



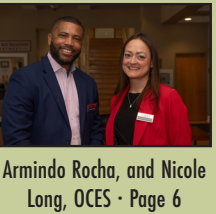
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**Chamber Mission**  
To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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## Chamber Celebrates Shaw’s Center, Return of Pro Baseball w. Mayor’s Economic Update and “Small Business CEO’s Playbook” Author

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**Good Day Metro South BROCKTON**

Thursday, April 10  
11:45AM-1:30PM

featuring

**A State of the City address focused on business & economic development**

at The Shaw’s Center  
1 Feinberg Way  
Brockton, MA 02301

Scan the QR code to register, or visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events), or call (508) 586-0500 x231

**Bob Sullivan, Mayor of Brockton**

**Rob Peters, “The Small Business CEO’s Playbook”**

Join us along with South Shore Bank on **Thursday, April 10 from 11:45AM-1:30pm** for a **Good Day Metro South Luncheon - Brockton Edition**. This event will feature the Mayor of Brockton’s Business & Economic Development Update and Rob Peters, author of newly released book, “The Small Business CEO’s Playbook.” Attendees will receive a pair of Brockton Rox tickets to Opening Day (May 16), chance to win a Brockton Rox T-shirt, and a copy of the “The Small Business CEO’s Playbook”.

Register to attend this event with the QR code or visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events). *More on page 2.*



## Mega Networking, All Welcome!

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



Please join us for a night of multi-chamber networking and live harness racing! Monday, April 14th from 5-7:30pm at Plainridge Park Casino, located at 301 Washington Street in Plainville. To register and learn more, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events). *Learn more on page 2.*

## Labor & Employment Law Update

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



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## Spring Networking with RFCU!

Wednesday, May 7 | 5-7PM | 200 Westgate Drive, Brockton



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## Nominate Your Favs for Small Biz & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards!



ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR SMALL BIZ, ENTREPRENEUR, + ATHENA LEADERSHIP

## Brockton Businesses Grow! Two Ribbon Cuttings in April



A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is more than just cutting a ribbon—it’s a moment to celebrate growth, build relationships, and kickstart a business’s journey in the community!

Expect an official welcome from Chamber representatives, local leaders, and members of the business community as we gather to meet the business owner and learn about new additions to the Metro South region. There will be photo-ops and social media coverage to help spread the word. Attendees mingle, tour the facility, enjoy refreshments and most importantly make new connections!

Please join us **Monday, April 7 from 11:30AM-1:30PM** at **Henricus Training Center & Staffing Agency** located at 365 Westgate Drive, Suite 10 in Brockton.

Then, join us **Wednesday, April 30 from 11:30AM-1:30PM** at **Mother’s Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar** located at 543 Pearl Street in Brockton. Visit [metrosouthchamber.com](https://metrosouthchamber.com) to RSVP.

Want to host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of your own? Contact [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com).



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 **SOUTH SHORE BANK**

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Brockton Rox Revival Season – each participant will receive a pair of Brockton Rox tickets and a T-Shirt! Opening Day is May 16th at Campanelli Stadium, One Feinberg Way in Brockton

Also featured will be Rob Peters’ new book, “The Small Business CEO’s Playbook”. A limited number of attendees will receive a free copy; with an opportunity to purchase

Attendees will receive tickets to Opening Day!



additional copies at the event. “I highly recommend entrepreneurs and small business owners read this book and benefit from the thoughtful and profitable content contained within. It’s a very enjoyable read full of great lessons, advice, and resources. The style of writing and format of each chapter make it very useful as a reference guide while the reader takes action toward building a more responsive and profitable business” said



Bob Sullivan, Mayor of Brockton



Rob Peters, author of “The Small Business CEO’s Playbook”



Metro South Chamber President & CEO, Chris Cooney. Visit [www.robpeters.biz/small-business-ceos-playbook](http://www.robpeters.biz/small-business-ceos-playbook) to learn more.

This event is sponsored by South Shore Bank. Questions and Season Ticket Holders should contact Hannah McGuire at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231 for assistance. Reserve your seat and learn more online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events) or scan the QR code on the left. We hope to see you there!



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5-7pm

**MULTI CHAMBER NETWORKING**

at Plainridge Park Casino

Tri-Town - United Regional  
Cranberry Country - Walpole  
Taunton Area - Metro South  
Neponset River Regional

You are invited to a Multi Chamber Networking event at Plainridge Park Casino – “It’s opening Day” – come on out and check out the venue and network with other like-minded professionals from 7 area Chambers! Delicious apps and a cash bar will be available. The betting windows will be open if you want to try your luck.

