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Information Boards to
be Updated Across 8 City
Locations, Showcasing Local
Businesses, Promoting
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Actionreport



March
2025

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FREE! Woman & Minority Owned Business "Success Stories" Panel, Business Resource Expo, Networking, and More! March 13 at Thorny Lea

FREE TO ATTEND! Thursday, March 13 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton

10th annual multicultural BUSINESS FORUM & BUSINESS after hours

Thursday, March 13

5-7:30PM

Thorny Lea Golf Club
159 Torrey Street, Brockton

NETWORKING & BUSINESS RESOURCE EXPO!

Premier Sponsor:
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THE WOMEN MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS PANEL

VALENCIA JACOBS BROWN
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ANA ROJAS
RED APRON CHARCUTERIE

KERRY AGLUGUB
KMA WEB DESIGN

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FREE TO ATTEND!
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CALL HANNAH (508) 586-0500 x231

Join us Thursday, March 13 from 5-7:30pm for the 10th Annual Multicultural Business Forum & Business After Hours! This triple feature event includes a business resource expo, woman & minority owned business panel, and after hours networking. 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 business stories.

The Business Resource Expo: Space is limited and business resource organizations will be prioritized. Limited space for other organizations is available for \$99. Contact Hannah for more information at events@

metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x231. [All expo participants must be approved, inquire now.] Register to attend this complementary event with the QR code above or visit metrosouthchamber.com/events. *Learn more on page 2.*

Supplier Diversity Workshop 3/14

Friday, March 14 | 10-12:30PM | Metro South Chamber

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH SMALL BUSINESS EVENT:

CONNECT WITH THE SDO & EOED

Join us for presentations from guest speakers and learn how the Supplier Diversity Office & the Executive Office of Economic Development can help your business!

March 14, 2025
10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Metro South Chamber of Commerce
60 School St, Brockton, MA 02301

Hosted by:
METRO SOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Scan to Register

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Join the Metro South Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) and the Executive Office on Economic Development (EOED) to learn about Commonwealth

programs for small businesses and resources to help your business succeed! This event is being held in recognition of Women's History Month but is open to all owners of diverse and small businesses. *More on page 5.*

Mega Networking, All Welcome!

Monday, April 14 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM | Plainridge Park



Park Casino, located at 301 Washington Street in Plainville. To register and learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events.

Please join us for a night of multi-chamber networking and live harness racing! Monday, April 14th from 5-7:30pm at Plainridge

Employment Law Update 4/17

Thursday, April 17 | 8:30AM | Granite Links

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Small Business, Entrepreneur of the Year, ATHENA Leadership Awards Nominations Open

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW!

SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS 2025
METRO SOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ATHENA INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the 34th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards and the 27th Annual ATHENA Leadership Award.

In May, the Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards are to be presented to two businesses that have displayed employment staying power, growth, innovation, and social responsibility. Please join the MSCC in recognizing the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region! You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy.

In June, the MSCC will present the 27th Annual ATHENA Leadership Award during a special luncheon 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.

Learn more on page 6.

10th Annual Multicultural Business Forum Panelists, Moderator, and Remarks from Small Business Administration

Thursday, March 13 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton | Register Online: metrosouthchamber.com/events



Valencia Jacobs-Brown
J. Brown Realty

Valencia Jacobs-Brown is a visionary real estate professional, Boston native, and the proud Broker-Owner of J. Brown Realty, a boutique minority- and women-owned brokerage serving Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and international markets. With over 11 years of expertise in residential property management, lending, and real estate sales, Valencia founded J. Brown Realty in January 2024 to deliver personalized, results-driven solutions for clients aiming to build wealth and achieve their dreams.

Valencia began her career in the lending industry, honing her ability to navigate complex transactions and foster meaningful relationships with clients and vendors. Her dedication to education and empowerment has been a consistent theme throughout her journey, as she creates opportunities that promote financial stability and generational wealth.

Recently appointed as a Director for the Greater Boston Association of REALTORS® (GBAR), Valencia is driving innovation and collaboration in the evolving real estate landscape. She has also expanded her vision globally, assisting clients in exploring international markets and investments.

As the industry changes, Valencia combines local expertise with a global perspective to offer unique insights and opportunities. Outside of real estate, she enjoys traveling, cheering on her son at his sporting events, and engaging with her community. Valencia Jacobs-Brown is the trusted expert to guide you toward your real estate goals. Visit jbrownrealty.com to learn more.



Ana Rojas
Red Apron Charcuterie

Ana Rojas, born and raised in Lima, Peru, moved to the United States at the age of 25, leaving her life behind to embrace a new adventure. With over 24 years of experience in international business, Ana's journey took an unexpected turn in 2022 when her corporate role ended due to a company acquisition. Recognizing this as an opportunity for reinvention, she began searching for a way to create something meaningful and personal.

Her passion for tapas, charcuterie, and entertaining inspired the creation of Red Apron Charcuterie. The business name, derived from her last name "Rojas" (Spanish for "Red"), serves as a tribute to her father. What began as an idea to send ready-to-enjoy care packages to loved ones has grown into a labor of love. Ana poured her heart into every detail of the business, from designing the logo to curating her charcuterie boxes.

