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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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# Connecting Business & Community: April Good Day Metro South Luncheon to Spotlight Economic Development & New Faces

Thursday, April 30 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Arc of Greater Brockton | 1250 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA 02301

**\*NEW LOCATION!\*** Join us for a can't-miss Economic Development Luncheon on **Thursday, April 30, from 11:45 AM-1:30 PM at the Arc of Greater Brockton**, sponsored by South Shore Bank. This event is expected to be a full house, bringing together regional leaders and changemakers shaping the future of Metro South.

The program will feature a conversation with our hosts at the Arc of Greater Brockton, including Dean Rizzo, followed by an economic development panel moderated by Bridgewater State University President Fred Clark. Panelists include South Shore Bank President & CEO Jim Dunphy, MOBD Regional Director Alexandra Husted, and the City of Brockton's new Director of Economic Development, Dr. Eliza Wilson.

We will also introduce a "New Faces" panel highlighting key leaders new to the region, including Brockton Rox General Manager Connor Carey, Bridgewater Town Manager Justin Casanova-Davis, and incoming Easton Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy. Join us as we come together to celebrate progress and collaborate on the future of our region! *Learn more about the speakers on page 2.*

**Good Day Metro South:**  
Economic Development Luncheon + New Faces Panel

April 30, 2026  
11:45am - 1:30pm

@ Arc of Greater Brockton  
1250 W Chestnut St



program sponsored by: **SOUTH SHORE BANK** scan to sign up:

## Mega Networking, All Welcome!

Monday, April 13 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM | Plainridge Park Casino



**Giddy Up!** Join us for a Multi-Chamber Networking Mixer at Plainridge Park Casino on Harness Racing Opening Day! Meet professionals from 6 area chambers in a fun, interactive way — no awkward small talk or sitting at the same table. Play Bingo With a Twist to spark conversations, discover new businesses, and build connections. Fill your card, return it to your chamber table, and you could win a great raffle prize! We'll meet on the second floor overlooking the track. Enter at the doors down by the racetrack, look for our sign!

## Residence Inn to Host Live Nation After Hours with Live Music, Chance to Win 4 VIP Tickets to Xfinity Ctr

Thursday, April 16 | 5-7PM | 2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater



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Live acoustic music by Emily and Nick Moreira.

Sign up for networking at the Residence Inn in Bridgewater! Live music, plus chance to win Xfinity Center tix, *more on page 5.*

## Three Metro South Ribbon Cuttings to Attend to Make New Connections and Build Your Network!



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!

Please join us **Wednesday, April 22 from 11:30AM-12:30PM at Allan Veterinary Clinic** located at 627 Pleasant Street in Brockton. More on page 5.



Then, join us **Tuesday, May 5 11:30AM-1:30PM at Tru by Hilton** located at 245 Westgate Drive in Brockton.



And in June, join us on **Friday, June 5, 11:30am-1:30pm at Divine Watch Training School**, at 950 N Main Street Suite 206 in Randolph.



To learn more and RSVP, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events).

# April 30 Luncheon - About the Speakers

Thursday, April 30 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Arc of Greater Brockton | 1250 West Chestnut Street

**Frederick W. Clark Jr., Esq.** serves as President of Bridgewater State University, his alma mater, and is the 12th leader in its 185-year history. Since 2015, he has led BSU's rise as a national model for student success, expanding access, eliminating equity gaps, and earning recognition for advancing social mobility among diverse student populations.

Under his leadership, BSU has launched cutting-edge programs in cybersecurity, photonics, and optical engineering, and is developing a state-of-the-art cyber range to train students and regional partners. The university continues to strengthen its nationally recognized undergraduate research and experiential learning opportunities while deepening partnerships with industry to prepare students for the workforce.

**Dean Rizzo** serves as Executive Director of the The Arc of Greater Brockton, where he leads a mission-driven organization dedicated to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

With a background in nonprofit management, Rizzo oversees a wide range of programs focused on advocacy, community-based services, employment support, and day habilitation, all aimed at promoting independence, dignity, and inclusion.

Under his leadership, the organization has continued to expand its impact across the Greater Brockton region, including facility improvements and program growth designed to better serve individuals and families while strengthening community partnerships.

**Jim Dunphy** is President and CEO of South Shore Bank, a mutual bank serving Greater Boston and the South Shore. He joined in 2014 as EVP and became CEO in 2015, leading strong growth while advancing its community-focused mission. With nearly 30 years in banking, he previously led Hampshire First Bank and is a CPA and CMA, with degrees from Bridgewater State University and Franklin Pierce University.

A recognized leader, Dunphy has been named to the Boston Business Journal "Power 50" and serves on the board of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. He is active in regional nonprofits, including the South Shore Chamber and Massasoit Community College, and founded Leadership South Shore.

**Alexandra Husted** is the Greater Boston Regional Director for the Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD). In this role, she works with businesses across the region to ensure that they receive the support they need to grow and thrive here. She works closely with companies, municipalities, and community partners with a focus on driving private investment and job creation.

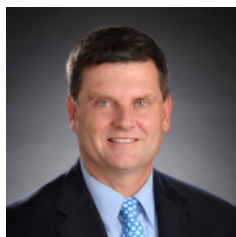
As a key part of the Commonwealth's economic development team, she helps companies of all sizes access tailored support—from workforce development to capital programs—while advancing a coordinated, responsive approach to business attraction and retention across the Greater Boston region.



Fred Clark, Bridgewater State University



Dean Rizzo, Arc of Greater Brockton



Jim Dunphy, South Shore Bank



Alexandra Husted, MOBD

**Dr. Eliza Wilson** is a Brockton-based professional with experience in workforce development, higher education advancement, and operations. She currently serves as Director for Economic Development at the City of Brockton and Chair of the Brockton Redevelopment Authority (2025–present), helping guide economic development and redevelopment initiatives in the city.