To register and learn more, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events) or contact [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) / call (508) 586-0500 x231 for assistance.

# Annual Labor & Employment Law Update with MHTL

Thursday, April 17 | 7:30AM-12:30PM | Granite Links Country Club | 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy



**MURPHY HESSE TOOMEY & LEHANE LLP**  
Attorneys at Law



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Murphy, Hesse, Toomey, & Lehane, LLP in collaboration with the Metro South Chamber of Commerce,

Neponset River Chamber of Commerce, South Shore Chamber of Commerce, and Quincy Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Labor & Employment Law Update on Thursday, April 17th at 7:30 a.m at Granite Links, 100 Quarry Hills Drive in Quincy, MA 02169. Admission is free for chamber members, but please register in advance. Register online: [metrosouthchamber.com/event/annual-labor-employment-law-update-2025](http://metrosouthchamber.com/event/annual-labor-employment-law-update-2025) or scan the QR code above.

Registration will begin at 7:15AM. Continental Breakfast will be served from 7:30AM through 10:30AM.

## Schedule to include:

- 2024-2025 Case and Statutory Update
- Handling the Hard Conversations: Basics for Discipline and Discharge
- Looking at the NLRB Horizon
- Identifying and Managing Workplace Misconduct, with a Focus on Harassment and Speech
- Hot Topics Panel: DEI, AI, FLSA, Handbook Policies, Manager Liability

# Spring Business After Hours Networking with RFCU!

Wednesday, May 7 | 5-7PM | Rockland Federal Credit Union | 200 Westgate Drive, Brockton



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Join us for an evening of business networking at Rockland Federal Credit Union’s new Brockton location! Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and beverages while expanding your network, making new connections and refreshing existing ones. Free event, but please let us know you’re coming by RSVPing at the QR code or chamber website.

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CHAMBER Calendar

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

April

02	<b>Chamber Ambassador Meeting</b> <i>Virtual meeting via Zoom</i>	9:00am
07	<b>Ribbon Cutting: Henricus Training Center &amp; Staffing Agency</b> <i>365 Westgate Drive, Suite 10, Brockton</i>	11:30am
10	<b>Good Day Metro South: Brockton Edition</b> <i>The Shaw's Center: One Feinberg Way, Brockton</i>	11:45am
14	<b>Multi-Chamber Mega Networking!</b> <i>Plainridge Park Casino: 301 Washington Street, Plainville</i>	5:00pm
17	<b>Annual Labor &amp; Employment Law Update</b> <i>Granite Links: 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy</i>	7:30am
30	<b>Ribbon Cutting: Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar</b> <i>543 Pearl Street, Brockton</i>	11:30am

May

07	<b>Business After Hours: Rockland Federal CU</b> <i>Rockland Federal Credit Union: 200 Westgate Dr, W119A, Brockton</i>	5:00pm
08	<b>Small Business &amp; Entrepreneur of the Year Awards</b> <i>Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton</i>	12:00pm



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*Leading Communities.*

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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

## MSBDC Online Training Calendar - visit [msbdc.org/training](http://msbdc.org/training) to register

- 4/2: Tech Talks with Rob: Marketing Smarter - How Small Businesses Can Use AI to Grow
- 4/10: MassExport - Compliance Clinic
- 4/16: MassExport - Upping Your Screening Due Diligence to Match the Current Regulatory Environment
- 4/30: MassExport - Breaking Through the Knowledge Silos at Your Firm to Ensure Trade Compliance
- 6/6: MassExport - Triangulating the Trump Trade Agenda: Tips and Tools for Addressing Policy Changes

## Babson's Generator AI Lab offering AI Innovators Bootcamp for Small Business Leaders



Join us on Friday, April 18th, at Babson College for the AI Innovator's Bootcamp, a dynamic event designed for small business owners. This hands-on, day-long workshop will explore how harnessing AI can help you work smarter and faster. As the #1 school for Entrepreneurship, Babson has a proud history of supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses.

## 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](http://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,

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

Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center

## Masterworks 3: Carmen in Concert - Brockton Symphony Orchestra May 4



Brockton Symphony partners with Opera del West to present a dazzling concert version of Bizet's opera, Carmen, featuring a top-notch cast of vocal soloists, dancers, chorus, and narrator. Join us for a glorious afternoon at the beautiful Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Visit [www.brocktonsymphony.org](http://www.brocktonsymphony.org) to get tickets and learn more.