Each box reflects Ana's dedication to quality, creativity, and connection. She carefully selects products she personally loves and trusts, ensuring her customers experience the joy she finds in creating them. Supported by her husband, who proudly says she is "building her business box by box," Ana has embraced the challenges of entrepreneurship with determination and heart. Ana remains committed to growing Red Apron Charcuterie and spreading joy, one box at a time. Visit redaproncharcuterie.com to learn more.



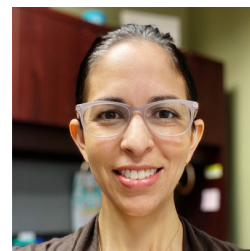
Kerry Aglugub
KMA Web Design

Prior to founding KMA Web Design, **Kerry Aglugub** spent many years holding both website services management and web design and developer positions in the private sector and in higher education.

Kerry is an experienced strategist, collaborator, and problem-solver. She and her team endeavor to do their

very best for their clients. They enjoy helping businesses and organizations grow and succeed.

Kerry earned a bachelors degree with honors from UMass Amherst. She completed a post-graduate program in Web Development at Northeastern University and earned additional graduate-level certifications in IT project management at Boston University. Kerry is active in the WordPress web development and design community as well as a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Neponset River Regional Chamber, and Charles River Regional Chamber. When not working on client projects, Kerry can be found volunteering for local organizations and spending time with her family. Visit kmawebdesign.com to learn more.



Maria Celli, Brockton
Neighborhood Health Center

The panel will be moderated by **Maria Celli**, CEO of Brockton Neighborhood Health Center. Maria Celli, PsyD, has been with BNHC since 2016, serving as the Director of Social Services, Chief Operating Officer, and most recently, as the Deputy CEO. Maria is a psychologist trained in primary care behavioral health integration, the treatment of complex trauma and perinatal and early childhood behavioral health care. She has strengthened BNHC's long history of strong BH-Primary care integration across clinical departments.

Having trained in early-childhood mental health, with a particular interest in attachment, Maria promoted the development of a BNHC Pedi-OB BH Integration team. That team has grown from two to more than 10 total staff who serve the women and families of BNHC. Maria shared this passion and experience as a past Chair of the Mass. League of Community Health Center's BH Directors Forum, and as an advocate for BH services on the state level as well.

Maria assumed the role of the COO in the fall of 2020. In that role, she coordinated internal and community stakeholders to launch Brockton's first drive-through COVID testing operation, and then its largest vaccination clinic. In addition to critical operational projects, Maria is committed to BNHC's continued improvement in the domain of equity. As COO, Maria worked with the Executive Team and members of BNHC's Cultural Equity Committee to design a new role: Health Equity and Engagement Manager. As the Deputy CEO, Maria continues to work with Health Equity Manager to implement BNHC's equity work plan. Visit bnhc.org to learn more.



Bob Nelson, Massachusetts
District Director, Acting
New England Regional
Administrator, U.S. Small
Business Administration

Opening remarks will be provided by **Bob Nelson**, the Acting Regional Administrator for the New England Regional Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and has been with the SBA for over 19 years, including serving as District Director of the Massachusetts District Office since 2007. Prior to the SBA, he worked as a commercial lender for New England banks and with the FDIC, bringing extensive experience in financial services. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Hobart College and has played key roles in expanding SBA loan programs and partnerships to support small businesses. Visit sba.gov/to to learn more.

Register to attend this free event online! Scan the QR Code to the right, or visit metrosouthchamber.com/events.



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CHAMBER Calendar

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

March

12	Chamber Ambassador Meeting	9:00am
	Virtual meeting via Zoom	
13	10th Annual Multicultural Business Forum Business After Hours, and Resource Expo	5:00pm
	Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton	
14	Supplier Diversity Office Workshop	10:00am
	Metro South Chamber of Commerce: 60 School Street, Brockton	
26	Chamber Board Meeting	12:30pm
	Virtual meeting via Zoom	

April

02	Chamber Ambassador Meeting	9:00am
	Virtual meeting via Zoom	
14	Multi-Chamber Mega Networking!	5:00pm
	Plainridge Park Casino: 301 Washington Street, Plainville	
17	Annual Labor & Employment Law Update	8:30am
	Granite Links: 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy	

May

16	Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards	12:00pm
	Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton	



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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 (via Zoom) or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), Sixty School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

UP-TO-DATE News

***Babson College’s new program “Harnessing AI to Work Smarter and Faster”, is designed to help small to medium-sized businesses enhance efficiency and innovation through AI. Participate in their brief interest survey for a 20% discount. Take the Survey - <https://bit.ly/3PYpkGa>**

MSBDC Online Training Calendar - visit msbdc.org/training to register

- 3/5: Tech Talks with Rob - Digital Payments: Choosing the Right Digital Payment Solution for Your Small Business
- 3/12: How to Hire an Employee for Your Small Business
- 3/18: How to Write a Business Plan Using AI and LivePlan
- 3/25: Understanding Small Business Taxes

“Masterworks 2: American Discoveries” - Brockton Symphony Orchestra March 16

Explore orchestral gems and the diverse music of America, from the rural-hoedown (Ruth Crawford Seeger’s Rissolty, Rossolty) and touching lullaby (William Grant Still’s Mother and Child), to New York swing (Artie Shaw’s Clarinet Concerto). Virtuoso clarinetist Matt Griffith brings Copland’s magnificent



Members - send Good News to estratton@metrosouthchamber.com
Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center

Concerto to life. Visit the local village market as the circus comes to town in Walter Piston’s ballet suite, The Incredible Flutist and witness William Schuman’s New England Triptych, based on the music of local composer William Billings, who founded our neighboring Stoughton Musical Society chorus in 1774! Visit www.brocktonsymphony.org to get tickets and learn more.

