the possibilities.

Meetings are held the First and Third Wednesday of the month at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street, Brockton in the first floor conference room. Visit [www.speakersisterhood.com](http://www.speakersisterhood.com) to learn more. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 7th.

## 26th Annual TASTE OF METRO SOUTH

Tuesday, April 24th  
The Shaw's Center

One Feinberg Way, Brockton, MA

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.METROSOUTHCHAMBER.COM](http://WWW.METROSOUTHCHAMBER.COM)**

Ticket Price: \$35. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Call Athena, (508) 586-0500 x 231 for tickets and more information.

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### Calling All Restaurants! Taste of Metro South

We invite your restaurant to participate in the widely popular and anticipated "A Taste of Metro South."

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- Logo on Taste & Chamber
- Logo in Action Report newsletter (2)
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To sign up for one of these sponsorship packages, or customize a sponsorship for your business, please contact Athena Lavoie. Call (508) 586-0500 x 231, or email [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com).

## DCAMM Contractor Certification Workshop



The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance would like to invite you to their newly redesigned Certification Workshop. Held at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street, Brockton, in the 1st Floor Conference Room on Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

DCAMM is responsible for capital planning, public building construction, facilities management, and real estate services for the Commonwealth. Their job is to work with state agencies to create and manage forward-thinking, sustainable buildings to meet the needs of the citizens they serve. They partner with fellow agencies to help them meet their strategic needs with fiscally responsible building and real estate solutions.

In addition, they certify companies to bid on vertical construction projects put out to bid by Massachusetts public agencies pursuant to M.G.L. Chapters 149, 149A and 25A.

This workshop is geared toward assisting the MBE/WBE and Small Construction companies in becoming DCAMM-certified. This program will cover the DCAMM Certification Online Application requirements and the process for becoming certified as a Prime Contractor, A Small Prime Contractor and a Filled Sub-bidder for those parties interested in bidding on M.G.L. Chapter 149 and 149A vertical building construction work in the Commonwealth.

This workshop will give you the tools you need to complete your DCAMM online application. Visit the chamber website for information on how to register. [www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar-registration](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar-registration).

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Stonehill Students Class of '18 Faith Simon (left) and Timothy Cronin (right) with Murray Vetstein, Source4



Ray Ledoux, Brockton Area Transit (BAT), interviews Dave Mueller of Columbia Gas



Mark Linde, Brockton Community Access, and Suzanne Fernandes, Mutual Bank



Dave Mueller and Chavonne Baldwin, Columbia Gas; Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber; and Lisa Holmes, SEED

## Ash Speaks to Chamber, Brockton Partnership



Secretary Jay Ash, Governor Baker's chief economic development advisor met with senior business, banking and community leaders recently. Discussion focused on Brockton and the Metro South Region. Gerry Nadeau, Rockland Trust President, Ray Ledoux, BAT Administrator and Chris Cooney, Chamber President and CEO represented the Chamber's priorities around expanding regional water and sewer treatment priorities, key parcel development (CSX, Fairgrounds, Former Christo's) and Main Street priorities in Brockton (New Parking Facility, Restaurant District, New construction of State buildings). Bob Rivers, President of Eastern Bank, facilitated an extended conversation where Secretary Ash provided helpful guidance and direction on improving Brockton's economic development.

## Regional Roundtable Draws Town Officials

Many town officials representing towns throughout the Metro South region participated in a leadership meeting with Secretary Jay Ash at the Martin Institute on the campus of Stonehill College recently. Town officials participated as part of the State's Regional Economic Development Organization initiative (REDO) administered locally by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.



Dottie Fulginiti, Connor Read, and Michael Blanchard, Town of Easton



Chris Cooney, President Metro South Chamber; Ray Ledoux, Brockton Area Transit; Gerry Nadeau, Rockland Trust; Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development; Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; State Representatives Claire Cronin and Keiko Orrall

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## Spring Job Fair Hosted at Massasoit



Massasoit Community College is scheduled to host a Spring Job fair on Wednesday, April 4th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Student Center of Brockton Campus, One Massasoit Blvd. Students, alumni, or members of the community may attend. Companies will be recruiting for full-time, part-time, and internship positions.

