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# 35th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur Awards Celebrate Success in Metro South! Featuring Secretary Paley, College Board, and U.S. Small Business Administration - Honoring Silva & Gouldrup

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

Join us alongside guest speakers Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Development Eric Paley, College Board's Executive Director of Career Strategy & Partnerships Clare Bertrand, and SBA Massachusetts Director Keegan Shepardson on **Thursday, May 28th from 11:45AM-1:30PM** for the 35th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards 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 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!

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

## 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! *More on page 5.*

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



Then, join us **Friday, May 15 11:30AM-1:00PM** at Fusion Essence located at the South Shore Plaza, 250 Granite Street in Braintree.



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). Contact Hannah at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com)

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

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



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Leo Meehan, CEO, W.B. Mason

# About the 35th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur Award Recipients & Guest Speakers

Thursday, May 28 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Thorny Lea Golf Club | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton | Keynote Speaker: Massachusetts Secretary of Economic Development, Eric Paley

**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 the Executive Director of Career Strategy and Employer Partnerships at College Board, leading efforts to develop industry and employer partnerships that align education with workforce needs. For over two decades, Clare has worked to bridge education and career, with a focus on leveraging policy, practice, and technology to expand economic mobility for young adults. Clare has an M.S.Ed. in Education Entrepreneurship from University of Pennsylvania.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is part of a cohort selected by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to help address critical workforce challenges by supporting the adoption of new, career-aligned coursework, including AP Business with Personal Finance and AP Cybersecurity. This initiative is designed to better prepare students with practical, in-demand skills and create stronger talent pipelines that meet the evolving needs of 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.



MA Secretary of Economic Development, Eric Paley



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## ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



Chandra Gouldrup, Mother's Daughter Juice + Wellness Bar

Chandra Gouldrup is a visionary entrepreneur bringing fresh energy and purpose to downtown Brockton through her farm-to-table juice and wellness concept. As the founder of a new juice and wellness bar, Gouldrup has created a space rooted in health, accessibility, and community connection. Her business emphasizes fresh, locally sourced ingredients and nutrient-rich offerings designed to promote wellness while supporting regional agriculture.

Driven by a passion for holistic health and economic revitalization, Gouldrup chose Brockton as the home for her venture, investing in the city's continued growth and vibrancy. Her establishment goes beyond a traditional juice bar—serving as a welcoming hub where residents can gather, recharge, and learn about healthier lifestyle choices. Through curated menu options, educational touchpoints, and a focus on quality, she is helping to make wellness more approachable and inclusive.

Gouldrup's entrepreneurial journey reflects both resilience and purpose. By combining business innovation with a commitment to community impact, she exemplifies the spirit of entrepreneurship in Metro South. Her work not only introduces a valuable new amenity to Brockton but also contributes to a broader movement toward healthier, more connected communities.

Visit [www.mdjuicewell.com](http://www.mdjuicewell.com) to order online, and check out the store at 543 Pearl Street in Brockton.

## SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



Elio Silva, Vineyard Farm

Vineyard Farm, located in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, is a growing agricultural destination founded by Elio Silva. Since opening in 2023, the 74-acre, family-operated farm has become a valued part of the local food system, offering fresh produce, prepared foods, and a welcoming, community-focused farm market experience.

A standout feature is Vineyard Farm's popular seasonal corn maze, which draws visitors from across Metro South and beyond. Alongside pick-your-own produce, farm animals, and seasonal events, the farm provides an engaging, family-friendly environment that connects people to agriculture and the origins of their food.

Silva has demonstrated strong vision and investment, committing \$2.4 million to expand operations, including a new multi-use agricultural facility that will support production, retail, and agritourism. The project will create jobs, strengthen local food access, and enhance year-round programming.

Silva's journey from Brazil to business owner reflects perseverance and entrepreneurial spirit. Vineyard Farm stands as a model small business—blending innovation, agriculture, and community impact while creating a vibrant destination for the region.

Visit [vineyardfarm.com](http://vineyardfarm.com) to learn more, or visit the farm at 175 East Center Street in West Bridgewater.

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**CHAMBER Calendar**

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

**May**


**04** Executive Board Meeting 3:00PM  
*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

**05**  **Ribbon Cutting: Tru by Hilton, Brockton** 11:30AM  
*245 Westgate Drive, Brockton*

**06** Ambassador Meeting 9:00AM  
*Virtual Meeting via Zoom*

**14** Board of Directors Meeting/Retreat 8:30AM  
*Stonehill College, Donahue Hall: 320 Washington Street, Easton*

**15**  **Ribbon Cutting: Fusion Essence, Braintree** 11:30AM  
*South Shore Plaza: 250 Granite Street, Braintree*

**15**  **Brockton Rox Home Opener!** 7:00PM  
*Campanelli Stadium: One Feinberg Way, Brockton*

**28**  **Small Biz & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Luncheon** 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** 11:30AM  
*950 N Main Street, Suite 206, Randolph*

**11**  **ATHENA Leadership Award Luncheon** 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 Ian Abreu at [membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x229 to get involved.