Planet Fitness Easton Grand Opening Celebration
You’re invited to celebrate the Grand Opening of Planet Fitness’ newest location in Easton! Check out this clean, spacious club and state-of-the-art Black Card Spa, enjoy complimentary food and refreshments, onsite music, and enter to win several exciting raffle prizes! 690 Depot Street in North Easton.



Brockton Rotary Club Comedy Night - March 21
6:30pm @ Annunciation Greek Church, 457 Oak St. in Brockton, \$50 entry tickets enable Brockton Rotary Club to provide support to the community. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$2000-\$250 packages, contact info@brocktonrotary.org to learn more.



First Lutheran Church Brockton Begins Lenten Luncheon Series

First Lutheran Church of Brockton, 900 Main Street, will begin their annual Lenten Luncheon Series with Ms. Lori Sullivan, Community Outreach Coordinator from the Plymouth County Sheriff’s Office on Friday, March 7, 2025 with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. Come learn about how to protect yourself from the latest consumer scams and more. You may purchase a homemade lunch and dessert at that time. For more information, please call 508-586-9021.

Harbor Health to Host Expert Panel Event on Supporting Caregivers - March 19 in Brockton
This expert panel discussion will feature a physician, nurse practitioner, estate attorney, and case manager. Together, they will explore how caregivers can effectively plan, navigate, and sustain their caregiving roles. As our healthcare system undergoes significant changes, it is crucial for caregivers to learn from experienced professionals about successfully managing their responsibilities. Contact Julie to register: jricher@hhsi.us (617) 533-2437

EMPOWERING FAMILY CAREGIVERS TO PLAN, NAVIGATE, AND SUSTAIN CARE

ARE YOU A FAMILY CAREGIVER OR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL?

JOIN US FOR AN INSIGHTFUL PANEL DISCUSSION THAT WILL EQUIP YOU WITH PRACTICAL TOOLS AND EXPERT ADVICE TO NAVIGATE THE COMPLEXITIES OF CAREGIVING.

Wednesday, March 19th
9am-12:30pm
Harbor Health PACE
478 Torrey Street
Brockton MA
Light Refreshments

Register, Julie Richer 617-533-2437 or jricher@hhsi.us
free onsite parking

- Planning ahead to avoid crisis-driven decisions in caregiving.
- Navigating critical healthcare choices, including advanced directives & palliative care.
- Understand community-based programs, like PACE, supporting caregivers at home.
- Understand financial & legal strategies for managing care costs.
- Address the emotional & social impact of caregiving.

PANELISTS

- SARAH TODD, MD, MPH – EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN
- LISA MAFFIE, DNP, APRN-BC, NURSE PRACTITIONER
- BETH SUERETH, CGC, CCE, CCF
- MEGHAN HUBER, ESQ. – ELDER LAW ATTORNEY

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Health Care Matters

Good Samaritan Medical Center 235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301 508-427-3000 www.bmchealthsystem.org/patients/good-samaritan-medical-center

Boston Medical Center Health System Welcomes Good Samaritan Medical Center and St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center into Health System

Boston Medical Center Health System has announced that Good Samaritan Medical Center and St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center are officially operating as part of its health system, stabilizing compassionate and equitable care at both hospitals.

“Good Samaritan Medical Center and St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center are invaluable resources in their communities,” said Alastair Bell,

MD, President & CEO of BMC Health System. “We are proud today to welcome the patients and communities served by both hospitals into our health system. Together, with the highly skilled clinicians and staff at each hospital, we will work to ensure stability and as seamless a transition as possible for patients, with a long-term focus on sustainability across our health system.”

Over the past several weeks, BMC Health System has been meeting with the leadership of Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth’s, preparing employees

to join the health system, and putting plans in place to minimize disruption to patient care during the transition. Patients at Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth’s can continue receiving care in their communities with their trusted providers.

The integration of the two hospitals with BMC Health System builds on Boston Medical Center’s existing clinical relationship with St. Elizabeth’s and deep presence in Brockton through the Brockton Behavioral Health Center. The integration also maintains access

and continuity of care for the many members of the health system’s WellSense Health Plan, who are patients at Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth’s.

Visit www.bmchealthsystem.org/patients/good-samaritan-medical-center to learn more.