## First Lutheran Church of Brockton Hosts Local Author

The First Lutheran Church of Brockton, 900 Main Street will continue their Lenten Luncheon Series on Friday, April 4, 2025 with Ms. Margaret Annette Andrews, retired veteran, grandmother and local children's book author. Books will be available for purchase at that time. Lunch that day is \$10 (if you so choose) and all of it is homemade. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Join us for a lovely time as we start to enjoy

the season of spring. Please contact Anne at 774-297-4939 or email her at [ambeauregard@outlook.com](mailto:ambeauregard@outlook.com) if you have a question.

## School on Wheels: Run, Walks & Wag for Kids! May 10 at Borderland State Park

A dog-friendly 5K run or walk Saturday, May 10, 2025. 9 a.m. start; gates open at 8 a.m. Free Parking. Refreshments, music, prizes and more. \$30 adults; \$10 kids: 6 and under & dogs - FREE! Proceeds benefit educational programs for local students impacted by homelessness.

## Cultural Affairs and Tourism Meeting April 10

The monthly meeting of Cultural Affairs and Tourism will be held on

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at the North Baptist Church, 899 North Main Street in Brockton with a start time of 6:00 p.m. Parking lot is located on the side street. Everyone is welcome to announce your organization events, learn about what is going on or find out how you can volunteer. For more information or to learn about ZOOM instructions please contact Anne at 774-297-4939 or email her at [ambeauregard@outlook.com](mailto:ambeauregard@outlook.com).

## EmpowerHerTech CWE May 13 in Boston, 1-3PM



EmpowerHerTech is an in-person digital literacy workshop designed to help women entrepreneurs enhance their tech skills and business success. Participants will receive hands-on guidance, learn digital marketing strategies, and gain confidence in using technology to grow their businesses. The workshop fosters collaboration, provides ongoing resources, and ensures accessibility with available laptops for all attendees.



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](http://www.bmchealthsystem.org/patients/good-samaritan-medical-center) to learn more.



Compassionate Care in Your Community

## Call for Small Biz + Entrepreneur Award Nominations

Thursday, May 8th | 12-1:45PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton



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& ENTREPRENEUR  
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2025

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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](mailto: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 the end of April. 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

- 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

## ATHENA Award - Honoring & Empowering Women Leaders: Call for Nominations, Submit Your Ideas!

Thursday, June 12 | 11:45AM-1:30PM | Massasoit Community College, Brockton Campus

This June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and premier sponsor Eastern Bank 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](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com). Nominations are due to the Chamber by May 1, 2025.

- Prior ATHENA Recipients**
- 2024 Beverly Williams, BAMS!
  - 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
  - 2017 Diane Bell, Bridgewater State University
  - 2016 Cheryl Oppen, School on Wheels
  - 2015 Mary Waldron, Bridgewater State University
  - 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 Ctr
  - 2008 Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services
  - 2007 Susan Szachowicz, Brockton High Principal
  - 2006 Loretta Degrazio, East Coast Petroleum
  - 2005 Marianne Wroble Cox, WXHR 1460AM Radio

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The Healey-Driscoll Administration and the Executive Office of Economic Development are excited to partner with you as

you look to start, scale or grow your business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts!

Whether you are a well-established business in the state or considering moving and/or starting a business here, the Business Front Door is our newest platform to ensure that you receive the most up to date and relevant information about the

state's resources for businesses. We are happy to be here for your business needs.

The Business Front Door is your go-to business hub for working with the Executive Office of Economic Development and our Team Massachusetts partner organizations, collectively known as Team MA. Team MA is committed to fostering

growth and providing resources for businesses throughout the state.

Once you get started, you'll be paired with a dedicated Team MA Navigator who will help you explore resources the Commonwealth has to offer. Learn more about on how to easily receive personalized business guidance. Visit [mass.gov/business-front-door](http://mass.gov/business-front-door) to get started.

## Chamber Hosts Congressman Auchincloss, Town of Sharon Economic Update, Mass Office of Business Development at Sharon Community Center



The Chamber's recent Good Day Metro South luncheon put the spotlight on Sharon, exploring the town's economic development strategies and regional business challenges. With one-third of its land undevelopable due to conservation restrictions and wetlands, Sharon has embraced innovative commercial projects—most notably, the Commonwealth's newest Costco in a mixed-use development zone.

A panel featuring Sharon's Town Administrator Fred Turkington, economic leaders, and state representatives discussed strategies for growth, while Congressman Jake Auchincloss addressed pressing business concerns, including potential tariffs on Canada, Medicaid funding, and support for higher education. He emphasized the importance of investing in workforce development to ensure local businesses can attract and retain top talent.