## UP-TO-DATE News

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

- 5/6: Your Data Gone in 60 Seconds! Is Your Business One Bad Monday Away From Losing Everything?
- 5/7: MassExport: Shifting Global Supply Chains in an Era of U.S.-China Trade Tensions: A Trade Compliance Perspective
- 5/15: MassExport: Tariff Talk: Ask the Experts
- 5/20: MassExport: Buy vs Build: Considerations for Evaluating AI-based Trade Compliance Technology Solutions
- 5/21: Are You Bankable
- 6/3: Friend of Fraud - How to Put AI to Work Without Getting Burned
- 6/3: MassExport: Convergence of Export and Import Compliance: Implications for Compliance Programs and Due Diligence Practices

### 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." 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](http://brocktonsymphony.org) to get tickets.

### Former Chamber Chair, Steve Green Honored with Grow Hope Legacy Award



"Steve Green of W.B. Mason, is humble, kind, and a friend to so many people and organizations serving Brockton and beyond. Congratulations, fellow Rotarian, Steve Green for being honored as the inaugural Steve Green Legacy

Award for Grow Hope, a wonderful organization focused on education and recognition of best teaching practices benefiting so many of our young people, advancing their skills and lives along the way." said Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce President & CEO.

### TruNorth Bank Welcomes Stephen Jussaume as Senior Vice President and Commercial Lending Team Lead



**TruNorthBank™**

TruNorth Bank announced that Stephen Jussaume

has joined the organization as senior vice president and team lead in its commercial lending division, based in Hollbrook. He brings extensive experience in commercial banking and real estate lending, most recently at South Shore Bank and previously at Brookline Bank. In his new role, he will focus on expanding commercial lending relationships and supporting businesses and real estate clients across the region while leading a team delivering tailored financial solutions.

### Westgate Mall Announces Opening of Top Notch Tires



Westgate Mall ([ShopatWestgateMall.com](http://ShopatWestgateMall.com)).

com) announced the opening of Top Notch Tires, a family-owned tire service offering new and quality used tires along with services including balancing, repairs, rotations, inspections, and valve stem replacement, performed by ASE-certified technicians. Founded in 2020 in West Bridgewater, the shop carries major brands such as Michelin, Goodyear, Bridgestone, Yokohama, and Firestone. "We are excited to open at Westgate Mall and provide quality service at reasonable prices," said owner Charles Mouaga.

### Brockton Rox Baseball Returns for 2026 Season - Home Opener May 15 vs Ottawa Titans! Visit [www.brocktonrox.com](http://www.brocktonrox.com) To Get Your Tickets Early

5-7-9 vs NY BOULDER	7-10-12 vs NEW JERSEY JACKALS
5-12-14 vs NJ JACKALS	7-13-16 ALL-STAR BREAK
5-15-17 vs OTTAWA TITANS	7-17-19 vs SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS
5-19-21 vs QUÉBEC CAPITALES	7-21-23 vs JOLIET SLAMMERS
5-22-24 vs TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS	7-24-26 vs WASHINGTON WILD THINGS
5-26-28 vs TROIS-RIVIÈRES AIGLES	7-28-30 vs WASHINGTON WILD THINGS
5-29-31 vs SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS	7-31-9-2 vs OTTAWA TITANS
6-2-4 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS	8-4-6 vs OTTAWA TITANS
6-5-7 vs TROIS-RIVIÈRES AIGLES	8-7-9 vs FLORENCE Y'ALLS
6-9-11 vs OTTAWA TITANS	8-11-13 vs QUÉBEC CAPITALES
6-12-14 vs QUÉBEC CAPITALES	8-14-16 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS
6-16-18 vs GATEWAY GRIZZLES	8-18-20 vs TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS
6-19-21 vs TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS	8-21-23 vs NEW YORK BOULDER
6-23-25 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS	8-25-27 vs NEW JERSEY JACKALS
6-28-29 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS	8-28-30 vs NEW YORK BOULDER
6-30-7-2 vs TROIS-RIVIÈRES AIGLES	9-1-3 vs SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS
7-3-5 vs TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS	9-4-6 vs TROIS-RIVIÈRES AIGLES
7-7-9 vs QUÉBEC CAPITALES	

BLUE - HOME  
RED - AWAY

**2026 SCHEDULE**

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## Health Care Matters

Boston Medical Center - South

235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301

508-427-3000

[www.bmchealthsystem.org/bmc-south](http://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.

BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER  
South

# Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings Celebrate Grand Openings, Expansions, and Success as Metro South Businesses Grow

Tuesday, May 5 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | Tru by Hilton | 245 Westgate Drive, Brockton

Join us for the grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration of Brockton's newest hotel, the Tru by Hilton at Westgate Mall.