Wilson's career includes roles in institutional advancement at Franklin Cummings Tech (2022–2025), where she served as Executive Director of Development Operations and Individual Giving Officer, as well as Associate Director of Alumni Relations and Development at Boston Architectural College (2019–2022). Earlier in her career, she worked in finance at Berkshire and as a Project Manager at United Building Maintenance, after beginning with AmeriCorps in fund development and marketing. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts Boston (2008) and holds a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.).

**Connor Carey** serves as General Manager of the Brockton Rox, bringing a passion for baseball and a diverse professional background to the organization. Originally from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Carey began his career in baseball on the western side of the state before spending several years in Indiana continuing to build his experience in the sport. Now back in Massachusetts, he is excited to return east and lead the Rox while settling in with his fiancée.

**Justin Casanova-Davis** is Town Manager of Bridgewater, starting July 2025 after a nationwide search. An experienced municipal leader, he previously served as Town Administrator in Norfolk, Assistant Town Administrator in Brookline, and principal budget analyst for Cambridge. An ICMA Credentialed Manager, he is recognized for leadership in municipal management. In Bridgewater, he emphasizes transparency, infrastructure investment, economic development, and sustainable growth with strong community partnerships.

**Elizabeth Dennehy** is the incoming Town Administrator for Easton, bringing nearly 20 years of experience in municipal government and community development. Appointed in 2026, she will begin her tenure this spring.

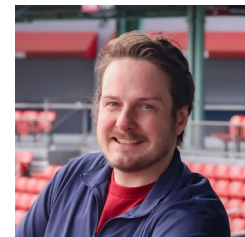
Dennehy most recently served as Town Administrator in Plympton, where she was the first to hold the role and led the town's transition to a professional management structure, overseeing operations, budgeting, and capital planning. She previously held leadership roles in Walpole and the City of Fall River, contributing to major redevelopment and planning efforts.

She holds an MPA from Bridgewater State University and is a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official.

This event is expected to sell out, please register in advance to secure your seat. Sign up online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events), scan the QR code, or contact Hannah McGuire for assistance at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231.



Eliza Wilson, City of Brockton



Connor Carey, Brockton Rox



Justin Casanova-Davis, Bridgewater Town Manager



Liz Dennehy, Easton Town Administrator



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**CHAMBER Calendar**

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

**April**

- 01** **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00AM  
*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*
- 13** **Multi-Chamber Mega Networking** 5:00PM  
*Plainridge Park Casino: 301 Washington Street, Plainville*
- 16** **Business After Hours: Live Nation** 5:00PM  
*Residence Inn: 2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater*
- 22** **Ribbon Cutting: Allan Veterinary Clinic** 11:30AM  
*627 Pleasant Street, Brockton*
- 30** **Good Day Metro South** 11:45AM  
*Arc of Greater Brockton: 1250 W Chestnut Street, Brockton*
- 30** **MHTL: Annual Labor & Employment Law Update** 7:15AM  
*Granite Links: 100 Quarry Hill's Drive, Quincy*

**May**

- 05** **Ribbon Cutting: Tru by Hilton, Brockton** 11:30AM  
*245 Westgate Drive, Brockton*
- 06** **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00AM  
*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*
- 28** **Small Biz & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards** 11:45AM  
*Thorny Lea Golf Club: 159 Torrey Street, Brockton*

**June**

- 03** **Ambassador Meeting** 9:00AM  
*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*
- 05** **Ribbon Cutting: Divine Watch Training School** 11:30AM  
*950 N Main Street, Suite 206, Randolph*
- 11** **ATHENA Leadership Award** 11:45AM  
*Massasoit Community College: 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton*

The Ambassador Team meets on a monthly basis to serve fellow members by providing information, resources, member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in Chamber programs and services. To learn more, please email [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.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.



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## UP-TO-DATE News

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

- 4/21: How to Prepare for a Business to Government or Business to Corporate Matchmaker
- 4/22: Building a Sellable, Sustainable Business
- 4/23: The Art of Pricing Your Product with Don Lesser
- 4/23: MassExport: BIS Red Flags Unpacked: Understanding the Expanded Guidance, Addressing Risk and Maintaining Compliance
- 4/23: MassExport: Compliance Clinic
- 5/6: Your Data Gone in 60 Seconds! Is Your Business One Bad Monday Away From Losing Everything?
- 5/15: MassExport: Tariff Talk: Ask the Experts
- 6/3: Friend of Fraud - How to Put AI to Work Without Getting Burned

**Brockton Symphony Orchestra Presents "100 Years, and 100 More" - May 16 @ Stoughton High**

 Brockton Symphony Orchestra

Join us as our 100th Anniversary Season culminates with one of the most powerful and uplifting works in all of classical music, Beethoven's Symphony No.9, "Ode to Joy."

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

*Sponsored by: Boston Medical Center - South*

In a stunning collaboration with the Cantata Singers of Boston, this performance is a celebration of community, resilience, and the timeless power of music. Raise a glass with us and take part in the celebration as voices and instruments unite in joy, hope, and harmony. Let Beethoven's soaring finale carry you into the future with hearts full and spirits lifted! Visit [brocktonsymphony.org](https://brocktonsymphony.org) to get tickets.