This fair is an excellent opportunity for career explorers. Business attire and a resume will be required for admission. Contact Career Services at (508) 588-9100 x 1406 or Kathryn Pryles at (508) 588-9100 x 1407 for details.

## Free Tax Preparation for Brockton Households



Low to moderate income families in the Greater Brockton area are again eligible for free tax preparation, sponsored by NeighborWorks Southern Mass, the City of Brockton, Mayor Carpenter, the Town of Randolph, and Massasoit Community College.

There will be Free Tax Preparation for qualified individuals from February 3rd - April 9th. (No taxes on Monday, February 19th or Saturday, March 17th.) Locations and times scheduled are as follows.

**Mondays from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Brockton Public Library, 304 Main Street, Brockton.**

**Wednesdays from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Randolph Intergenerational Community Center, 128 Pleasant Street, Randolph.**

**Saturdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Boulevard, Brockton.**

The Household Income Limitation for this free service is \$54,000. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

For details on required documents, limitations, and eligibility, please call NeighborWorks in Brockton at (617) 770-2227.

## Justice Involved - CORI Friendly - Job Fair

After hosting several successful CORI friendly job fairs within the Plymouth County Correctional Facility, Sheriff Joseph D. McDonald has partnered with Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy Cruz in sponsoring a CORI friendly job fair hosted by Brockton Mayor Bill Carpenter. The job fair will be held at The Brockton War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street in Brockton, MA on April 9, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The job fair is for individuals who have been or are currently involved with the justice system. In addition to these individuals, we will be welcoming all CORI friendly job seeking residents from communities throughout Plymouth County.

With studies showing significant reductions in recidivism rates for employed individuals, we feel this is a great opportunity for us to partner together in an effort to make our communities safer. In addition to this great opportunity for employers to give back to their communities some other opportunities that will be available are:

- The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC). WOTC is a federal tax credit available to employers that hire individuals from certain target groups who are facing barriers to employment.
- The Federal Bonding Program no cost fidelity bonds that guarantee honesty for "At-Risk" hard-to-place job seekers. The bonds cover the first six months of employment.

Participation in the job fair is free. We do expect significant interest from employers looking to participate. Space will be limited so we encourage all employers to submit their registration paperwork in a timely manner.

If you have questions or need any additional information please contact: Jim Frazier, Reintegration Counselor, JFrazier@pcsdma.org



## Southeastern Vocational Tech Turns 50

The 2017-2018 school year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Southeastern Regional School District, which includes Southeastern Technical Institute and Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School. For the high school, it all started in 1967, when 47 boys transferred from the Brockton Trade School as juniors to resume their education at a brand new facility in South Easton. They majored in some of the same vocational programs that are offered today, including auto body, auto mechanics, electronics, graphic arts, and plumbing. Also in 1967, Practical Nurse was the first program offered at STI when students transferred from the original Brockton Campus.



Today, both the high school, which now serves over 1500 students from nine districts, and Southeastern Technical Institute, which offers adult education at the same facility, are celebrating their past with a series of events to commemorate the five decades of education. School Superintendent Luis Lopes said they are hoping to involve a far-reaching group of alumni, students, and staff, as well as business and community members.

Superintendent Lopes says "This is a year for celebration. We want to hear from past graduates and all that they have accomplished. We also want alumni and local businesses to visit the school to see all the fantastic upgrades and learn how we are preparing our students to become the next workforce generation."