Want to learn more about Sharon's economic outlook and what's ahead for local businesses? Scan the QR code to view more photos and a video recording of the event.

This event was sponsored by OCES – Old Colony Elder Services. Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Video courtesy of Sharon TV.



Armino Rocha, and Nicole Long, CEO, Old Colony Elder Services



Congressman Jake Auchincloss, Massachusetts 4th District



Fred Turkington, Sharon Town Administrator



Dr. Joe Panerio-Langer, BNHC and Felicitia Sepulveda, Cape Verdean Asso.



Jennifer Menard, Southeast Regional Director, Mass Office of Business Dev.



Karen Dayton, South Shore Bank and Kiana Pierre-Louis, Sharon Select Board



Town Administrator; Glenn Parsons, SCU Credit Union President; and Fred Clark, Bridgewater State University President.

(Left) Nick Vaughn, U.S. Chamber; State Rep Ed Philips; Robert Maidman, Sharon Economic Development Committee; Greg Hart, CPA, Chamber Treasurer; Dan Evans, Evans Machine, Chamber Board Chair; Dr. Joe Panerio-Langer, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; Doug Smith, Stonehill College; Walter Timilty, Plymouth County Clerk of Courts; Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President; Xander Shapiro, Hanna Switekowski, and Kiana Pierre-Louis, Esq., Sharon Select Board; Jennifer Menard, Southeast Region, MOBD; Sue Joss, BNHC; Fred Turkington, Sharon

## Chamber Hosts Supplier Diversity Office in Brockton



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President and Emily Maguire, Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) who held a workshop at the Chamber in Brockton.



SDO and how to use it; Commonwealth procurement programs for small businesses; how to locate bid opportunities in COMMBUYS, the state procurement system; business development resources; and programs and grants available through the EOED.

Additional SDO Community Day events are in the process of being scheduled at the Chamber! Check back with us for a list of available appointment dates and times to meet for a one-on-one session with a Supplier Diversity Office representative right here in Brockton.

Want to host a workshop, training, or meeting downtown at the Chamber's Conference Room? Contact Hannah to learn more, email events@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500x231 to make a reservation.

## A Shared Legacy: Gifts from the Robyn and John Horn Collection Opens at Fuller Craft



The Chamber was delighted to host Emily Maguire from the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) for their Women's History Month Small Business Event: Connect with the SDO and EOED.

SDO's mission is to promote diversity, equity and inclusion in state contracting by:

- Certifying diverse businesses (minority, women, veteran, service-disabled veteran, disability and LGBT-owned) and small Massachusetts-based businesses;
- Connecting these companies with business opportunities and resources that enhance their marketability when bidding on public contracts; and
- Collaborating with Executive Agencies and public organizations to:
- Identify and remove barriers for diverse and small businesses; and
- Increase diverse and small business spending.

Workshop attendees learned about Commonwealth programs for small businesses and resources to help them succeed. Topics of discussion included business certification with the

SDO and how to use it; Commonwealth procurement programs for small businesses; how to locate bid opportunities in COMMBUYS, the state procurement system; business development resources; and programs and grants available through the EOED.

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The exhibition A Shared Legacy: Gifts from the Robyn and John Horn Collection celebrates a transformative donation to Fuller Craft Museum's permanent collection. This gift of 32 objects features significant American craft by artists such as Stephen De Staebler, Hoss Haley, Robyn Horn, Mary Giles, and Harvey Littleton, spanning wood, metal, ceramics, basketry, glass, and stone. Since the 1980s, Robyn and John Horn have curated a collection of artists dedicated to their materials, emphasizing technical skill and innovation. Today, their collection is among the finest in American craft. The Fuller Craft Museum is FREE to visit and located at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, Tuesday - Sunday 10AM-5PM. Learn more: fullercraft.org.

# Metro South Chamber Celebrates 10th Annual Multicultural Business Forum with Woman & Minority Owned Business Panel, Business Resource Expo, and new SBA New England Regional Administrator, Peter Steele



The Metro South Chamber in partnership with North Easton Savings Bank held the 10th Annual Multicultural Business Forum & Business After Hours in Brockton. Guest speaker, Bob Nelson, Small Business Administration MA District Director remarked “The Metro South Chamber has been a strong partner of the SBA over many, many years; we consider you to be one of the best chamber leaders in the entire state of Massachusetts. Thank you for all that you do to support small businesses.” He continued, “This is a special month, Women’s History Month, it’s only fitting that we have a panel of three women entrepreneurs. Women’s entrepreneurship is on fire. When you look at the data from across the United States as far as how many small businesses are being started by women entrepreneurs: 13.3 million female owned small businesses across the United States supporting 10.5 million employees and \$2.5 trillion dollars in sales.”