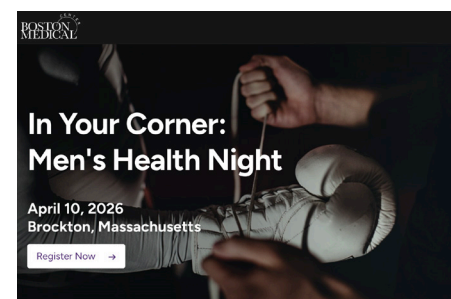
**TruNorth Bank Donates \$40,000 for Fuel Assistance Funds Earmarked for Low-income Families**



TruNorth Bank has donated \$40,000 toward local fuel assistance programs in the South Shore communities it serves. The donations were made to Self Help Inc. of Brockton and Quincy Community Action Programs, which will administer the funds for fuel assistance to qualifying families in

Abington, Avon, Braintree, Brockton, Holbrook, Randolph, and Stoughton. "We're committed to supporting the communities we serve, especially during challenging times," said Michael R. Wheeler, president and CEO of TruNorth Bank. "Providing fuel assistance to local families in need is one way we can help ensure everyone stays safe and warm this winter. It's about coming together to care for one another when it matters most." To apply for fuel assistance or to determine if you are eligible, contact Self Help Inc. at 508.588.5440 or Quincy Community Action Programs at 617.479.8181.

**BMC-South Hosts In Your Corner: Men's Health Night - April 10 in Brockton 6-9PM**



Join us for an engaging evening focused on men's health—bringing together healthcare leaders and community advocates to share trusted information and real-world insights. We'll cover key topics including mental health, heart health,

and prostate health, with a focus on prevention, routine care, and long-term wellness. Attendees will also enjoy food, interactive activities, and resource tables designed to support men's health and wellness. Visit [metrosouthchamber.com/event/in-your-corner-mens-health-night/](https://metrosouthchamber.com/event/in-your-corner-mens-health-night/) to learn more.

**Brockton Arts presents "FORWARD" - Three Local Artists Featured at ENSO Gallery East**

Opening night is Saturday, April 11 from 5-9pm. Show curated by Jamaal Eversley. Featuring works by Emilie Errié, Lisa, and Zahirah Nur Truth. GPS directions to 50 Centre Street in Brockton, visit [brocktonarts.org](https://brocktonarts.org) to learn more.



## Health Care Matters

**Boston Medical Center - South**

**235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301**

**508-427-3000**

**[www.bmchealthsystem.org/bmc-south](https://www.bmchealthsystem.org/bmc-south)**

**Boston Medical Center Health System Unveils New Names for Good Samaritan and St. Elizabeth's Medical Centers**

**The shared brand identity will help patients easily recognize and access trusted, clinically excellent care across BMC Health System hospitals.**

Boston Medical Center Health System is proud to announce the renaming of two of its hospitals, as the system advances its vision of high-quality, accessible, and sustainable healthcare in the region.

Good Samaritan Medical Center in Brockton is now Boston Medical Center

– South (BMC South) and St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton is now Boston Medical Center – Brighton (BMC Brighton). St. Elizabeth's and Good Samaritan's associated offsite physician practices will transition to BMC Health.

"Our vision for a unified health system, rooted in expert care and access for our communities, is steadily taking shape," said Alastair Bell, MD, MBA, President & CEO of BMC Health System. "We are creating a shared identity across all of our hospitals that stands for clinical excellence, trust, accessibility, and compassionate patient care."

Consistent branding across BMC Health

System hospitals ensures patients know they will receive high-quality, equity-led care. BMC Health System gathered input from patients, employees, and community members to help shape the new names.

"We're honored to work alongside our system hospitals who are also devoted to mission-driven care. Bringing our hospitals under one brand sends a strong signal about that shared commitment," said Paul C. Smith, President of BMC Brighton. "We look forward to building on our more than 100-year legacy in Brighton as the foundation of an even brighter future."

"Today is a proud day for our hospital as we take this next integration step into BMC Health System," said Matthew Hesketh, President of BMC South. "We are incredibly proud of our long history in Brockton and look forward to expanding patient care access to more than 20 other communities along the Route 24 corridor."

Over the next weeks and months, the new names and logos will be incorporated into digital and physical touch points across BMC Brighton, BMC South, and associated BMC Health practice locations.

BMC Health System assumed operations of the two hospitals on October 1, 2024.

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## Residence Inn to Host Live Nation After Hours with Live Music, Chance to Win 4 VIP Tickets to Xfinity Ctr

Thursday, April 16 | 5:00PM-7:00PM | Residence Inn | 2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater

**LIVE NATION**

**Join Us!**  
April 16th 5-7PM

Host: Residence Inn Bridgewater

Join us Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM for an evening of networking with Live Nation at Residence Inn in Bridgewater! Enjoy refreshments while meeting new contacts in the Metro South community.

**FREE TO ATTEND!** Just let us know you'll be there. RSVP at the QR code or link below.

More info at: [www.metroouthchamber.com/events](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/events). For assistance email [events@metroouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metroouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231.

Join us for an evening of networking with Live Nation Thursday, April 16th from 5-7PM at Residence Inn Boston/Bridgewater 2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324! Live acoustic music by Emily and Nick Moreira.

Enjoy light refreshments as you meet new faces and reconnect with familiar ones. Build relationships, grow your network, and maybe even boost your bottom line.

**CHANCE TO WIN 4 VIP BOX TICKETS TO**

**A FUTURE 2026 XFINITY CENTER SHOW!** This is a free event, but please RSVP in advance. Visit [metroouthchamber.com/events](http://metroouthchamber.com/events) or contact Hannah at [events@metroouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metroouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231 for assistance.