To celebrate, the District has put together many events and started the Southeastern Regional School Foundation. More details about the events will be publicized as they occur. They include:



Southeastern Regional School District Superintendent Luis Lopes

More details about the events will be publicized as they occur. They include:

- March 8, 2018: Winter Gala at Stonehill College
- April 10, 2018, 5 - 7 pm: Taste of STI
- May 25, 2018, 9 am: Memorial Day Honor Breakfast
- May 31, 2018, 6 pm: STI Graduation
- June 6, 2018, 6 pm: High School Graduation
- June 15, 2018, 6 pm: 50th Anniversary Golf Tournament at Easton Country Club
- June 28, 2018, 6 pm: STI Day Practical Nurse Graduation

## STI Welcomes New Year with Two New Programs

Southeastern Technical Institute welcomes 2018 with the start of two new post-secondary programs: Electricity and Plumbing. The 10-month programs are designed to give novices in-depth and hands-on learning experiences leading to an entry-level position in the industry. STI is the first post-secondary school in the Commonwealth to offer a Chapter 74 post-secondary Electricity Program. Plumbing is offered as a Non-Chapter 74 Program due to State Board Licensing Regulations.

January 2nd was the first day of school for the first class of the Electricity Program. These students will obtain the necessary training and hone their skills to compete in this competitive job market. Students graduate with 400 hours of practical working experience towards their Journeyman's license. They also earn 300 hours towards fulfillment of the 600 required hours of education by the Massachusetts Board of Electrical Examiners for Journeyman Electricians.

Plumbing students begin school in February. The course of study will teach plumbing students the ins and outs of plumbing systems and best practices for a solid foundation to grow in the industry. Upon graduation from STI's Plumbing Program, students will enroll in the Plumbing Tier 1 Apprenticeship Program free of charge, and will continue their education and work experience as required by the Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters.

Superintendent Luis Lopes said, "Careers in Electricity and Plumbing are in high demand. I am excited about the expansion of these programs into the Post-Secondary Level which will bring an affordable option to high school graduates looking to enter into these sought after career opportunities."



# Robert DeLeo to Speak at BSU

Tuesday, March 20 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

## Legislative Luncheon

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend our Annual Legislative Luncheon, to take place on Tuesday, March 20, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm at the Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom at Bridgewater State University, located at 19 Park Avenue in Bridgewater, MA. This year's featured speaker will be Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, followed by a Regional Update from the Mayor of Brockton, Bill Carpenter.



Speaker of the House, Robert DeLeo

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop) has represented the Town of the Winthrop and a portion of the City of Revere in the Massachusetts House of Representatives since 1991.

In 2016, Speaker DeLeo prioritized legislation to help the Commonwealth meet its clean energy goals and upgrade the region's energy infrastructure, ultimately resulting in a landmark law which will diversify Massachusetts' energy portfolio and ensure a reliable electric grid by replacing older power sources that are due to retire. These measures will protect the Commonwealth's ratepayers while enhancing renewable energy and securing a more sustainable future. Speaker DeLeo's priorities continue to include job

creation, strong fiscal management and giving residents a competitive edge through educational opportunities.

Bill Carpenter just won his third consecutive term as Mayor of Brockton. Mayor Carpenter's unwavering commitment to public safety and community policing has begun to encourage companies to invest and reoccupy distressed business districts by improving the security of neighborhoods and corridors. He is recognized state-wide as a leader in fighting the Opiate Crisis and was the only Mayor selected by Governor Baker to serve on the Governor's Opioid Addiction Working Group. During his second term, he created "The Champion Plan" - an addiction outreach program meant to help those with substance use disorders in addiction treatment facilities.



Bill Carpenter, Mayor of Brockton

The Metro South Legislative Luncheon offers Chamber members and the community an opportunity to hear from state and federal elected officials. This is a great place for networking, as well as to meet and mingle with selected and elected officials from throughout the region.

The Legislative Luncheon is sponsored by Bridgewater State University and Massasoit Community College. Please register on the chamber website or by contacting Athena Lavoie via phone (508) 586-0500 x 231, or via email [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com)

The cost to attend is \$44 for members and \$54 for future-members and includes lunch. Tables of 8 are available for \$350 (for members) and \$430 (for future-members).

Please allow an additional 15 minutes of travel time to park in the BSU Parking Garage next to the MBTA lot. Shuttles will be available from the Parking Garage to the Campus Center.



# Good Morning Good Samaritan Medical Center

Wednesday, February 7 | 7:30 am - 9:00 am



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Thank you to our Sponsors at Old Colony Elder Services.