The new SBA Regional Administrator for Region 1 (New England) Peter Steele, a Portuguese Cape Cod native also spoke at the event, emphasizing New England as a highly respected well-run and tight-knit region in the White House and throughout the SBA itself.

The panel of women and minority owned small business owners featured Valencia Jacobs-Brown, J. Brown Realty; Ana Rojas, Red Apron Charcuterie; and Kerry Aglugub, KMA Web Design. The business expo included: South Shore Women’s Business Network, SCORE Business Mentors, U.S. Small Business Administration, Supplier Diversity Office, MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board & Career Center, South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corp., Greater Brockton Young Professionals, Cape Verdean Association, DCAMM, and more. Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Check out our blog post for more! - Just scan the QR code above.



Bob Nelson, MA District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).



Peter Steele, SBA Regional Administrator for New England.



Dan Trout, NESB; Mayor Sullivan; and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber recognize Suzanne Fernandes, NESB for her extraordinary 42 years of dedicated service in community banking and volunteer work ahead of her retirement this month. Congrats Suzanne, well deserved!



Panelist: Valencia Jacobs-Brown, J. Brown Realty.



Panelist: Ana Rojas, Red Apron Charcuterie.



Panelist: Kerry Aglugub, KMA Web Design.



Greater Brockton Young Professionals



Dr. Maria Celli, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center CEO; Bishop Tony Branch, Brockton Area NAACP; and Felicitia Sepulveda, Cape Verdean Association of Brockton.



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South Shore Women's Business Network



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



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.

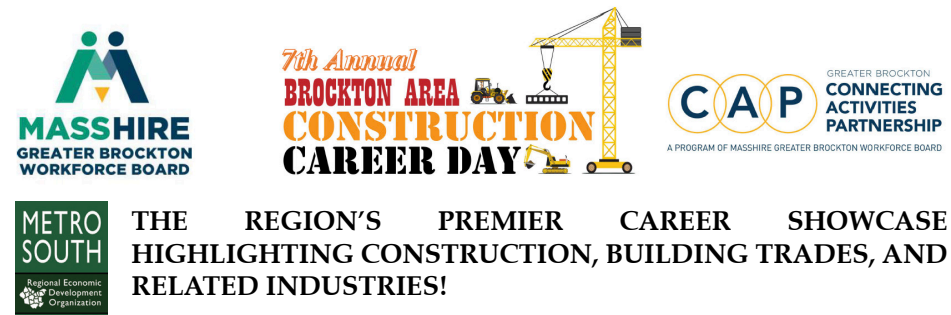
Students within the region will have the opportunity to explore careers in such areas as:

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

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. To participate and learn more, contact John Nesti at (508) 584-3234 or email [jnesti@masshiregbwb.org](mailto:jnesti@masshiregbwb.org)

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



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

## Job & Internship Fairs - Connecting with the Workforce

**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](mailto:akirkcaldy@bridgew.edu) for more information.



**Wednesday, April 16 | 11:00 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Massasoit Community College, 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton**  
The Spring Career Fair is co-sponsored by Massasoit and the MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center. It will be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the Massasoit's Brockton Campus Field House. The first half hour (11:00–11:30 AM) is dedicated exclusively to veterans. This event offers employers a great opportunity to meet a diverse group of candidates looking for full-time, professional-level positions, as well as internships. The fair is also open to the public, employers are encouraged to include not only entry-level positions but also experienced hire opportunities. The event is free for employers to attend, register with Jen Sanchez Olsen to participate. Contact Jen Sanchez Olsen: [jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu](mailto: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! This event is invite only. Contact Amy Kirkcaldy at: [akirkcaldy@bridgew.edu](mailto:akirkcaldy@bridgew.edu) for more information.

## 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 & MORE |
| • Electrical          | • Solar & Energy       |                     |
| • 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](mailto:jnesti@masshiregbwb.org)

## Member Profile - Red Ball Promotions / Red Ball Cares



Red Ball Promotions /  
Red Ball Cares  
P.O. Box 39  
Sharon, MA 02067  
(781) 786-2255

www.redballpromotions.com

Year Established: 2010

**Products or Services:** Red Ball provides creative marketing solutions focused on brand awareness, enhancement and recognition. Red Ball Promotions offers custom-designed apparel, drinkware, business accessories, exclusive event commemoratives and quality marketing giveaways that drive brand recognition for our clients, customers and business partners. Red Ball Cares, our newest delivery channel initiated in 2024, provides the very same quality, attention to detail and custom-curated products for our non-profit partners at significantly reduced costs to help them and their members, donors and supporters deliver on brand gratitude and awareness while meeting their mission. For both market channels, we offer fulfillment services that can include exclusive “company stores” where employees, members, affiliates and donors can participate directly as they explore promotional opportunities.