2026 Xfinity Center schedule below, tickets subject to availability.



### 2026 CONCERT LINEUP

KID CUDI with M.I.A and Big Boi	FRI, June 5, 2026	6:30 P.M.
KID ROCK	SAT, June 6, 2026	7:00 P.M.
DAVE MATTHEWS BAND	FRI, June 12, 2026	7:30 P.M.
THE BLACK CROWES with Whiskey Myers	FRI, June 19, 2026	6:30 P.M.
JACK JOHNSON	SAT, June 20, 2026	7:30 P.M.
EVANESCENCE with Spiritbox	SUN, June 21, 2026	7:00 P.M.
SAMMY HAGAR with Rick Springfield	WED, June 24, 2026	6:30 P.M.
HARDY with Muscadine Bloodline	FRI, June 26, 2026	7:00 P.M.
SANTANA with The Doobie Brothers	MON, June 29, 2026	7:00 P.M.
GODSMACK with Stone Temple Pilots	THUR, July 2, 2026	7:00 P.M.
NE-YO & AKON	TUE, July 21, 2026	8:00 P.M.
JOHN MELLENCAMP	FRI, July 24, 2026	8:00 P.M.
TRAIN with Barenaked Ladies & Matt Nathanson	SAT, July 25, 2026	6:45 P.M.
CHICAGO & STYX	SUN, July 26, 2026	7:00 P.M.
FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH with Cody Jinks	THUR, July 30, 2026	6:45 P.M.
MOTLEY CRUE with Tesla & Extreme	SAT, August 1, 2026	6:30 P.M.
HILARY DUFF	SAT, August 8, 2026	7:00 P.M.
AVENGED SEVENFOLD & GOOD CHARLOTTE	WED, August 12, 2026	6:00 P.M.
LYNYRD SKYNYRD & FOREIGNER	SAT, August 22, 2026	6:30 P.M.
ROB ZOMBIE & MARILYN MANSON	THUR, August 27, 2026	6:30 P.M.
PITBULL with Lil Jon	SAT, August 29, 2026	8:00 P.M.
STAINED with Seether and Hoobastank	FRI, September 18, 2026	6:00 P.M.

## Join Us to Cut the Ribbon at Allan Veterinary Clinic's Grand Opening in Brockton!

Wednesday, April 22 | 11:30AM-12:30PM | Allan Veterinary Clinic | 627 Pleasant St., Brockton



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Dr. M. Allan Motamed, Owner of Allan Veterinary Clinic

Please join us for a grand opening celebration on **Wednesday, April 22nd from 11:30am-12:30pm** at the newly built **Allan Veterinary Clinic** located at 627 Pleasant Street in Brockton! Come meet the team, tour the newly constructed facility, and enjoy giveaways and light refreshments during this quick mid-day networking opportunity.

Register and learn more at [metroouthchamber.com/events](http://metroouthchamber.com/events)! Scan the QR code or contact Hannah at [events@metroouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metroouthchamber.com) / (508) 586-0500 x231.

**About the Owner:** Dr. Allan-Motamed, a longtime Brockton resident and Tufts-trained veterinarian, brings over 25 years of experience to her new practice, Allan Veterinary Clinic, which opened in January 2026. Her career spans shelter medicine and local hospitals, all rooted in a commitment to compassionate, affordable care.

Focused on personalized and accessible services—from wellness exams to telehealth—the clinic reflects her dedication to both pet health and the Brockton community she's proudly called home for more than two decades. Visit [allanveterinaryclinic.com](http://allanveterinaryclinic.com) to learn more.

## Metro South Chamber Members Invited to Attend Annual Labor & Employment Law Update with MHTL

Thursday, April 30 | 7:15AM-12:30PM | Granite Links | 100 Quarry Hills Drive, Quincy

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 30th at Granite Links, 100 Quarry Hills Drive in Quincy, MA 02169. Admission is free for chamber members, but please register in advance.

Registration will begin at 7:15AM and a light breakfast will be provided.

### Schedule to include:

- White House Rules: Navigating the Trump Administration's Impact on Labor and Employment Law
- The Massachusetts Regulatory Environment
- Regulatory Environment on the Federal Front
- Separation Agreements: When, How, and What Provisions?
- Current Litigation Risks for Employers and How to Avoid Them

RSVP at the link at <https://metroouthchamber.com/event/annual-labor-employment-law-update/>



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# Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients Announced! Celebrate May 28 with State Leaders, SBA, and a Forward-Looking Discussion on Preparing the Next Generation Workforce through AP Innovation

Thursday, May 28 | 11:45AM-1:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton



Join us for the 35th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards! On Thursday, May 28th from 11:45AM-1:30PM at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton.

The Small Business and Entrepreneur Awards are presented to businesses that have displayed employment staying power, growth, innovation, and social responsibility. Please join the Chamber and premier sponsor Eastern Bank in recognizing the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region!



Congratulations to the 2026 Entrepreneur of the Year: Chandra Gouldrup, Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar and Small Business of the Year: Elio Silva, Vineyard Farm!



Entrepreneur of the Year: Chandra Gouldrup, Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar



Small Business of the Year: Elio Silva, Vineyard Farm



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About our guest speakers: **Eric Paley** is the Secretary of the Executive Office of Economic Development

(EOED). He has worked to shape the innovation economy for more than 25 years as both a successful entrepreneur and a leading venture capitalist. As co-founder and Managing Partner of Founder Collective, Paley helped build one of the world's highest-performing seed-stage venture capital funds, with an investment portfolio that included groundbreaking technology companies across diverse sectors such as transportation, media, healthcare, consumer, advanced manufacturing and enterprise software, including Uber, The Trade

Desk, Omada Health, Cruise Automation, Whoop, Formlabs and Airtable. Before Founder Collective, Paley founded and led Brontes Technologies, a hard-tech startup that commercialized novel 3D imaging technology from MIT to enable advanced manufacturing in dentistry. Paley continued to lead the company after its acquisition by 3M in 2006. Paley holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College. He lives in Cambridge with his wife and two children.