Good Samaritan Medical Center

Compassionate Care in Your Community

Job & Internship Fairs - Connecting with the Workforce



April 1 | 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm | (508) 999-8658 | UMD Marketplace
umassd.edu/career/employers/career-fair

Unexpected hiring needs can arise anytime—stay ahead by registering for the Just in Time Career Fair! This event connects you with a diverse pool of talented candidates across all majors, from freshmen to alumni.



Thursday, April 3 | 12:00 am – 3:00 pm

Tinsley Athletic Center Gym | 131 Summer St., Bridgewater

The MEGA Job & Internship Fair is a great way for employers to meet a large number of potential candidates looking for full-time, professional-level positions as well as internships.

The Career Services & Internships Office provides a comprehensive marketing effort for the event so that employers can expect to see hundreds of candidates. This event is open to all Bridgewater State University students, alumni, and the community providing over 120 employers with the opportunity to meet with 500+ candidates from a variety of majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Employers attending must have open/anticipated full-time, degree required jobs, and/or academic internships. This event is invite only. Please contact Amy Kirkcaldy at akirkcaldy@bridgew.edu for more information.



Wednesday, April 16 | 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton

Massasoit Community College Spring Career Fair co-sponsored with the Veterans Office and MassHire 2025, first

1/2 hour is dedicated to Veterans. It is a great opportunity to network with employers, gather community and educational resources as you continue to explore your career path. Contact jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu



Wednesday, May 7 | 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Rondileau Student Union Ballroom

19 Park Avenue, Bridgewater

The Education Career Fair is a recruiting opportunity for educational organizations including public school districts, charter schools, private and independent schools, and education focused non-profits. This fair allows school hiring personnel to network with top-caliber teacher, counselor, and administrator candidates from Bridgewater State University and other area colleges. With over 60 school districts and 100+ students and alumni in attendance, this is a can't-miss recruiting event!

ATHENA Award - Honoring & Empowering Women Leaders: Call for Nominations

This June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce will present the 27th 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 Hannah McGuire at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email events@metrosouthchamber.com. Nominations are due to the Chamber by May 1, 2025.

Prior ATHENA Recipients

2024 Beverly Williams, BAMSI
 2023 Barbara Arena, Granite State Econ. Dev.
 2022 Phyllis Ellis, Brockton Area NAACP
 2021 Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, MassHire GBWB
 2020 Nancy B. Gustafson, The Charity Guild
 2019 Sharon Wolder, Brockton Public Schools
 2018 June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools

Call for Small Biz + Entrepreneur Award Nominations



The Metro South Chamber recognizes 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 **2025 Small Business of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year awards**.

You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy. For nomination forms, call Hannah at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email events@metrosouthchamber.com. 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 1, 2025. Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Lunch in May.

Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

2024 Medella Dental
 2023 Healthier You Wellness Partners
 2022 New England Tortilla / Mi Niña
 2021 Mallory Headsets, Inc.
 2020 South Shore SoftWash, LLC
 2019 Immerse Agency
 2018 Just Desserts Bakery & Cafe
 2017 Wood Palace Kitchens
 2016 Strange Planet Printing
 2015 Maguire's Bar & Grill
 2014 JM Pet Resort
 2013 Solex Payroll Systems, Inc.
 2012 Vicente's Tropical Grocery
 2011 McGuigan's Pub

Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

2024 BinStar
 2023 Brockton Beer Company
 2022 Grand Flourish Collective
 2021 Fusion Dolls
 2020 Empower Nutrition
 2019 LAUNCH Web Marketing
 2018 Shovel Town Brewery
 2017 Epicure Wine & Jazz Bar
 2016 Elvera's Cafe
 2015 The Sound Lab
 2014 JJ's Caffe
 2013 SKY8 Shrimp Farm, LLC
 2012 Sparky's Import Repair
 2011 Elie Baking Corp.

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ATTENTION EMPLOYERS: MassHire Connecting Activities Partnership (CAP) Career Day, April 10



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A PROGRAM OF MASSHIRE GREATER BROCKTON WORKFORCE BOARD



MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board is very pleased to announce the 28th Annual Connecting Activities Partnership (CAP) Career Day being held on Thursday, April 10th, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Auditorium at Teen Challenge in Brockton, MA! Co-sponsored by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, this event is designed as an opportunity to build stronger connections between schools and the community. We want students to have an opportunity to explore the various careers that exist in our world today and to speak with career professionals from different career paths. By connecting schools with area businesses and organizations, students can see the relevance and authenticity of what they are learning in school, invigorating the school culture and the classroom, while they begin to consider their potential careers.

Students within the region will have the opportunity to explore careers in such areas as:

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| • Agriculture | • Finance, Business | • Manufacturing and |
| • Animal Care | Management, Sales and | Construction Trades |
| • Architecture | Marketing | • Retail |
| • Armed Services | • Government, Court | • Travel/Hospitality |
| • Arts, Media, and | System and Law | <i>and much more</i> |
| Communication | Enforcement | |
| • Cosmetology | • Health and Science | |
| • Education and Human | • Information | |
| Services | Technology | |

You and your company or organization to participate. Help us, help our future workforce discover their future careers, by learning about what your industry has to offer!