Number of Employees: 5

**What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?** We are proud to say that we consistently design and deliver positive revenue drivers and heightened brand awareness for our corporate and business clients. And we offer below market pricing for those same quality products and services for our non-profit partners who are focused on charitable and socially impactful programming for so many great causes and institutions across our marketplace.

**What is your market area?** In terms of geographic reach, we are a nationwide resource for our client partners. While staying true to our local and regional roots as a Massachusetts and greater New England firm, Red Ball Promotions and Red Ball Cares are honored to serve small and large companies and organizations across the country.

**What markets do you serve?** Red Ball Promotions and Red Ball Cares provide products and services to an incredible array of industries and market segments including, but not limited to, professional services, banking and finance, retail, manufacturing, health care, legal services, senior living and care, computer services and support, product marketing, members of the commercial

and residential trades, local and regional school districts, higher education and a wide breadth of non-profit organizations and institutions.

**What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community?** Red Ball Promotions wants to be the region’s pre-eminent promotional products company. Instead of on-line offerings generated by a computer ‘bot’ located who knows where, we provide clients and prospects with a true person-to-person option; the ability to speak with an expert as we help them focus on client values, customer service, and complete satisfaction. We do that every day by delivering the best branded merchandise - at the best price - and with the best service. Every time!

**Anything additional we should know about your company?** If your company or non-profit is concerned that you’re not continuing to grow in terms of revenue, membership, donations or recognition – we’d like to show you what we can do. We are proud to say at Red Ball Promotions our clients aren’t customers, they’re partners!

*Join the Chamber to showcase a Member Profile for your own business! Call (508) 586-0500 or visit [metrosouthchamber.com/membership/join](http://metrosouthchamber.com/membership/join) to sign up and join in on the vision for the future of Metro South.*

## Member News - Signature Kitchen Expands to New Location with Support from Rockland Trust



Genald and Marline Amedeé and her mother with Lisa Sliney, VP Business Banking Office at Rockland Trust.

Originally opened in 2018 by co-owners Genald and Marline Amedeé, the beloved restaurant recently celebrated a new chapter, relocating to 768 Belmont Street with the support of a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan from Rockland Trust.

Since its opening, Signature Kitchen has been more than just a restaurant—it has become a staple in the Brockton community. As demand

A world of flavor awaits in the City of Champions. At Signature Kitchen, locals and visitors alike can experience the rich and vibrant flavors of Haitian cuisine.

grew, the Amedeé family expanded their business beyond the restaurant’s walls, securing government contracts to provide school lunches across Massachusetts. This success created the need for a larger space to support their growing operations. While searching for the right location, the Amedeés connected with the South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED) to explore financing options that could help bring their vision to life.

“Running a small business is a significant challenge that requires strong discipline and dedication to succeed. We are fortunate to have each other to help make our dreams a reality,” said the Amedeés. “Our relationship with Rockland Trust and Lisa has been instrumental in pursuing our vision, and we are excited to welcome community members to experience our cuisine.”

Lisa Sliney Vice president Business Banking Officer worked with SEED. With Lisa’s guidance, they secured an SBA 504 loan for \$425,000 to

purchase their new location on Belmont Street Brockton, allowing them to better serve their loyal customers in a more spacious and welcoming environment.

“Marline and Genald’s passion for sharing their culture and cuisine is truly inspiring,” said Sliney. “We were honored to support them in this next chapter through the SBA loan process. It’s exciting to see their vision come to life, and we look forward to their continued success in the community.”

With this new location, Signature Kitchen remains dedicated to bringing authentic Haitian flavors to Brockton while expanding its reach across the region.

For more information about Signature Kitchen, visit [www.signature1kitchen.com](http://www.signature1kitchen.com). To learn more about Rockland Trust, visit [www.rocklandtrust.com](http://www.rocklandtrust.com)



## RENEWING Members!

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Baypointe RehabCenter, LLC  
Benefit Advisors Group, LLC  
Brockton VNA  
Chapel of New Hope, Inc.  
Fuller Craft Museum  
HarborOne Bank  
Home Health Resources, Inc.  
Jack Conway & Company, Inc.  
Justice Investigative Services, Inc  
Luke Jackson Benefit & HR Solutions  
Lynch's Towing Service & Auto Sales

Mayflower Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
Parker Property Management Inc.  
Philadelphia Insurance Companies  
Porter & Chester Institute  
Rexa, Inc.  
St. Anne's Credit Union  
TRACEY Environmental  
Whelan Associates  
Wood Palace Kitchens Inc.