Breakfast will be hosted by Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton who dedicates themselves to delivering affordable health care to all, being responsible partners, and serving as advocates for the poor and underserved in the communities which they serve.

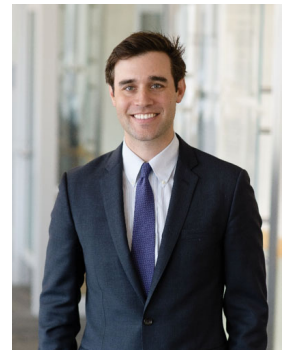


Don't miss your chance to meet the new President of Good Samaritan Medical Center at this event, Harrison "Harry" Bane. Harry Bane rejoined the Good Samaritan Medical Center leadership team as president on January 4, 2018. Mr. Bane previously held the position as Vice President of Operations at Good Samaritan where he built a culture of collaboration, and focused on Length of Stay and ED throughput.

Before serving at Good Samaritan, Harry was an Associate Administrator at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center, also a Steward Family Hospital. Harry brings experience in health care management and hospital operations, with a focus on providing the highest quality patient experience. In his most recent senior role at BaneCare, Harry led the system-wide integration of health care delivery and value-based care for their 13 skilled nursing and rehabilitation facilities, adult day health centers and assisted living facilities.

Harry will discuss Good Samaritan Medical Center's 50th Anniversary and the year-long celebration planned to celebrate the hospital's history.

We hope to see you for the last Good Morning Metro South Breakfast of the 2017-2018 season! Tickets are \$25 for members and \$35 for future-members and includes breakfast as well as networking opportunities. As always, don't forget your business cards! Space is limited for this event so registration is required. You may register via the chamber website or by contacting Athena Lavoie at [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com)



Harrison Bane, Good Samaritan Medical Center President

# Workforce Training Fund - Free Information Session

All area businesses are welcome and encouraged to attend! This information session, hosted by the Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board (BAWIB), provides an overview of all of the Workforce Training Fund programs. Wednesday, March 14 from 8:30 am - 10:30 am at Easton Industrial Park; Teamsters 653 Building, 4 Hampden Drive, South Easton, MA.

Topics include: the features and requirements of each program, funding availability, and application process. Following the information session, participants should be able to determine which grants are best suited for their business needs and know how to begin the application process. The information session lasts 1.5-2 hours (including discussion) and covers the following WTFP grant programs: the General Program, the Express Program, and the Direct Access Program.

For more information about the Workforce Training Fund Program, please visit [www.workforcetrainingfund.org/events](http://www.workforcetrainingfund.org/events) or contact: [kayne@commcorp.com](mailto:kayne@commcorp.com) To contact Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board, John Nesti: [jnesti@bawib.org](mailto:jnesti@bawib.org) (508) 584-3234

## Call For Small Biz Award Nominations

The Metro South Chamber and Bank of America recognize the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region. We welcome you to nominate businesses for the 2018 *Small Business of the Year* and *Entrepreneur of the Year* awards.

*Nominating someone is easy!*

You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy. For nomination forms, call Athena at (508) 586-0500 x 231.

You may include any additional documentation that will help illustrate why the business is deserving of the award. Nominees do not need to be members of the Chamber.

### Small Business of the Year Criteria:

50 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business more than 3 consecutive years under the current ownership; for-profit business.

### Entrepreneur of the Year Criteria:

10 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business less than 3 years; a for-profit business.

Companies will be rated on their creativity and imagination in the development of their business, demonstration of growth, and a reflection on internal and external social responsibility.

Nominations are due to the Chamber by April 6, 2018. Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Lunch in May of 2018.



### Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

- 2017 Wood Palace Kitchens
- 2016 Strange Planet Printing
- 2015 Maguire's Bar & Grill
- 2014 J.M. Pet Resort
- 2013 Solex Payroll Systems, Inc.
- 2012 Vicente's Tropical Grocery
- 2011 McGuiggan's Pub
- 2010 Prisco's Market
- 2009 MCG Partners
- 2008 Heights Crossing
- 2007 Westgate Lanes
- 2006 Cindy's Kitchen
- 2005 Northeast Wholesale Nail & Fastener Supply Co.
- 2004 Dupliron, Inc.
- 2003 Modern Auto Body
- 2002 United Furniture, Inc.
- 2001 Robert Sharkansky & Company, CPA

### Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

- 2017 Epicure Wine & Jazz Bar
- 2016 Elvera's Cafe
- 2015 The Sound Lab
- 2014 JJ's Cafe
- 2013 James Tran, SKy8 Shrimp Farm, LLC
- 2012 Billy Michaud, Sparky's Import Repair
- 2011 Al Ata, Elie Baking Corp
- 2010 Patricia Winberg, Topnotch Design Studio
- 2009 Michelle Cully, XPRESSMAN Trucking & Courier
- 2008 Robert Monahan, UPPAbaby
- 2007 Howard Wright, Wright Technology
- 2006 Rob Peters, Rob Peters Entertainment
- 2005 Jeffrey Chrzanowski, Spark Street Autobody
- 2004 Charles Bernard, The DJ Experience
- 2003 James Messinger, The Crazy Chefs Caterers
- 2002 Jerome Offutt, Top Quality Staffing
- 2001 Randy Yanoff, Eye of the Tiger Karate

## ATHENA Award - Call for Leadership Nominations

This June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank will present the 19th Annual **ATHENA Award** to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

The ATHENA Awards Program was created in 1982 and has expanded to over 500 cities in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates, Russia, and China. The Metro South Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating the talents and expertise of women into the leadership of our businesses, communities, and government.

To nominate an individual for an ATHENA Award, or for more information please contact Athena Lavoie at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com)

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### Prior ATHENA Recipients

- 2017 Diane Bell, BSU
- 2016 Cheryl Opper, School on Wheels
- 2015 Mary Waldron, BSU
- 2014 Janet Trask, Brockton VA Hospital
- 2013 Kathleen Smith, Brockton Public Schools
- 2012 Ruth Bramson, Girl Scouts of Eastern MA
- 2011 Elaine Reiser, Brockton Area Multi-Services
- 2010 Anne DeMinico, St. Joseph Manor
- 2009 Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
- 2008 Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services
- 2007 Susan Szachowicz, Brockton High Principal
- 2006 Loretta Degrazio, East Coast Petroleum
- 2005 Marianne Wroble Cox, WXBR 1460AM Radio
- 2004 Shailah Stewart, Brockton Public Schools
- 2003 Linda Faria Braun, The Adult Learning Center
- 2002 Christine Karavites, Proteas Consulting
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- 2000 Noelle Foye, Brockton Elementary School Nurse
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### What is your business?

I am the Director of Marketing & Admissions at Emmanuel House Residence in Brockton. Emmanuel House is a senior living community with Independent, Assisted Living, and Memory Care.

### How long have you been in this business?

I have been with Emmanuel House since September 2017, however, I have been in healthcare since 2005.

### Please list your past experience and educational background.

I have my Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Bridgewater State University. I have been the Director of Marketing & Admissions for two skilled nursing facilities, and now assisted living. I

also have experience in managing an electronic medical record system regionally, which included implementation, training, auditing, and troubleshooting technical issues.

### How long have you belonged to the Chamber? When did you become an Ambassador?

I have been a member of the Chamber since 2005 and joined the Ambassador Committee in 2013-2014. I took a brief break from the

chamber, as my work took me out of the area, however, have been back since September of 2017.

### How does your Chamber membership work for you?

The Chamber membership allows me to network with Metro South professionals to educate them about Emmanuel House and what it has to offer, not only its residents (current or prospective), but the community as well.

## GSMC Hosts Heart Healthy Lunch: 2/14



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Good Samaritan Medical Center is hosting a free Lunch and Learn at the Stoughton YMCA on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Enjoy a Heart Healthy lunch as Dr. Berger discusses the importance of Heart Health in every aspect of your life. He will discuss heart disease risks and preventions, including steps everyone can take to improve heart health through simple changes in daily routines.