Each business will be provided with a display table, along with information on MassHire opportunities. Please keep in mind that our intent is to provide students with information about careers in a variety of areas. We ask that your approach includes information on the education & skills required for your industry. We would be grateful for your response as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, March 28, 2025.

Contact David Edwards, Connecting Activities Coordinator, at (508) 584-9800 x14 or email dedwards@masshiregbwb.org.

Cicely Carew's "BeLOVED" Opens at Fuller Craft



Cicely Carew's solo exhibition BeLOVED creates a transformative sanctuary where materials and environment merge. Through improvisation, she crafts an immersive space that feels sacred—a liminal zone for reflection and embrace. Her site-specific installation blends ethereal sculptures, layered soundscapes, and video elements, evoking both the elemental and transcendent. Infused with themes of ritual, prayer, Earth, and the maternal, BeLOVED serves as a reminder of interconnectedness and transformation, inviting us to flow with the ever-evolving rhythms of the world. The Fuller Craft Museum is FREE to visit and located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, Tuesday - Sunday 10AM-5PM. Visit fullercraft.org to learn more.

ATTENTION EMPLOYERS: MassHire 7th Annual Construction Career Day, May 14 in Brockton



THE REGION'S PREMIER CAREER SHOWCASE
HIGHLIGHTING CONSTRUCTION, BUILDING TRADES, AND
RELATED INDUSTRIES!

Wednesday, May 14th @ Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Brockton Area Construction Career Day will give area high school students an exciting, immersive opportunity to learn about career pathways in many varied construction related industries. Incorporating hands-on activities and live demonstrations, professionals from a wide variety of these industries are available to answer questions and give students a taste of what it would be like to work in their respective fields. Students will explore careers in:

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| • Building/Remodeling | • Architecture | • Landscaping |
| • Engineering | • Welding & Mechanical | • Utilities |
| • Paving/Sealcoating | • Land Surveying | • Management |
| • Electrical | • Solar & Energy | <i>& MORE</i> |
| • Plumbing/HVAC | • Smart Technologies | |

To exhibit and participate, support, or volunteer, call John Nesti at MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board: (508) 584-3234 or email jnesti@masshiregbwb.org

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Brockton Public Schools Announces Exploratory Phase of Careers Around Brockton (CAB) Program



Brockton Public Schools is excited to announce the exploratory phase of its upcoming initiative, the Careers Around Brockton (CAB) program, set to launch in the fall of 2025. This innovative program is designed to provide high school students, specifically those in 9th and 10th grade, with meaningful job exploration opportunities by connecting them directly with local businesses and organizations within the Brockton community.

The CAB program aims to create a bridge between education and the professional world by allowing small groups of students to visit and observe a variety of workplaces. Through these visits, students will gain firsthand insights into how different industries operate, the skills required for various roles, and how local businesses contribute to the community's growth and well-being.

"We believe that early exposure to real-world work environments is crucial in helping students make informed decisions about their future careers," said Michael Hendricks, Job Coach, Brockton Public Schools. "The CAB program is about more than just job shadowing—it's about inspiring our students by showing them the many career pathways that exist right here in Brockton."

Brockton Public Schools is actively seeking partnerships with local businesses and organizations interested in hosting student groups for short, guided visits. Participating businesses will have the opportunity to showcase their work, engage with the next generation of professionals, and strengthen their ties to the community.

If you are a business owner or community leader in Brockton and would like to be part of this impactful initiative, please contact [Insert Contact Information] to learn more about how you can get involved. Together, let's empower our students to explore, dream, and plan for their futures.

About Brockton Public Schools: Brockton Public Schools is committed to providing high-quality education and creating opportunities for all students to succeed. Through innovative programs like CAB, we strive to inspire, educate, and prepare our students for bright and successful futures.

For inquiries, please contact Michael Hendricks, Job Coach, Brockton Public Schools email michaelhendricks@bpsma.org or call (774) 539-5232

CWE Workshops, Consultations, and More

The Center for Women & Enterprise (CWE) is a non-profit economic empowerment organization whose mission is to strengthen communities and the economy by supporting women to launch and successfully sustain businesses. Opened in 1995, the Eastern Massachusetts Women's Business Center operates in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration. We offer consultations, workshops and networking opportunities to help you reach your entrepreneurial goals. Visit cweonline.org/our-centers/cwe-eastern-massachusetts to learn more.

Mar 5: SHELegal - Intellectual Property, Legal Issues, Woman-owned Businesses (Virtual)

Mar 6: EmpowerHerTech -Business Start-up/Preplanning, eCommerce, Other, Technology, Woman-owned Businesses (in-person)

Mar 19: SHELegal - Intellectual Property, Legal Issues, Woman-owned Businesses (Virtual)



Update Your Member Listing; New Guide in Production



It's time to make sure your membership listing is up-to-date! The new Metro South Guide is in production, please be sure to login to the Members Only section of metrosouthchamber.com to ensure accuracy of your membership listing and referral information. Need help? Call the Chamber! We

can walk you through making changes to your listing, or make the changes for you. You will receive a data verification form to approve or confirm any necessary changes.

The Metro South Chamber's Regional Guide and Member Directory is designed to encourage in-state support for our local businesses, especially those effected by recent economic factors; please shop local, and support small businesses whenever possible!