**Clare Bertrand** is Executive Director of Career Strategy and Employer Partnerships at the College Board, where she leads efforts to align education with workforce needs through industry partnerships. With more than 20 years of experience, she focuses on expanding economic mobility for young adults. Clare holds an M.S.Ed. in Education Entrepreneurship from the University of Pennsylvania.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is part of a cohort selected by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to address workforce challenges by supporting career-aligned coursework, including AP Business with Personal Finance and AP Cybersecurity. This initiative aims to equip students with in-demand skills and strengthen talent pipelines for employers.

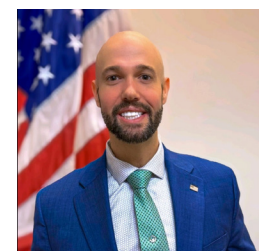
**Keegan Shephardson** brings over 13 years of experience supporting small businesses in sales, marketing, management, and business development. A graduate of New England College, he previously served as SBA New England Region 1 Advocate, focusing on outreach and partnerships. He now returns to the U.S. Small Business Administration as Massachusetts District Director.



Secretary Eric Paley, Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development



Clare Bertrand, M.S.Ed., Executive Director, Career Strategy & Partnerships, College Board



Keegan Shephardson, U.S. Small Business Administration, Massachusetts District Director

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

On June 11, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce will present the 28th 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, 2026.

Prior ATHENA Recipients

2025 Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort  
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



"We develop, support and honor women leaders from the classroom to the boardroom."

# Metro South Chamber Celebrates 11th Annual Multicultural Business Forum with Women & Minority Owned Business Panel, Business Resource Expo, and the Small Business Administration



U.S. Small Business Administration



In March, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with SCU Credit Union, hosted the 11th Annual Multicultural Business Forum & Business After Hours in Brockton, bringing together business owners and community leaders for an evening focused on entrepreneurship and regional growth.

The program featured opening remarks from Shelly Gillis of the U.S. Small Business Administration, highlighting resources available to help small businesses succeed, followed by Richard Hooke of SCU Credit Union, who reinforced the importance of supporting local businesses.

A panel of small business owners—including Dr. Sahar Mostafavi, Claudie Philemond, and Jacquelyn Rose—shared insights on business growth, challenges, and adapting to today's market. The business expo also offered valuable networking opportunities, featuring organizations such as Bay Colony Development Corp, Brockton Rox, GleeWorks, Cape Verdean Association of Brockton, Greater Brockton Young Professionals, HR Alternatives, New Heights Charter School, SCORE Mentors, Rotary Club of Brockton, and South Eastern Economic Development Corp (SEED).

The Chamber thanks SCU Credit Union, all speakers, exhibitors, and attendees for making the event a success. Photos by Rich Morgan Photography—scan the QR code to view the full recap and gallery.



Katherine Light, Eastern Bank and Mike Horrigan, Bay Colony Dev Corp



Daniel Depin, SCU Credit Union and Jim Kelly, SCORE Mentors



Christine DaSylva and Monica Semedo, SCU Credit Union



(L-R) Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber; Patricia Sanon, Director of Community Engagement, City of Brockton; Sue Joss, Consultant, BNHC; Claudie Philemond, Nath Academy Learning Center; Dr. Sahar Mostafavi, Sharon Orthodontics; Jacquelyn Rose, BuzzAround; Ward 6 Brockton City Councilor Jack Lally; Tobias Cowans, Chief of Staff, Office of Senator Michael D. Brady



Emma Penardi and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber with Brockton Rox Manager, Connor Carey.



Shelly Gillis, Outreach and Marketing Specialist, U.S. Small Business Administration.



Richard Hooke, VP Commercial Loan Officer, SCU Credit Union - premier sponsor of this event.



Sue Joss, Consultant, BNHC, moderated the women & minority owned business panel.



Chamber Ambassadors Joanne Schneider, Eastern Bank; Marcy Venezia, GleeWorks; Corie Blain, South Shore Bank; and Franca Monteiro, Rockland Federal CU.



Maria Celli, BNHC; Felicity Sepulveda, Cape Verdean Association; Mary Jane Anene, Combined Insurance; Antonio Barros, North Easton Savings Bank; Isaiah Thelwell, Greater Brockton YP.



South Eastern Economic Development Corporation (SEED) Ashley Ricard and Angie Laperriere.



Dr. Sahar Mostafavi, Sharon Orthodontics

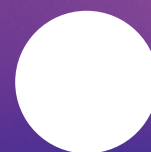


Claudie Philemond, Nath Academy Learning Center



Jacquelyn Rose, BuzzAround

The point is not saying everything, but everything that matters.



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## Workforce in Demand Across Metro South



### HOT JOBS: ROUND UP



SCAN ME

Metro South employers continue to demonstrate strong hiring momentum across a range of industries, reflecting the region's economic vitality and business growth. From entry-level roles to specialized professional positions, Metro South companies are actively seeking talent to support expansion, innovation, and long-term success. Explore the opportunities below and discover how local businesses are investing in the workforce that drives our regional economy forward. Visit [masshiregbc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs](http://masshiregbc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs) for a complete, up-to-date list.