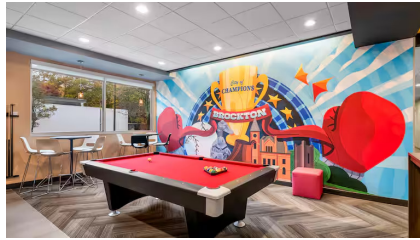
This exciting addition to the Westgate corridor represents a significant \$11 million investment in Brockton's continued growth and revitalization, bringing a modern 78-room hotel designed for both business and leisure travelers across the South Shore.

Located on Westgate Drive near Route 24, the hotel is part of the ongoing transformation of the Westgate area, strengthening Brockton's role as a regional hub for commerce and hospitality. It offers convenient access to destinations including D.W. Field Park, Campanelli Stadium, and nearby shopping and dining.

KARM Hospitality selected Brockton for its momentum, accessibility, and established position as a South Shore destination for growth and investment.

Join community leaders, project partners, and hospitality representatives as we celebrate this milestone and officially welcome the hotel to the city.

Be part of the celebration as we cut the ribbon on this regional investment and toast to continued growth and new energy at Westgate Mall. Free to attend, RSVP at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events) or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact Hannah at [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x231.



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Friday, May 15 | 11:30AM - 1:00PM | Fusion Essence | 250 Granite Street, Braintree

Fusion Dolls is expanding to the South Shore Plaza as Fusion Essence! Join us at their new location, 250 Granite Street in Braintree, for a ribbon cutting ceremony with networking, tours, and more. Free to attend, RSVP online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events).



Widline Pyrame

"I made a promise to create dolls that would provide that connection for other kids. Through my vision of inclusion for all children wanting to identify with something special to them, Fusion Dolls was created."



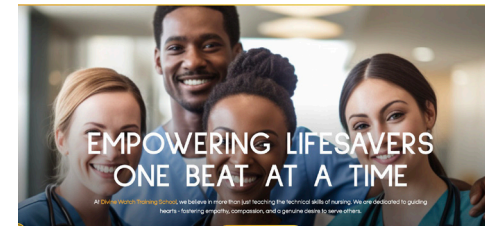
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Friday, June 5 | 11:30AM - 1:30PM | Divine Watch Training School | 950 N Main St., Randolph

Join us for the ribbon cutting at Divine Watch Training School, preparing students for careers in healthcare through hands-on instruction in CNA, CPR, First Aid, and Home Health Aide training. This celebration highlights a new local pathway for workforce training and healthcare education. Guests will have the opportunity to meet instructors and learn more about the programs being offered. Please join us in recognizing this exciting addition to our community. Free to attend, RSVP online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events](https://metrosouthchamber.com/events).



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EMPOWERING LIFESAVERS  
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## ATHENA Award Luncheon - Honoring & Empowering Women Leaders

Thursday, June 11 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Massasoit Community College | One Massasoit Blvd



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On Thursday, June 11 from 11:45am - 1:30pm, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank will present the 28th Annual ATHENA Award to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, 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, register to attend, or for more information please contact Hannah McGuire at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email [events@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:events@metrosouthchamber.com). Learn more online at [metrosouthchamber.com/event/28th-annual-athena-leadership-award-luncheon](https://metrosouthchamber.com/event/28th-annual-athena-leadership-award-luncheon).

### Prior ATHENA Recipients

- 2025 Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort
- 2024 Beverly Williams, BAMSI
- 2023 Barbara Arena, Granite State Econ. Dev.
- 2022 Phyllis Ellis, Brockton Area NAACP
- 2021 Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, MassHire GBWB
- 2020 Nancy B. Gustafson, The Charity Guild
- 2019 Sharon Wolder, Brockton Public Schools
- 2018 June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools
- 2017 Diane Bell, Bridgewater State University
- 2016 Cheryl Opper, 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, WXBR 1460AM Radio

## Leadership, Legacy & Service in Metro South: Honoring Former Chamber Chair, Ray Ledoux, the Pilgrim Foundation, and Former Mayor, Robert F. Sullivan



Former Mayor of Brockton, Bob Sullivan

The Metro South business community has long been shaped by leaders whose impact extends far beyond titles—people defined by service, generosity, and a deep commitment to community. That spirit was recently on full display as the Scouting America Mayflower Council honored two pillars of Brockton: Robert F. Sullivan and the Pilgrim Foundation. At the center of it all is former Metro South Chamber Board

Chair Ray Ledoux, whose leadership continues to quietly shape the region.

Ledoux's time as Chamber Chair was marked by steady leadership and a clear belief that economic progress and community impact must go hand in hand. He helped strengthen the Chamber's role as a regional convener—bringing together business, nonprofit, and civic leaders to address challenges and expand opportunity. That same philosophy guides his work today as President of the Pilgrim Foundation.

Founded in 1926 by Brockton native Edgar B. Davis, the Pilgrim Foundation has spent nearly a century living its mission: providing help "without distinction of race, sex, party, or creed—the only question being, did the person need help?" Over the decades, it has distributed more than \$9 million in support to individuals, families, and local organizations, quietly strengthening the fabric of the community. Under Ledoux's leadership, that mission continues with renewed focus.