While you are here, you can visit the extraordinary Fuller Craft Museum, enjoy the acclaimed Brockton Symphony Orchestra, cheer on the Brockton Rox at Campanelli Stadium, and grab a drink at the new Brockton Beer brewery downtown! With plentiful hotel rooms and within easy reach of Boston, Providence, Plymouth and Cape Cod, you will find many fun shopping experiences, peaceful parks, dynamic sporting events and rich cultural activities all within reach.

If you are new to this region, we aim to inform you. If you live here, we want to remind you. If you do business here, we wish to thank you.

The Metro South Guide is distributed to thousands of key decision makers and community stakeholders, including all members, prospective members, town halls, libraries, legislators, hotels, museums, and more. Want your business to be included? Call (508) 586-0500 to sign up.

Limited ad space is still available, at prices to fit any marketing budget. See advertising options below; we even have an in-house designer who can create professional ads for your company at no additional charge. Contact Emma at EStratton@metrosouthchamber.com to inquire. Chamber membership must be in good standing to advertise.

Ad Size	Dimensions	Investment
Enhanced Listing	--	\$237
1/6 page ad	3.5" x 3"	\$473
1/3 page ad	3.5" x 6.5"	\$604
1/2 page ad	7.25" x 4.75"	\$939
Full page ad	7.25" x 10"	\$1,884
Inside Front Cover	7.25" x 10"	\$2,619
Inside Back Cover	8.5" x 11"	\$2,619
Back Cover	8.5" x 11"	\$3,354
Your Business Logo on the Front Cover, Plus Full Page Ad Inside	8.5" x 11"	\$4,14

Member News - Tempus Unlimited Empowering Individuals with iPads



Donte, Adult Foster Care member

Tempus Unlimited has collaborated with Easterseals to distribute iPads aimed at enhancing independence for individuals within our Adult Foster Care and Supported Living Programs. Easterseals, like Tempus Unlimited, is dedicated to providing programs and services to people with disabilities. Their mission is to ensure that children and adults living with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. Our shared commitment to empower individuals has allowed this partnership to be a significant success.

After receiving funding from MassAbility, Easterseals was seeking agencies to partner with, and with the help of Louise Colbourne, Director of Assistive Technology, Tempus Unlimited has effectively referred 39 individuals for telehealth devices. Members in the Adult Foster Care Program as well as Consumers in the Supported Living Program are able to use these devices to set up appointments, research, and access needed information in their health portal. This factor offers an immense amount of support to someone who may have trouble traveling, or needs to get in contact with a doctor or caregiver in a timely manner. A family member in our Adult Foster Care Program shared, “Our iPad allows Donte to access his telehealth appointments and keeps all of his information organized in one place. He is able to communicate with people and stay entertained by listening to his favorite music. It makes life easier.”

Through discussion with Louise, she shed light on the success of the iPads within Easterseals, with one individual named Betty reporting, “I am bedbound most of the time, which makes it very difficult to get to appointments, I have to rely on other people to get to my home, get me out of bed and get me rides to appointments, it takes up a whole day. Now I can easily meet with my doctors on this iPad on my own terms without having to check with anyone else. This has given me great freedom.”

This technology has proven to be a powerful and transformative resource for those who rely on it. Tempus Unlimited is exceedingly grateful for our partnership with Easterseals, and continues to provide community based programs enhancing independence in the lives of others. Visit tempusunlimited.org to learn more.

State Treasurer’s Office of Economic Empowerment Offers Worth & Wealth Seminars en Español

WEBINARIO GRATUITO

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Marzo 12: Preparación para el Retiro

Marzo 19: Hábitos Financieros para Construir Riqueza

Marzo 26: Cómo Declarar Impuestos

Abril 2: Mejorar Su Búsqueda de Empleo

REGISTRO: mass.gov/orgs/office-of-economic-empowerment/events

Member Profile - School on Wheels of MA

The Problem

8 Years Old

Average Age of a Homeless Person in MA

4

Number of times an Average homeless student moves each year

87%

The rate at which homeless students are more likely to drop out of school than their peers.

Our Impact

262

Tutored Students

101

Mentored Students

11,000+

Students Received Backpacks & School Supplies

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Educate Kids
Empower Families
End Homelessness

School on Wheels of Massachusetts
100 Laurel Street, Suite 121
E. Bridgewater, MA 02333
(508) 587-9091
www.sowma.org

Year Established: 2004

Products or Services: Academic, social and emotional support to students impacted by homelessness and poverty through tutoring, mentoring and customized, grade-level backpacks & School supplies.

Number of Employees: 20

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer? SOWMA began at 2 family shelters in 2004 in Brockton. Programs now operate from South Coast and South Shore areas, to Boston and Lowell. Programs are orchestrated by trained volunteers

What is your market area? The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

What markets do you serve? Those in need of educational and career support and opportunity.

Please list awards, honors or special recognition your firm has received: Our Founder Cheryl Opper received the ATHENA Leadership Award from the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Community Service MVP Award from the New England Patriots, the Bank of America Local Heroes Award, Service Above Self Award from the Brockton Rotary Club, Distinguished Service Award from Bridgewater State University, Wainwright Distinguished Service Award from the Brockton Day Nursery, and she was named a Champion of the City by the Brockton Youth Council.