**Mass Hire Greater Brockton Career Center, Brockton, MA**  
Triage Counselor, 23925262

**Brockton Housing Authority**  
Director of Asset Management, 24001983  
Homeowner Leasing Agent, 24001972

**Tempus Unlimited, Stoughton, MA**  
Call Center Customer Service Representative, 23986121

**Old Colony Elder Services (OCES), Brockton, MA**  
AFC Community Support Specialist, 24029647  
Geriatric Support Services Coordinator/ Case Manager, 24029643  
Home Care Covering Carer Manager, 24029640  
Home Care Program Care Manager, Plymouth, 24029635  
Home Care Program Care Manager, 24029632  
Information & Referral Department Program Assistant/Administrative Support, 24029629  
Protective Services Worker, 24029624  
Registered Nurse (RN) Home Care, 24029620

**Aspire Health & Community Services, Braintree**  
Residential Rehab Educator, Brockton part time, 24023221  
Residential Rehab Educator, Brockton 22 hours, 24023222  
Residential Rehab Educator, various locations, 24023223

**Southern Comfort Bar & Grill, Brockton, MA**  
Team Members, 24002048

**Department of Corrections, Bridgewater, MA**  
3rd CI Power Plant Eng- CoGen, 23965179

**VHS Transportation, Easton, MA**  
Van Driver, 23995703

**Everett's Auto Parts, Brockton, MA**  
Automotive Parts Cashier, 23989387  
Delivery Truck Driver, 23989392

**Happy Dog Pet Resort, Abington**  
Dog Daycare Attendant, 24001786

**Bayada Home Healthcare, Many locations**  
New Grad - LPN, 24001805

**Avon**  
Lead Electro- Mechanical Technician, 3rd shift, 24001822  
Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, 3rd shift, 24001825

*Want to list your job here? Visit [masshiregbc.org/businesses/job-postings](http://masshiregbc.org/businesses/job-postings) to post your own. "Hot Jobs" are posted online and emailed to hundreds of job seekers and more than 50 community partners.*

## Connect with the Incoming Workforce via Job & Internship Fairs; MassHire CAP Career Day April 9

### MASSASOIT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Wednesday, April 15 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton, MA 02302

Spring Job Fair, co-sponsored with the Veterans Service Office & MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center. The first half-hour, from 11:00 to 11:30 am, will be reserved exclusively for veterans. Contact Jennifer Sanchez-Olsen for more info on how to showcase your business and connect with the incoming workforce. Email [jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu](mailto:jsanchezo@massasoit.mass.edu) or call (508) 588-9100 x1603



Tuesday, March 10 | 9AM-12PM

UMass Dartmouth's Nursing Recruitment Event: Exclusive expo limited to 20 employers for maximum visibility. 80 graduating senior nursing students attending and strong participation from underclassmen.

Tuesday, April 7 | 1PM-4PM

Spring 2026 Just in Time Career Fair: Connect with 500+ motivated students and recent graduates from all majors. Visit [www.umassd.edu/career/employers/career-fair/](http://www.umassd.edu/career/employers/career-fair/).

**Thursday, April 9 - 29th Annual CAP Career Day.** Help shape the future of your workforce! Your company is invited to participate at one or both of these events at no cost. Reach out today to reserve your spot ([jnesti@masshiregwb.org](mailto:jnesti@masshiregwb.org)) All occupations highlighted at this career expo; healthcare, finance, IT, manufacturing, culinary, hospitality, sales, retail, clean energy & more!

**GREATER BROCKTON WORKFORCE BOARD**

**CONNECTING ACTIVITIES PARTNERSHIP**

A PROGRAM OF MASSHIRE GREATER BROCKTON WORKFORCE BOARD

INSPIRE STUDENTS AT CAREER DAY!

29th Annual CAP Career Day

APRIL 9

8th Annual Construction Career Day

MAY 15

REPRESENT YOUR INDUSTRY & ORG

All occupations highlighted at this career expo: healthcare, finance, IT, manufacturing, culinary, hospitality, sales, retail, clean energy & more!

Interactive outdoor expo showcasing careers in construction, engineering, skilled trades, IT, utilities, security, transit, clean energy & more!

SAVE THE DATE: 4/9/2026

SAVE THE DATE: 5/15/2026

Help shape the future of your workforce! Your company is invited to participate at one or both of these events at no cost. Reach out today to reserve your spot: Contact John Nesti at 508-584-9800 x26 or [jnesti@masshiregwb.org](mailto:jnesti@masshiregwb.org)

**Friday, May 15 - 8th Annual Construction Career Day.** Interactive outdoor event showcasing careers in construction/engineering/skilled trades, IT, utilities, security, transit, clean energy & more! Inclusion of equipment/tools/vehicles allows students an immersive & memorable hands-on experience.

## Cape Cod Cafe Pizza Earns National Recognition as Industry Leader

The beloved South Shore brand has been named one of Pizza Marketplace's Top 100 Movers & Shakers of 2026, an honor announced at the prestigious International Pizza Expo. This national recognition celebrates pizza brands that are driving growth, innovation, and consistency across the industry—placing Cape Cod Cafe among the very best in the country.

In a statement, the company credited the achievement to its team, emphasizing that the recognition reflects the dedication, passion, and commitment that has defined the brand for decades. From its kitchens to its leadership, Cape Cod Cafe continues to balance honoring its rich history while pushing forward with strategic growth.

That growth has been especially evident in recent months. As of March 1, Cape Cod Cafe Pizza officially expanded into more than 400 Target locations nationwide—bringing a taste of the South Shore Bar Pizza to freezers across the country. It's a major milestone that underscores the brand's evolution from a regional favorite to a national name.

Locally, Cape Cod Cafe Pizza remains a staple of the Metro South dining scene, with restaurant locations in Brockton, Bridgewater, Halifax, and Raynham. Whether you're dining in, ordering catering, or grabbing a frozen pie at retailers like Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Market Basket, Walmart, Roche Bros., or Trucchi's, it's never been easier to enjoy a quick, delicious meal at home.

From local legend to national recognition, Cape Cod Cafe Pizza exemplifies the kind of growth and excellence that defines the Metro South business community. Congratulations - Cape Cod Cafe!

## Massasoit's Education and Community Champion Award Recognizes Yazwinski, Father Bill's & MainSpring

Join us to honor this year's Education and Community Champion, John Yazwinski. John is the President and CEO of Father Bill's & MainSpring, a leading organization helping to end homelessness in our region. We are proud to recognize a leader and organization whose work is aligned with our mission to support and uplift our students and community.