The Mayflower Council's recognition of former Mayor Robert Sullivan with the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award highlights a parallel legacy of public service. A lifelong Brockton resident, Sullivan served for two decades as City Councilor and Mayor, guiding the city through challenging times with resilience and accessibility. His ongoing volunteer work—from youth sports to civic boards—reflects a continued commitment to service beyond office.

What connects these stories is a shared ethos of showing up for community. Ledoux's leadership, the Pilgrim Foundation's century of giving, and Sullivan's decades of public service all reflect the same truth: strong communities are built through action, compassion, and consistency.

Together, they represent Metro South at its best—where leadership is measured not by position, but by impact.

## Area Chambers Collab to Expand Regional Network



Had a great time networking at Plainridge Park Casino in April, expanding our connections across Metro South and beyond! Thank you to our chamber colleagues for collaborating: United Regional

Hannah McGuire, Metro South Event Coordinator with Chamber Ambassadors, Corie Blain, South Shore Bank; and Reiko McNeil, Bluestone Bank.

## Bridgewater State University's New Center for Artificial Intelligence; Chamber Intern Featured in CBS Boston

### BRIDGEWATER

#### STATE UNIVERSITY



Muhamma Ovais Yusuf, BSU Computer Science Grad Student, Metro South Chamber AI Intern.

It's a busy time for seniors and graduate students at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts as they get ready to walk across the stage and apply for jobs.

Muhammed Yosef is a grad student studying computer science. "I built my portfolio using an AI tool. This comes in handy when applying for jobs," he said.

For the past year he's been spending a lot of time participating in BSU's Center for Artificial Intelligence which opened last summer. It's become a leadership hub

for the institution providing guidance around the human-centered, ethically responsible use of AI.

"We are seeing AI being used across a variety of different fields, so students they need to gain those skills in order to be able to thrive within those fields. We are seeing not just careers happening in computer science, but education, healthcare, all across the board," said Eric LePage, assistant VP for AI and ed tech innovation.

"Very soon we will see AI being a skill that school administrators will be looking for in teachers and we want to be ahead of that curve," said Dr. Anne Hird, a professor in secondary education at BSU.

She teaches students who are preparing to become public-school teachers, and she says learning AI is critical.

"Right now, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the state is moving rapidly ahead integrating AI requirement into elementary and secondary schools," Hird said. "The biggest problem I see is that people who don't use AI assume students are cheating. That's what we need our students to know when they go out to teach is how you are going to use it in the assignments you give."

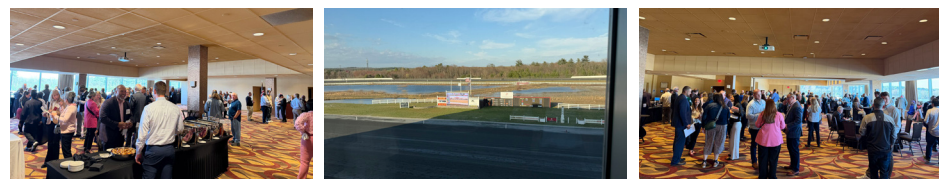
Graduating senior Sam Oo is a political science major, he says his experience at the Center of AI a Research and Innovation Assistant has changed his perspective on his career path.

"I feel like consulting where I can work with multiple clients in different industries, that feels like the main fit for me and I feel like that's the fit for a lot of people who are equipped with AI," Oo said. "They can go into any problem set and problem solving and critical thinking is the key here."

Yosef says BSU's Center for AI helped him land his internship at Metro South Chamber of Commerce which he hopes will lead to a full-time job somewhere when he graduates. "I'm developing their tool bots for them and that's purely the purpose to fully automate their workflow right now," Yosef said. "People know that I worked in these fields, I built some projects and I can actually work for them. That's my target right now."

Burton, Paul. "Bridgewater State's Center for Artificial Intelligence Prepares Students for Changing Workforce." CBS News, CBS Interactive, 7 Apr. 2026, [www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/bridgewater-state-center-for-artificial-intelligence/](http://www.cbsnews.com/boston/news/bridgewater-state-center-for-artificial-intelligence/).

Chamber, Tri-Town Chamber, Cranberry Country Chamber, Neponset River Regional Chamber, and Tri-Country Chamber.



## Allan Veterinary Clinic Brings New Pet Care Services to Pleasant Street in Brockton

The Metro South Chamber proudly celebrated the ribbon cutting of Allan Veterinary Clinic, marking the opening of a new, community-focused veterinary practice in Brockton.

Owned and operated by Dr. M. Allan-Motamed, a Tufts-trained veterinarian with more than 20 years of experience, the clinic reflects both her professional expertise and deep roots in the community. After decades of serving in local hospitals and shelter medicine, she opened the practice in January 2026 with a mission to provide affordable, personalized care while building lasting relationships with pet owners across Metro South.

Allan Veterinary Clinic offers a range of services for dogs and cats, including wellness exams, vaccinations, dental care, skin treatments, and telehealth consultations. The practice emphasizes a calm, patient-centered approach, with a focus on clear communication and tailored treatment plans.