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? Working with business & community leaders, employers, educators, workforce partners and more, we convene, collaborate & construct workforce development initiatives for our region.

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? To bring educational opportunity to children and youth impacted by homelessness and poverty

Anything additional we should know about your company? Last year we celebrated 20 years of service at our “home town” of Brockton, Massachusetts. Our interim executive director Athena Giannaros is a Brockton native!

RENEWING *Members!*

Thank you!

Beantown Builders, Inc.
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts
Boys and Girls Club of Brockton, Inc.
Bridgewater Trophy
Brockton Education Association
Cadence Academy
Cape Verdean Association of Brockton
DaRosa Tax & Business Service
GleeWorks Holistic Coaching

Leading Light Behavioral Health Inc
Manny's Night & Day Cleaning Service
Montilio's Baking Company
Pierce Refrigeration, Inc.
Rich Morgan Photography
Sharon & Crescent Credit Union
Signature Healthcare
Theory Wellness Inc
Viking Sheet Metal, Inc.

WELCOME *New Members!*

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Dan Spence
2 Kay Way
Stoughton, MA 02072
(781) 828-4343
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Mother's Daughter Juice and Wellness

Isabela Paiva
543 Pearl Street
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 682-4228
mdjuicewell.com
Restaurants

Artisan Industries

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Manufacturing

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Ruth Gilleran
231 Forest Street
Wellesley, MA 02457
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babson.edu
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Harding Print

Stephen Campbell
15 Colebrook Blvd
Whitman, MA 02382
(781) 447-3941
hardingprint.com
Printers

Brockton Beer Company

Eval Silvera
121 Main Street
Brockton, MA 02301
(508) 521-9711
brocktonbeer.com
Brewery

To promote your business and support your community, contact New Member Services

(508) 586-0500 x 229

membership@metrosouthchamber.com

5 Benefits of Joining Your Local Chamber of Commerce

1. It helps you make business contacts
2. It increases your credibility
3. It increases your visibility
4. It provides key business resources
5. It supports your professional development



Learn how to maximize your chamber membership

Own A Small Biz? Thinking of Starting One? Call SCORE!



To succeed, you have to stay ahead of the competition; whether you're looking for a business direction sheet or working to tap into value creation, connect with a SCORE mentor to help you! If you're just starting a business, SCORE mentors can provide the practical action plan, education and tools you need to open your doors and establish a customer base.

Already own a business? Our volunteer mentors can help identify ways to increase profit, improve employee and customer satisfaction, and achieve work/life balance. With SCORE, you can have the honest, confidential and sometimes tough conversations about raising money, motivating your team, marketing your business, and other topics.

Take advantage of their **free** live webinar series! Learn more by visiting www.score.org, www.sema.score.org, www.boston.score.org, or by calling (508) 587-2673. Ahead for the month and beyond...

March 4: *Learn the SEO Basics and Boost Your Website Traffic*

March 6: *The SEO Implementation Blueprint: Tools, Tactics & Techniques*

March 6: *Bookkeeping and Small Businesses - Why, When, How*

March 11: *How to Use Productivity Tools in Your Business to Get Things Done*

March 12: *Tax Preparation for the Self-Employed*

March 13: *Mastering Time for Operational Excellence*

March 13: *How to Use AI to Grow Your Business*

March 13: *Engage, Grow, Succeed: Effective Social Media Strategies for Businesses*

Now Hiring: Membership Development & Retention

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Are you positive, organized, committed to business & community development, and have a love for the greater Brockton area? Join our team as Membership Development Specialist! Email resume and cover letter to info@metrosouthchamber.com.

Job Summary: The Membership Development Specialist is responsible for promoting the Chamber and its products and services to prospective and existing members. Sales of membership to prospects and retention of existing members are the key functions of this position. They will identify prospects, determine their needs, communicate the Chamber's value and establish professional relationships with area businesses and organizations. The Membership Development Specialist must be able to conduct "high-level" business interactions independently and as part of a coordinated team.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite businesses to join and engage in the chamber community by strengthening local ties in Brockton and beyond, while gaining a deep understanding of regional economic progress and the competitive developing future of the Metro South region.

Access to Capital for Massachusetts Businesses



Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) functions as a one-stop resource for debt financing for small businesses. MGCC drives economic growth through access to alternative funding, resources, and individualized services to identify and structure

solutions tailored to each small business in Massachusetts. The purpose of MGCC is to create and preserve jobs at small businesses. MGCC also works to promote economic development throughout the Commonwealth, with special paid attention to business needs in underserved areas and Gateway Cities. Their services include small business lending from \$100,000-\$200,000; microloans from \$5,000-\$100,000; small business technical assistance grant program for non-profit assistance providers; microlending operations support & CDFI lending capital matching funds grant program; and the biz-m-power crowdfunding matching grant program. Visit empoweringsmallbusiness.org to learn more.

Chamber Affiliation News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at (508) 586-0500 x 223 or e-mail chris@metrosouthchamber.com.