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

5:30 to 7:30 pm

Massasoit Community College Brockton Campus

Dress: Cocktail

Individual Tickets: \$125

RSVP by April 22. Visit <https://massasoit.edu/about/offices-priorities/college-advancement/the-massasoit-foundation/evening-of-champions.html>



Cape Cod Cafe co-owners, Jonathan and Jeremy Jamoulis



**MASSASOIT**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



John Yazwinski, Father Bill's & Main Spring



## Save the Date! Metro South Chamber's 113th Annual Meeting & B2B Expo Nov 18, Keynote Leo Meehan

Wednesday, November 18 | 10:30AM-3:00PM | Adult & Teen Challenge, Brockton



113th ANNUAL  
meeting

November 18, 2026

Premier Sponsor:

**North Easton**  
Savings Bank



Leo Meehan, CEO, W.B. Mason

## Help Shape the Future of Food in Our Region - Survey Participation Requested

**HELP SHAPE YOUR  
LOCAL FOOD SYSTEM**



TAKE THIS 5-10 MINUTE SURVEY NOW

Help shape the food future of  
Plymouth County and surrounding areas

[SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/OURLOCALFOOD](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ourlocalfood)

Old Colony Planning Council and partners across our region are working to develop a Regional Food System Action Plan—and we need your input.

Residents and food-related businesses are invited to take a short 5- to 10-minute survey to help identify priorities and guide practical actions over the next 5 to 10 years.

The project aims to identify ways to support local food production, strengthen food-

related businesses, improve access to food, and prepare for supply disruptions and extreme weather.

The survey is anonymous, and you may skip any questions you prefer not to answer. Please take a few minutes to share your perspective and help build a stronger, more connected local food system for our region. Take the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ourlocalfood>

## National Small Business Week, Summit May 5-6

**National Small  
Business Week**

Celebrate entrepreneurs and  
small business owners during  
SBA's annual awards.  
NSBW 2026 is May 3-9.

**SBA** U.S. Small Business  
Administration



For more than 60 years, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has celebrated National Small Business Week (NSBW), which acknowledges the critical contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. National Small Business Week 2026 will take place May 3-9, and SBA will officially recognize their hard work, ingenuity, dedication, and their contributions to the economy. Visit [sba.gov/nsbw](https://sba.gov/nsbw) to learn more.

## RENEWING *Members!*

### *Thank you!*

Brockton Housing Authority  
Brockton Symphony Orchestra  
ECO Recycling Systems, Inc.  
Father Bill's & MainSpring  
Fitzgerald Appraisals  
Hackwell-Boone Insurance Agency, Inc.  
KMA Web Design, LLC  
Luke Jackson Benefit & HR Solutions  
Montilio's Baking Company  
Morse Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Mother's Daughter Juice and Wellness  
Niccoli Oil & Energy  
Paramount Rug Company, Inc.

Rose Therese Cap & Gown Company  
Signature Healthcare  
Southeastern Oral  
Maxillofacial Surgeons  
Stonehill College  
Stoneridge Mutual Properties  
TriNet  
Trinity Development and Management  
WATD 95.9FM  
Westfield Child Center  
Westgate Mall  
Wood Palace Kitchens Inc.

## WELCOME *New Members!*

### *Reinvesting in Our Community*

**Allan Veterinary Clinic**  
Marvelyn A. Motamed  
627 Pleasant Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(508) 638-9030  
www.allanveterinaryclinic.com  
*Veterinarians*

**Hanscom Federal Credit Union**  
Megala Anbazhagan  
940 Belmont Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(781) 698-2089  
www.hfcu.org  
*Banks/Financials*

**Divine Watch Training School LLC**  
Augustina Idahor  
950 N Main Street, Suite #206  
Randolph, MA 02368  
(781) 885-2021  
www.divinewatchts.com  
*Schools/Colleges*

**New England Tortilla, Inc.**  
Brandon Childs  
1020 West Chestnut Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(617) 889-6462  
www.mininatortilla.com  
*Manufacturing*

**East Coast Storage**  
Leo Hannigan  
19 Camden Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072  
(781) 866-6753  
www.eastcoaststorage.com  
*Storage*

**Powertown, Inc.**  
Elson Bankoff  
453 Massachusetts Avenue  
Boston, MA 02118  
(202) 365-1109  
*Energy Management*

**Edward Jones**  
Albert C. Mui  
180 Winter Street, Suite E  
Bridgewater, MA 02324  
(508) 697-5389  
www.edwardjones.com/us-en/  
financial-advisor/albert-mui  
*Financial Services*

**WeCare 365 AFC**  
Gabiella Spinola  
528 Pleasant Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(508) 584-2131  
www.wecare365afc.com  
*Home Health Care*

## 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.

Take advantage of their 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 9:** *Small Business Essentials Series Certificate Program - April*
- April 9:** *Creating a Quick Business Plan*
- April 10:** *Setting Up a New Business Entity*
- April 14:** *Run Your Nonprofit Like a Business*
- April 14:** *Essentials of Starting a Business (in person at Stonehill College)*
- April 14:** *Do You Want to Start a Business?*
- April 15:** *Marketing Part 1: Developing Your Marketing Plan*
- April 16:** *Marketing Part 2: Promoting Your Business*
- April 21:** *Bookkeeping for Small Business*
- April 22:** *The Art of the Elevator Pitch & Networking Tips*
- April 22:** *Developing Your Value Proposal*
- April 23:** *Developing Financial Projections for Your New Small Business*
- April 24:** *Get Ranked & Recommended with SEO & GEO*
- April 28:** *Financial Statements, Budgets & Forecasting: Remove the Fear, Complexity & Boredom*
- April 30:** *Strategic Planning for Non-Profits*

## SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation is a regional nonprofit economic development corporation with the mission of empowering entrepreneurs, strengthening local economies, and creating jobs by financing all types of small businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. SEED has a long history of assisting small business owners, is a one-stop shop for anyone looking to start-up, grow, or streamline their business.