The ribbon cutting brought together Chamber members, community supporters, and local leadership, including State Representative Rita Mendes



and Mayor Moises Rodrigues, who joined in welcoming this new addition to the city.

Read the full story to learn more about Allan Veterinary Clinic and its impact in Metro South at [metrosouthchamber.com/blog](https://metrosouthchamber.com/blog) or scan the QR code.



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Mayor Moises Rodrigues with State Rep Rita Mendes who presented an official citation to Dr. Allan-Motamed



Dr. Allan-Motamed and the team at the brand new Allan Veterinary Clinic at 627 Pleasant Street in Brockton



Mayor Moises Rodrigues Thanks Dr. Allan-Motamed for choosing Brockton as home for her business.

## Metro South Business After Hours Brings Networking, Music, and Lake Views in Bridgewater

**LIVE NATION  
PREMIUM  
EXPERIENCES**

**Residence INN**  
BY MARRIOTT



The Metro South Chamber hosted a successful Business After Hours networking event with Live Nation at the Residence Inn by Marriott Boston Bridgewater, set along the scenic shores of Lake Nippenicket. Members and guests enjoyed an evening of relaxed networking, live acoustic music by Nick and Emily Moreira, and great conversation in a beautiful waterfront setting. The event was proudly sponsored by Live Nation Entertainment. View more photos and learn more at [metrosouthchamber.com/blog](https://metrosouthchamber.com/blog) or scan the QR code.

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Patrick Carney Jr., Bill Robinson, and Patrick Carney, Claremont Companies with Christian Elias, Live Nation and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber

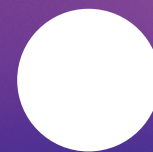


Francia Monteiro, Rockland Federal Credit Union; Cheryl McCormick, SEED Corp; Wayne Reid, Residence Inn by Marriott Bridgewater; and Chris Cooney



Ren Cato and Kadian Morrison, South Shore Bank; and John Nesti, MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board

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



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TODAY** | To the point

# Workforce in Demand Across Metro South



## HOT JOBS: ROUND UP



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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 [masshiregbcc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs](http://masshiregbcc.org/jobseekers/hot-jobs) for a complete, up-to-date list.

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

**County, Brockton, MA**  
Bilingual Administrative Assistant, 24059067

**MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, Brockton, MA**  
Career Coach, 24105836

**GRS Transit, Abington, MA**  
7D-Certified Van Driver, 24066552

**City of Brockton, Brockton, MA**  
Children's Librarian, 24097410  
CQTC Administrator, 24097411

**Shelo Trans, Inc., South Easton, MA**  
Driver, 2406277

Harm Reduction Environmental Specialist (3 openings), 24097413\*\*  
Junior Building Custodian, 2nd shift, 24097415

**Complete Labor and Staffing, Brockton, MA**  
Landscaper, 24072508

Harm Reduction Environmental Specialist Supervisor, 24097417\*\*

**Cape Cod Café, Brockton, MA**  
Experienced Saute Cook, full time, 24066418  
Host/ Busser, part time, 24066421

\*\* Brockton residency is preferred

**Ruby Wines, Avon, MA**  
Accounting Professional, 24078831

**Cheer Pack, West Bridgewater, MA**  
Machine Maintenance Mechanic, 3rd shift, 24043270

**HW Staffing, Brockton, MA**  
MA Service Staff Member, 24105675

**Micro Tech Staffing, Stoughton, MA**  
Mechanical Assembler, 24043234

**The Halcyon Center-The Groden Network, Attleboro**  
Direct Support Professional (DSP Easton), 24111253

**Everett's Auto Parts, Brockton, MA**  
Part-time Door Greeter, 24078844  
Heavy Equipment Operator, 24072611

**BioTRans LLC, Brockton, MA**  
Customer Service Representative, 24066579

**United Way of Greater Plymouth**

*Want to list your job here? Visit [masshiregbcc.org/businesses/job-postings](http://masshiregbcc.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.*

## Member Profile - MassHire GBCC/UMass Donahue

MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center/  
UMass Donahue Institute  
34 School Street, Brockton, MA 02301  
(508) 513-3400,  
[www.MassHireGBCC.org/businesses](http://www.MassHireGBCC.org/businesses)



Year Established: 2002

Products or Services: Business Services, Workforce Development

Number of Employees: 23

**What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?** The MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center's Business Services Team can assist your company wherever you are in the business cycle. Whether you are trying to hire new employees, upskill your current workforce or are dealing with impending layoffs, our Business Services Team can be a valuable partner in your efforts. Reach out to our team about the wide array of programs, grants, and services that are available; our services are free (you're already paying for our services through employment taxes). The Career Center is operated by the University of Massachusetts Amherst Donahue Institute under a charter from the MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board.

**What is your market area?** Greater Brockton area

**What markets do you serve?** Businesses in all industries, as well as direct services to job seekers.

**Please list awards, honors or special recognition your firm has received:** We work with over 600 local companies each year and organize local job fairs and employer information forums.