## WELCOME New Members!

### Reinvesting in Our Community

**Doober**  
Erick Quashie  
1342 Belmont Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(857) 212-8153  
www.mydoober.com

**Sahar Mostafavi DMD PC**  
Dr. Sahar Mostafavi  
374 S. Main Street  
Sharon, MA 02067  
(617) 935-1018  
www.sharonortho.com

### Retail

**Henricus Training Center & Henricus Staffing Agency**  
Sheila Milton  
365 Westgate Drive, Suite 10  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(888) 677-7789  
www.henricuscorp.com  
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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

## SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs

 <b>FAST TRACK LOANS</b> Up to \$25,000 for start-up and existing businesses at 7% fixed MORE INFO	 <b>MICRO AND SMALL LOANS</b> Micro Loans up to \$50,000 and Small Loans up to \$350,000 at 6-7% fixed with flexible terms	 <b>SBA 504 LOANS</b> Real Estate or Machinery and Equipment Loans up to \$5.5 million at low, fixed rates
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**Use of funds:** Working capital; leasehold improvements/built-outs; inventory/supplies; real estate acquisitions (owned-occupied); furniture, fixtures, and equipment; refinancing business credit card debt. Call (508) 822-1020 x 312 or visit SEED Corp online at [www.seedcorp.com](http://www.seedcorp.com)



## 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](http://www.score.org), [www.sema.score.org](http://www.sema.score.org), [www.boston.score.org](http://www.boston.score.org), or by calling (508) 587-2673. Ahead for the month and beyond...

**April 2:** Price it Right!

**April 3:** Starting a Non Profit Organization in Massachusetts

**April 3:** 3 Easy Steps to Boost Your Sales Appointments

**April 10:** How to Use Google Workspace in Your Business - Tips and Best Practices  
**April 15:** Mastering Small Business Financial Management - Keys to Growth and Profitability

**April 17:** Integrating AI In Your Business - Harnessing Workstations for SMB AI Operations

**April 17:** From Recipe to Revenue: Starting a Successful Food Service Business

**April 22:** Digital Marketing Strategies to Boost Your Business Growth

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

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT Valor Dinero Citizens

WEBINARIO GRATUITO  
**Herramientas Bancarias Esenciales**

Aprende los conceptos esenciales del sistema bancario y desarrolla habilidades prácticas para manejar su dinero con confianza.

9 Abril 2025  
12 - 1 PM

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT Valor Dinero Citizens

WEBINARIO GRATUITO  
**Crear un Presupuesto con Exito**

Descubre cómo crear un presupuesto efectivo, controlar sus gastos y maximizar sus ingresos.

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12 - 1 PM

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WEBINARIO GRATUITO  
**Manejar y Reducir Deudas**

Aprende estrategias efectivas para organizar, reducir y eliminar tus deudas.

23 Abril 2025  
12 - 1 PM

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WEBINARIO GRATUITO  
**Guía Básica para Comprar Una Casa**

Únase y aprenda los pasos claves para navegar el proceso de compra de vivienda.

30 Abril 2025  
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## LOS SEMINARIOS DE VALOR Y DINERO

**Abril 2:** Mejorar Su Búsqueda de Empleo

**Abril 9:** Herramientas Bancarias Esenciales

**Abril 16:** Crear un Presupuesto con Exito

**Abril 23:** Cómo Manejar y Reducir Deudas

**Abril 30:** Guía Básica para Comprar Una Casa

REGISTRO: [mass.gov/orgs/office-of-economic-empowerment/events](https://mass.gov/orgs/office-of-economic-empowerment/events)

## Access to Capital for Massachusetts Businesses



Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) has merged with MassDevelopment as the Growth Capital Division. This functions as a one-stop resource for debt financing for small businesses. MassDevelopment GCD 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 MassDevelopment GCD is to create and preserve jobs at small businesses. MassDevelopment GCD 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 [www.massdevelopment.com](http://www.massdevelopment.com) 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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

## Mother's Daughter Juice and Wellness

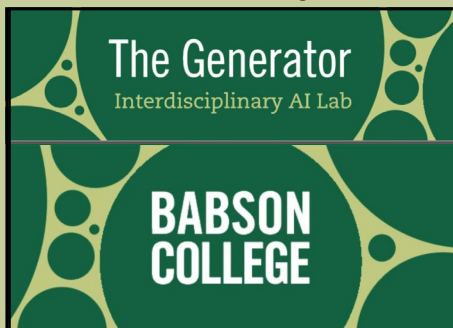


543 Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
(508) 682-4228 • [mdguicewell.com](mailto:mdguicewell.com)

Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar offers juice, smoothies, coffee, tea, lattes, and salads! Everything is 100% gluten free, refined sugar free, and seed oil free with lots of vegan options. They are open every day from 8AM-4:30PM.