**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)**

Throughout the year, SEED holds and participates in events geared toward educating, preparing, and empowering small business owners as well as all those who serve budding and seasoned entrepreneurs. All upcoming small business workshops, lender trainings, and annual networking events are listed below. Visit [seedcorp.com/events](http://seedcorp.com/events) to learn more and sign up.

- 4/8 Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals & Financing Basics (Brockton)
- 4/29 Small Business Borrowing Basics Lunch & Learn (New Bedford)

**To promote your business and support your community,  
contact Ian Abreu for New Member Services**

(508) 586-0500 x 229 • [membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com)

## 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.

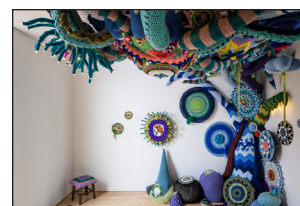
The **East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA)** was founded in 1993 "to promote a healthy business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking and fellowship." Please visit [jointheebba.com](http://jointheebba.com) for more information.

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.

## Current & Future Exhibitions at Fuller Craft Museum



**Forest of Here:** Jeila Gueramian. Coming April 18, on view through March 2027.



**MORE CLAY!: The Power of Repetition.** On view through Feb 2027. Pictured Above: David Hicks, Still Life "Nucleus"



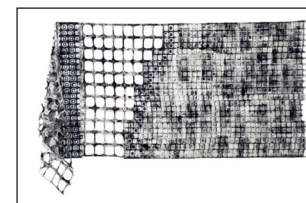
**A Shared Legacy: Gifts from the Robyn and John Horn Collection.** On view through May 3, 2026.



**Again and Again: Rhythm and Pattern.** On view through July 3, 2026.



**Shaping Futures: The Prison Outreach Program of New Hampshire Furniture Masters.** On view through June 7.



**Fiber Forward: The Judith Stern Weisman Collection.** On view through December 2026.

Fuller Craft Museum is a true gem in the region. Open Tuesday-Sunday 10AM-5PM at 455 Oak Street in Brockton, admission is offered on a pay-what-you-can basis. Visit [fullercraft.org](http://fullercraft.org) or call (508) 588-6000.



## 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: Eliza Wilson  
(508) 586-3887

**Center for Women & Enterprise**  
Contact: Berlheey 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

## Tru by Hilton Brockton



245 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02301  
(774) 480-5107  
hilton.com/en/hotels/bosbkru-tru-brockton/

Across from Westgate Mall, our hotel offers quick access to Fall River Expressway. Reach Campanelli Stadium and Brockton Main Street in less than 15 minutes. Full Craft Museum and D.W. Field Park are also within a short drive. Enjoy our 24-hour fitness center and game zone.

## Cazeault Roofing & Siding



47 Liberty Street, Plymouth, MA 02360  
(508) 719.7017 • cazeault.com/plymouth-roofing-siding

Cazeault Roofing & Siding is your trusted local roofing company in Plymouth, MA and the surrounding areas. With decades of combined experience, we specialize in comprehensive roofing solutions tailored to the unique demands of New England weather—from harsh winters with heavy snow loads to the occasional nor'easter storms. Our team delivers expert craftsmanship in roof replacement, roof repair, and roof installation, ensuring your home is protected and maintained year-round. We understand the importance of durable, weather-resistant roofing systems designed specifically for Plymouth homes, combining quality materials with local expertise to keep your property safe and secure.

## Zander Realty Group



530 Washington Street, STE 3, Stoughton, MA 02072  
(617) 470-7717 • zanderrealtygroup.com

Zander Realty Group is redefining the real estate experience with innovative strategies and a client-first approach. Founded in 2020 by top-producing broker Kyle Zene, the firm brings fresh energy to markets across Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Georgia.

With a background in sales and entrepreneurship, Kyle built the company on a commitment to exceptional service, leveraging technology, data, and creative marketing to help clients exceed their real estate goals.

## Join the Chamber!

# YOUR BUSINESS PROFILE HERE...

...When You Join the Chamber!  
Call us at (508) 586-0500 or  
email [info@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:info@metrosouthchamber.com)

60 School Street, Brockton  
(508) 586-0500 • metrosouthchamber.com

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.

Call to learn more today!

Visit [metrosouthchamber.com/membership/join](http://metrosouthchamber.com/membership/join)



## 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](http://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 13

#### Multi-Chamber Mega Networking

5:00PM - 7:00PM

Plainridge Park Casino

301 Washington Street, Plainville

Multi-chamber mega networking! Connect with other business communities in neighboring towns to make new relationships and expand your network!

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

### April 16

#### Business After Hours: Live Nation

5:00PM - 7:30PM

Residence Inn

2020 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater

Join us for an evening of networking with Live Nation at Residence Inn in Bridgewater. Enjoy refreshments while forming new connections and refreshing existing ones.

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### April 22

#### Ribbon Cutting

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Allan Veterinary Clinic

627 Pleasant Street, Brockton

Come meet the team, tour the newly constructed facility, and enjoy giveaways and light refreshments during this quick mid-day networking opportunity.

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### April 30

#### Good Day Metro South

11:45AM - 1:30PM

Arc of Greater Brockton

1250 W Chestnut Street, Brockton

Speakers include Dean Rizzo; moderator Fred Clark; panelists Jim Dunphy, Alexandra Husted, and Dr. Eliza Wilson; and "New Faces" Connor Carey, Justin Casanova-Davis, and Elizabeth Dennehy.

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