**What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community?** MassHire Business services provide Massachusetts employers with comprehensive talent recruitment, training and retention solutions through a statewide network. The main objective of our local Business Services team is to work with area businesses and become a valuable workforce partner, connecting businesses with tools and resources that will assist in running a successful business.

**Anything additional we should know about your company?** We are located in downtown Brockton, directly across from City Hall & the MetroSouth Chamber of Commerce. We service Brockton and 10 surrounding towns. Contact the team at:

- Andrea Kingman, Manager of Business Services: (508) 513-3442 or at [akingman@masshiregbcc.org](mailto:akingman@masshiregbcc.org)
- Jeff Cahill, Business Services Representative: (508) 513-3482 or at [jcahill@masshiregbcc.org](mailto:jcahill@masshiregbcc.org)
- Bob Gallo, Business Services Representative, (508) 513-3434 or at [rgallo@MassHireGBCC.org](mailto:rgallo@MassHireGBCC.org)

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.

## Applications Open: Leadership Metro South 2026-2027



This celebrated program originally established in 2016 by South Shore Bank and the South Shore Chamber selects participants from a pool of applicants and leads them through a year-long immersive learning

curriculum, resulting in a group of individuals who are committed to transformative leadership in our community. Over 100 highly motivated individuals have graduated from this program.

Existing and emerging leaders play a vital role in both the workplace and in our communities. It is important for them to understand the uniqueness of the region, and to learn to navigate and embrace the opportunities and challenges that come with it.

Informed leaders make informed decisions to help build, define, and promote the region we call home.

This thought-provoking community leadership program examines regional challenges and opportunities through expert panel discussions, virtual and on-site visits, presentations, focus groups, interactive activities and other innovative, experiential activities. Visit [metrosouthchamber.com/leadership-metro-south/](https://metrosouthchamber.com/leadership-metro-south/) to learn more and apply online.

## 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

## Meet the Metro South Chamber Team!

Behind every event, program, and member connection is a dedicated team working to strengthen the Metro South business community. The Chamber staff brings a mix of experience in economic development, communications, events, and member services—united by a shared commitment to helping local businesses grow and thrive.

From planning networking events and advocating for regional priorities to supporting small businesses and promoting member success stories, the team works collaboratively to deliver value at every level. Whether you're attending an event, reading our newsletter, or reaching out for resources, there's a friendly face ready to help.

We're proud to serve our members and the broader Metro South region—and we look forward to continuing to build connections that drive opportunity across our communities. We hope to see you at an upcoming event, come say hello and connect with the team! Give us a call at (508) 586-0500, visit us at 60 School Street in downtown Brockton, or email Ian at [membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com) to get involved!



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President & CEO ext. 223



Emma Penardi, VP of Communications & Special Projects ext. 222

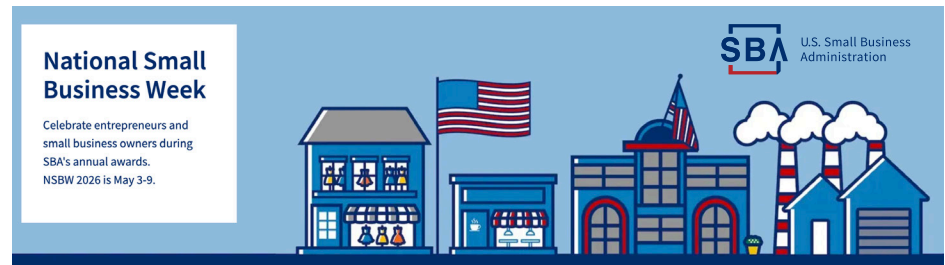


Hannah McGuire, Programs & Events Coordinator ext. 231



Ian Abreu, Director of Business Development & Engagement ext. 229

## 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.

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.

## Upcoming Metro South Community Events

**8TH ANNUAL BROCKTON AREA CONSTRUCTION CAREER DAY**

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 2026  
10am-1pm  
Massasoit Community College, Brockton

Brockton Area Construction Career Day will give area high school students an exciting, immersive opportunity to learn about career pathways in many varied construction related industries. Incorporating hands-on activities and live demonstrations, professionals, LIKE YOU, 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.

EVENT PRESENTED EXCLUSIVELY FOR GAS PARTNER SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY AND **NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC!**

**508-584-3234**  
contact: [jnesti@masshiregbwb.org](mailto:jnesti@masshiregbwb.org)

Presented by  
MASSHIRE GREATER BROCKTON Workforce Board  
[www.MasshireGBWB.org](http://www.MasshireGBWB.org)  
& CONNECTING ACTIVITIES PARTNERSHIP

Students will explore careers in:  
Building/Remodeling  
Engineering  
Paving/Sealcoating  
Electrical  
Plumbing/HVAC  
Architecture  
Welding & Mechanical  
Land Surveying  
Masonry  
Smart Technologies  
Landscaping  
Diesel Tech  
Alternative Fuels  
Utilities  
Clean Energy & MORE!