**Clifford J. Berger, MD, FAAC**  
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**Areas of Interest:**

- Patient-centered, prevention-focused care
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Interventional Cardiology, Cardiac Catheterization, and Coronary Stents

Wednesday, February 14, from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at Old Colony YMCA Stoughton Auditorium, 455 Central Street in Stoughton. The event is free and open to the public but space is limited so call to RSVP! (508) 897-6207.

## Workspace@45 Receives Economic Impact Award

Connie Hundt, United Way, hand delivers an Economic Impact Award to Justin Moran, Workspace@45. Each year the Chamber gives Economic Impact Awards to local businesses that have made a significant investment in the region. The company was highlighted for its impact in the Metro South region during the Chamber's 104th Annual Meeting in November. Workspace@45 offers workspace and other amenities and is located in Canton, MA. Learn more on their website at [www.workspace45.net](http://www.workspace45.net)



Connie Hundt, United Way (left) and Justin Moran, Workspace@45 (right).

## Free Trees Ordered for Chamber



Representatives from Massachusetts with Chris Cooney, President of Metro South Chamber of Commerce

where the free trees have been planted. Four trees are to be planted at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce in Brockton in April. To get a free tree in Brockton, qualified residents and business owners should call (617) 626-1503.

Governor Charlie Baker has pledged to plant 2,400 trees in the city of Brockton within the next three years. Nearly 500 trees have been planted since the effort began in April of 2017 as part of the Department of Conservation and Recreation-funded program. Yard signs promoting the Greening the Gateway Cities have sprouted up throughout the city in locations



## New Director at Stonehill Martin Institute

Professor Kathleen Currul-Dykeman has been appointed to lead the Martin Institute for Law and Society, the hub of Stonehill's effort to develop student leaders committed to becoming active citizens in service to an improved human community. Professor Currul-Dykeman, an attorney who holds a Ph.D. in criminology and justice policy, takes the helm from Professor Peter Ubertaccio, who has been named founding dean of the College's School of Arts & Sciences.



Athena Lavoie, Director of Programs and Events (left) and Chris Cooney, President (right) of Metro South Chamber of Commerce with Professor Kathleen Currul-Dykeman, Director of Stonehill Martin Institute (center).

"I am excited about this new opportunity and open to many different things. I look forward to continuing the work of the Institute and contributing to the education of our amazing students. I plan to prepare them to be active and engaged citizens through interdisciplinary programming. I hope to foster a commitment to civic engagement and to inspire students to serve the communities in which they live," said Professor Currul-Dykeman. To learn more visit [www.stonehill.edu/directory/kathleen-currul-dykeman](http://www.stonehill.edu/directory/kathleen-currul-dykeman)

## State Solicits New Vendors, SDO



Jayson Goncalves, Luanda Restaurant & Bar and John Fitzpatrick, Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)

Representatives from the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) hosted the first session of "SDO in the Community Days" at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, January 31. Community Days, a new initiative by the SDO, is your opportunity to meet one-on-one with an SDO representative during which time you will discuss the programs and services available to small and diverse firms through the Operational Services Division (OSD), the parent agency of the SDO.

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**BUSINESS EVENTS Planner**

**February 9**

**HR Law Update**

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

**Metro South Chamber**

60 School Street, Brockton

Join the Chamber for a lesson in future employment law developments.

Cost: \$8 for Members, \$15 for Future-Members

Register online: [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar)

**February 22**

**Multi-Cultural Forum**

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

**The Perfect Place**

2039 Main Street, Brockton

Join the Chamber at The Perfect Place for a night of networking and a multi-cultural business forum.

Cost: Free!

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**March 15**

**DCAMM Certification Workshop**

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Metro South Chamber**

60 School Street, Brockton

Join the Chamber for a Contractor Certification Workshop given by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

Cost: Free!

Register: visit [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar) for info

**March 20**

**Legislative Luncheon**

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

**Bridgewater State University**

19 Park Ave, Bridgewater

Join the Chamber at the Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom to hear from state and federal elected officials.

Cost: \$44 for Members, \$54 for Future-Members.

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