Join us for a ribbon cutting celebration with Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness on Wednesday, April 30th from 11:30AM-1:30PM. Free event, RSVP online: [metrosouthchamber.com/event/mothers-daughter-juice-wellness-bar-ribbon-cutting-in-brockton/](https://metrosouthchamber.com/event/mothers-daughter-juice-wellness-bar-ribbon-cutting-in-brockton/)

## Babson College



231 Forest Street, Wellesley, MA 02457  
(617) 435-5385 • [babson.edu](http://babson.edu)

The global leader in entrepreneurship education. The No. 1 undergraduate school and MBA for entrepreneurship 28 and 31 times in a row. (U.S. News & World Report). The No. 2 Best College in the United States. (WSJ).

Join Babson on Friday, April 18th for the AI Innovator's Bootcamp, a dynamic event designed for small business owners. This hands-on, day-long workshop will explore how harnessing AI can help you work smarter and faster. Sign up: [metrosouthchamber.com/event/babsons-generator-ai-lab-offering-ai-innovators-bootcamp-for-small-business-leaders/](https://metrosouthchamber.com/event/babsons-generator-ai-lab-offering-ai-innovators-bootcamp-for-small-business-leaders/)

## Brockton Beer Company



121 Main Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
(508) 521-9711 • [brocktonbeer.com](http://brocktonbeer.com)

We are a brewery (taproom, restaurant, and event space) that offers an exceptional guest experience! Our outstanding service pairs perfectly with our delicious craft beer and food that celebrates our diverse backgrounds. Founded by five Brockton families, we are committed to being a catalyst for revitalizing downtown Brockton and making a positive impact on our surrounding community

Proud to be Brockton's first brewpub w/ a full menu of craft beer, drinks, and food. Family friendly!

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Join the Chamber and network your business to success! The Chamber hosts informative meetings, networking events, and puts you in touch with your legislators. We also offer marketing and advertising opportunities, referrals, publicity, and exposure.

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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](https://metrosouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance).

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The Metro South region offers the best of all worlds; cultural and corporate advantages, natural beauty, and the serenity of historic New England.

The region features **top notch education**, including three institutes of higher education, **exceptional health care** facilities, including four major hospitals. **Rich in culture**, the region is also home to symphonies, a craft museum, children's museum, and various historic museums. It also contains many **recreational activities**, including baseball outings, golfing and many parks and lakes for walking, biking, and fishing. With over 500 hotel rooms, the Metro South region is a **great place to stay** and competitive housing costs offer affordable and varied living opportunities.

Whether for Business or Pleasure, The Metro South region provides exceptional value in the heart of Eastern Massachusetts, centrally located between Boston, Providence, Plymouth and Cape Cod. *Ride the rail to Boston in only 35 minutes!* Call 508.586.0500 for your free map.



Metro South Regional Economic Development Organization  
For more info, contact the Metro South Chamber of Commerce,  
508.586.0500 • [www.metroouthchamber.com](http://www.metroouthchamber.com)



## BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

### April 7

#### Ribbon Cutting

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Henricus Training Center & Staffing Agency  
365 Westgate Drive, Suite 10, Brockton, MA 02301

Join us for photo-op, tours, networking, and more!

Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

### April 10

#### Good Day Metro South: Brockton

11:45AM - 1:30PM

The Shaw's Center  
One Feinberg Way, Brockton, MA 02301

This event will feature a Business Update from Mayor Sullivan; re-opening of the Shaw's Conference Center at Campanelli Stadium; and celebration of professional baseball returning to Brockton with the Brockton Rox Revival Season – AND release of new book, "The Small Business CEO's Playbook".

Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events)

### April 14

#### Multi-Chamber Mega Networking

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Plainridge Park Casino  
301 Washington Street, Plainville, MA 02762

Expand your net-worth by growing your network!

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### April 30

#### Ribbon Cutting

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar  
543 Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

Join us for photo-op, tours, networking, and more!

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