SCAN TO RSVP

### 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. Sponsorship opportunities available.

Contact John Nesti for more info: [jnesti@masshiregbwb.org](mailto:jnesti@masshiregbwb.org)

Annunciation Brockton  
**MINI GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL**

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

457 Oak Street • Brockton, MA

Enjoy Authentic Greek food, music and fun!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**SOUTH COAST RAIL: A YEAR IN REVIEW**  
BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

Join us for an engaging discussion on the impact of the MBTA South Coast Rail in advancing housing, workforce development and downtown revitalization across the region.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 | 8:30 AM - 12 PM  
Dana Mohler-Faria Science Building, Bridgewater State University

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Phillip Eng  
Interim Secretary, Massachusetts Department of Transportation and MBTA General Manager

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**  
State Transportation Leadership & Regional Vision  
Gateway City Leadership & Local Impact  
Business & Economic Growth Along the Rail Corridor with Regional Business Leaders

**IN COLLABORATION WITH**  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
Massachusetts Office of Business Development  
MBTA  
Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
One SouthCoast Chamber  
Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce

*Additional information and details to come!*

## RENEWING *Members!*

### Thank you!

AccuRounds  
All American Gasket  
Brockton Rox  
Budge It Drains, Inc.  
Cambridge Savings Bank  
Celia Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Evans Machine Company, Inc.  
Everett's Auto Parts  
Gouthro Plumbing & Heating  
Irving's Home Center  
James E. Holmgren, CPA  
Minuteman Press of Canton  
Montello Heel Manufacturing, Inc.

Nath Academy Learning Center, LLC  
National Grid  
New England Baling Wire LLC  
New Vision Enterprises  
Paul E Saperstein Company, Inc.  
R.E. Lyons & Son Fire Equipment Corp  
R.F. D'Agostino Insurance Agency  
Rockland Trust Company  
Sharon Orthodontics  
Southeastern Regional School District  
The Children's Museum Easton  
Victory Human Services  
W.B. Mason Company, Inc.

## 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...

**May 12:** *Nonprofit Development Planning and Grant Writing*

**May 13:** *Digital Branding*

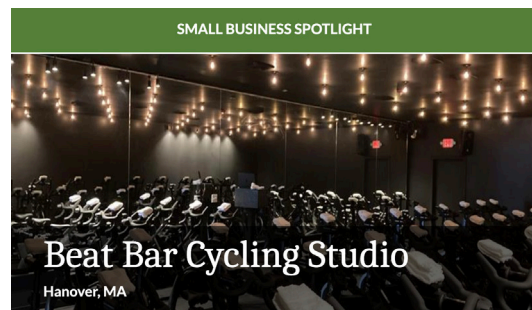
**May 14:** *Multiply Your Small Business Success Using Public Speaking Even Online*

**May 19:** *Amplify Your Brand: Creating Marketing Strategies Around Major Events*

**May 20:** *Tax Preparation for the Self-Employed*

**May 27:** *Taxes and Short-Term Residential Rentals (AirBnb & VRBO)*

## SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs



### Beat Bar Cycling Studio

Hanover, MA

*"The team at SEED was amazing and easy to work with! They helped us through every step of the loan process. No matter how many questions we sent them, they never got frustrated with us and were always so attentive, understanding and helpful. Without SEED we would still be staring at our vision board we made 5 years ago!"*

Ju-Young Cho & Jessica Main, Co-Owners



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

## WELCOME *New Members!*

### Reinvesting in Our Community

#### Avatons Consulting LLC

Leston Welsh  
(781) 926-0979  
[www.avatons.com](http://www.avatons.com)  
*Consultants*

#### Banner Environmental Services Inc

Stephen Wenzel  
31 Hayward Street, Suite 2A/#205  
Franklin, MA 02038  
(781) 934-6873  
[www.bannerenvironmental.com](http://www.bannerenvironmental.com)  
*Contractors Specialty*

#### Destiny African Market & Variety Store

Ms. Sola Ajao  
502 South Main Street  
Randolph, MA 02368  
(508) 527-6322  
[www.destinyafricanmarket.com](http://www.destinyafricanmarket.com)  
*Grocers/Del*

#### Greater Brockton Young Professionals

Isaiah Thelwell  
50 School Street, 2nd Floor  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(774) 428-7393  
[www.gbyp.org](http://www.gbyp.org)  
*Non-Profit*

#### Scituate Light Caregivers LLC

Esther Wamburu  
966 Park Street  
Stoughton, MA 02072  
(508) 436-3432  
[www.scituatelight.com](http://www.scituatelight.com)  
*Home Health Care*

#### Plymouth County Commission

Theresa Vernazzaro  
44 Obrey Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
(508) 830-9105  
[plymouthcountyma.gov](http://plymouthcountyma.gov)  
*Government*

#### Steel Hill Plumbing

Bob Murphy  
475 Bedford Street  
Abington, MA 02351  
(781) 384-5351  
[steelhillplumbing.com](http://steelhillplumbing.com)  
*Plumbing & Heating*