The **Avon Industrial Park Association** is a non-profit group seeking to advance the advocacy and business of its members in public and private affairs. Membership is open to all companies who operate within the confines of Avon Industrial Park in Avon, Massachusetts. For more information please visit avonindustrialpark.org.

The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** promotes unity between local government and the business community and is committed to promoting goodwill among business owners, operating in an ethical manner, and supporting the community they serve. Visit bridgewaterbiz.biz for more information.

The **East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA)** was founded in 1993 "to promote a healthy business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking and fellowship." Please visit jointheebba.com for more information.

The **Easton Chamber of Commerce** is a non-profit 501(c)(6) membership organization representing business and professional people. The Easton Chamber of Commerce mission is to unite, guide and support Easton businesses with the goal of increasing economic opportunities and fostering a healthy business climate. Visit easton-chamber.com to learn more.

The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce's** mission is to promote the civic, economic and social welfare of its members and the Town of Norwell. They actively assist the Chamber members with the challenges of business growth, management and entrepreneurship. Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for more information.

The **South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN)**, established in 1991, was the inspiration of six women who felt that the needs of women in business were not being met by traditional organizations. They further believed there was a need for an organization that would provide networking opportunities to women and business owners on the South Shore. Visit sswbn.org for more information.

Small Business Resource; We Speak Portuguese!



Theresa Lobo-Albin, Small Business Assistance



Theresa Lobo-Albin on the chamber staff is fluent in Portuguese. She is available to communicate with businesses that may require help in learning about various business assistance programs serving entrepreneurs, businesses and non-profits throughout the region.

Theresa holds a degree in business and accounting and has worked with many small businesses from numerous industries over her career in accounting.

The Chamber (in partnership with many regional, state, and federal resources) operates the Metro South Business Assistance Center and Thomas Edison Business Incubator in support of business development. Many of the BAC resources can be found online and are being offered remotely, including one-on-one coaching through SCORE

Counselors.

To learn more about business assistance resources in English and Portuguese contact Theresa Lobo-Albin at finance@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 230. To learn more about the Business Assistance Center (BAC) and available business resources, visit www.metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance. Individual counseling is available by appointment.

Federal, State, and Regional Resources for Businesses

The Metro South Chamber is dedicated to providing support for our business community now more than ever - we're here for you. Below, please find an extensive list of federal, state, and regional resources available to everyone interested in business.

Brockton Redevelopment Authority
Contact: Rob May
(508) 586-3887

Center for Women & Enterprise
Contact: Berlhey Narcisse
(617) 536-0700

Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD)
Contact: Alexandra Husted
(617) 872-9926

Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network
Contact: Anne Fenton
(508) 673-9783

Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)
Contact: John Fitzpatrick
(617) 720-3300

MassDevelopment
Contact: Kelly Arvidson
(508) 678-0533

MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board
Contact: Jason Hunter
(508) 584-3234

MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center
Contact: John Murray
(508) 513-3400

Old Colony Planning Council
Contact: Mary Waldron
(508) 583-1833 ext. 202

SCORE Business Counselors
Contact: Peter Smith
(508) 587-2673

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation
Contact: Sue Murray
(508) 822-1020

U.S. Small Business Administration
Contact: Shelly Gillis
(617) 565-5590

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Call to learn more today!

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Starting a Business?

Need help starting your business?
Looking for money to start your business?

The Metro South Business Assistance Center Can Help!

COUNSELING: Individual counseling is available by appointment for start-up and existing businesses. Counselors are working or retired professionals, highly experienced and willing to share their knowledge in financing, marketing, management, and more.

REFERENCE MATERIALS: An outstanding collection of reference materials that include hundreds of fully detailed, step-by-step guides for every aspect of starting and maintaining a small business.

ACCESS: To computer and business-related software, including QuickBooks Pro, Business Plan Pro, Loan Builder, Microsoft Office, and more.

EDUCATION: Workshops include QuickBooks, Writing a Business Plan, SEED Commercial, Social Media Series, DCAMM Certification, and more.

(508) 586-0500 metrosouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance.

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Metro South Regional Economic Development Organization
For more info, contact the Metro South Chamber of Commerce,
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BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

March 13

10th Annual Multicultural Biz Forum, After Hours, and Expo
5:00PM - 7:30PM

Thorny Lea Golf Club
159 Torrey Street, Brockton MA 02301

Featured Speakers: Valencia Jacobs-Brown, J. Brown Realty; Ana Rojas, Red Apron Charcuterie, and Kerry Aglugub, KMA Web Design.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

March 14

SDO Workshop
10:00AM - 12:30PM

Metro South Chamber of Commerce
60 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301

Join the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) and the Executive Office on Economic Development (EOED) to learn about Commonwealth programs for small businesses and resources to help your business succeed!

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 14

Multi-Chamber Mega Networking
5:00PM - 7:30PM

Plainridge Park Casino
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Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events

April 17

Annual Labor & Employment Law Update with MHTL

8:30AM-00PM

Granite Links
100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy

Save the date! Registration link TBA.

Register: metrosouthchamber.com/events