#### Brockton Post Acute Care

Jannitsia Jones  
50 Christy's Place  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(978) 604-2020  
[brocktonrehabhc.com](http://brocktonrehabhc.com)  
*Health Care*

#### Fusion Essence

Ms. Widline Pyrame  
250 Granite Street  
South Shore Plaza  
Braintree, MA 02184  
(617) 999-5258  
[fusiondolls.com](http://fusiondolls.com)  
*Gifts*

#### Dacius Facilities Management, Inc

Eddy Dacius  
162 Pond Street  
Holbrook, MA 02343  
(617) 237-0106  
*Property Management*

#### Meantide Associates, LLC

Will Hannigan  
260 Milton Street  
Dedham, MA 02026  
(855) 632-6843  
[www.meantide.co](http://www.meantide.co)  
*Computer Soft/Services*

To promote your business and support your community, contact Ian Abreu, Development Director

(508) 586-0500 x 229

[membership@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:membership@metrosouthchamber.com)

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)**

## 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.

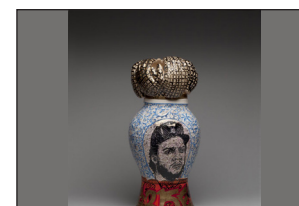
## Current & Future Exhibitions at Fuller Craft Museum



**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"



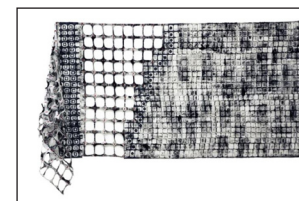
**The Vessel.** Coming May 23, on view through May 2027.



**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** 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

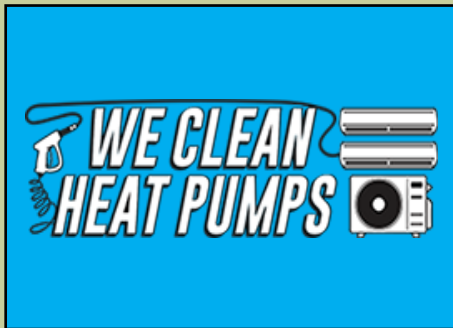
**Old Colony Planning Council**  
Contact: Mary Waldron  
(508) 583-1833 ext. 202

**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

## We Clean Heat Pumps



3 Beacon Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333  
(774) 244-0177 • wecleanheatpumps.com

Founded on principles of excellence and community care, WCHP has grown into New England's trusted leader in heat pump maintenance. Our success comes from a simple philosophy: take care of our people, and they'll take exceptional care of our customers.

We believe in building lasting relationships with both our team and our clients, setting industry standards for service quality and environmental responsibility. Through continuous investment in our people and processes, we're creating positive change in homes, businesses, and communities across the region.

## loanDepot



453 Columbia Road, Hanover, MA 02339  
(508) 269-3978 • loandepot.com/branches/norwell-ma

As your trusted loanDepot loan consultant, I will walk you through every step of the loan process and support you from pre-approval through your closing date. This website will be a useful resource for you throughout your loan process and provides many tools for you to utilize to ensure this is a stress-free experience. Whether you are a first-time home buyer or a seasoned buyer, you can trust me and my team with all of your home financing needs. Don't hesitate to reach out using the direct contact information located on this page. I appreciate your business and look forward to working with you!

## The Soul Project



120 West Center Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
(617) 842-5747 • www.thesoulproject.co

The Soul Project's mission is to create brave, inclusive spaces where women and girls of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can belong, build resilience, and grow into their most grounded and confident selves.

## Grants New England



650 Ten Rod Road, Unit 11, North Kingstown, RI 02852  
(401) 742-3915 • grantsnewengland.com

Grant writing isn't for everyone—that's where we come in. Grants New England (GNE), based in Rhode Island, provides expert grant research and writing services to nonprofits nationwide. We identify funding opportunities, craft strong proposals, and manage reporting so organizations can focus on their mission.

Our team offers more capacity than a typical freelancer, reducing the burden on busy staff while maximizing grant potential. With access to extensive funding databases, we match nonprofits with the right opportunities to grow their impact.

## 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 metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance.

### Major Sponsors:



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Hundreds of Dining Options • Great Conference Space  
Over 500 Hotel Rooms • Many Parks & Lakes



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.



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## BUSINESS EVENTS Planner

### May 5

#### Ribbon Cutting

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Tru by Hilton

245 Westgate Drive, Brockton

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

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events

### May 15

#### Ribbon Cutting

11:30AM - 1:00PM

Fusion Essence

South Shore Plaza, 250 Granite Street, Braintree

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

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### May 28

#### Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Luncheon

11:45AM - 1:30PM

Thorny Lea Golf Club

159 Torrey Street, Brockton

Guest speakers: MA Secretary of Economic Development Eric Paley; plus individuals from College Board and SBA Massachusetts.

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### June 5

#### Ribbon Cutting

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Divine Watch Training School

950 N. Main Street, Randolph

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

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