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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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28th Annual ATHENA Award - Celebrating the Advancement of Women

Tuesday, June 16 | 11:45AM - 1:30PM | Massasoit Community College | 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton

Join us Tuesday, June 16th from 11:45am - 1:30pm for the 28th Annual ATHENA Leadership Award Luncheon at Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd in Brockton.

The Metro South Chamber and Eastern Bank will present the 28th Annual ATHENA Leadership Award during a special luncheon to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

Register and learn more online at metrosouthchamber.com/events or contact Hannah McGuire. Email events@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x231. *Learn more on page 2!*



Award Recipient: Christiana Odunze, MA Department of Developmental Services



Guest Speaker: Shaleen Title, Lawyer and Educator, Emerging Industries (AI)



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Boston Tall Ships Networking Night with UMB and NESB!

Tuesday, July 14 | 6PM - 9PM | 100 Morrisey Blvd, Boston, MA



You're invited aboard the M/V Columbia Point with the Metro South Chamber, University of Massachusetts Boston, and North Easton Savings Bank for an evening of networking while touring the iconic Tall Ships in Boston Harbor! Enjoy refreshments, great networking, and the chance to experience this historic maritime tradition from the water as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States.

Thanks to partnership with UMass Boston and North Easton Savings Bank, tickets are just \$100. Space is limited, visit page 5 for more info.

Leo Meehan, W.B. Mason to Speak at Chamber's 113th Annual Meeting

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



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Two Ribbon Cuttings to Attend in June: Expand Your Network, Meet New People, and Get Involved!

Grand OPENING
You're invited to a ribbon cutting celebration at Divine Watch Training School
FRIDAY, JUNE 5 - 11:30AM-1:30PM
950 NORTH MAINT STREET, SUITE 206, RANDOLPH, MA 02368
FREE EVENT!
RSVP

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

Next, join us Thursday, June 18, 3:30-5:30pm at Soirée District at 1274 Main Street in Brockton.

SOIRÉE DISTRICT Grand OPENING
You're invited to a ribbon cutting celebration at Soirée District!
THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 3:30PM-5:30PM
1274 MAIN STREET, BROCKTON, MA 02301
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Christiana Oduze Named ATHENA Leadership Award Recipient by Metro South Chamber of Commerce

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scan the QR code to register and learn more

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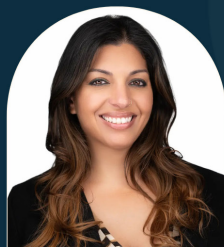
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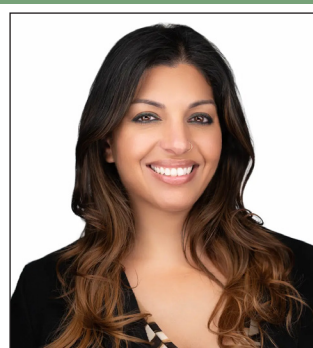
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Shaleen Title
Lawyer and Educator,
Regulation of Emerging
Industries (Cannabis, AI)



Christiana Oduze
Massachusetts Department
of Developmental Services,
BAMSI



Guest Speaker: Shaleen Title, Lawyer and Educator, Emerging Industries (Cannabis, AI)

Center, publishing research on racial justice, interstate commerce, and market competition. Her paper Bigger is Not Better: Preventing Monopolies in the National Cannabis Market was SSRN's second-most downloaded antitrust article in 2022. A longtime legalization advocate, she has been recognized by NORML, High Times, Boston Business Journal's 40 Under 40, Forbes Cannabis, and Boston Magazine's Power List. In 2025, the Cannabis Regulators of Color Coalition established the annual Shaleen Title Ignite Award in her honor.



ATHENA Award Recipient: Christiana Oduze, MA Department of Developmental Services

Guest Speaker: Shaleen Title is a lawyer, activist, and adjunct professor specializing in regulations for emerging industries, including cannabis and artificial intelligence. She is Director of Parabola Center for Law and Policy, Of Counsel at Rudick Law Group, and teaches AI regulation and cannabis law at Roger Williams University School of Law and Thomas Jefferson University. A former commissioner of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, she was one of the state's leading cannabis regulators. Previously, she served as Distinguished Cannabis Policy Practitioner in Residence at The Ohio State University's Drug Enforcement and Policy

Award Recipient: Christiana Oduze is a respected healthcare leader, nurse practitioner, and community advocate based in Stoughton. As Vice President of Healthcare Services at BAMSI, she has spent more than 15 years helping improve healthcare access and support systems for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities throughout the Metro South region.

A Board-Certified Adult Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, Christiana earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Curry College and her Master of Science in Nursing from Post University. Throughout her career, she has been instrumental in developing innovative healthcare initiatives, including helping create BAMSI's Healthcare

Services Department and its in-house pharmacy, while also leading efforts to transition individuals from long-term care facilities into community living.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Christiana is deeply involved in the Stoughton community. She serves as Secretary of the Stoughton Disability Commission and is active with the Stoughton Economic Opportunity Commission and Stoughton Diversity and Inclusion Organization. She is also known as a mentor and advocate for women in healthcare, supporting the next generation of nurses and healthcare professionals through mentorship, scholarship initiatives, and leadership development programs.

Recognized for her compassionate leadership and commitment to equity, Christiana has become a trusted voice in both healthcare and community service across the Metro South region.

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

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The ATHENA Leadership Award® was inspired by the goddess of Greek mythology known for her strength, courage, wisdom and enlightenment — qualities embodied in the ATHENA Leadership Model. The Award is unique in both scope — local, national and international — and the ATHENA mission upon which it is based. The ATHENA Leadership Award is presented to a woman, or man, who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

Since the program's start in 1982, more than 7,000 exemplary leaders in over 500 communities have received the prestigious ATHENA Award in the United States, Bermuda, Canada, China, Greece, India, Russia, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom. By honoring exceptional leaders, the ATHENA Leadership Award Program seeks to inspire others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

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Prior ATHENA Recipients

2025	Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort	2013	Kathleen Smith, Brockton Public Schools
2024	Beverly Williams, Brockton Area Multi Svc	2012	Ruth Bramson, Girl Scouts of Eastern MA
2023	Barbara Arena, Granite State Eco Dev Corp	2011	Elaine Reiser, Brockton Area Multi-Services
2022	Phyllis Ellis, Brockton Area NAACP	2010	Anne DeMinico, St. Joseph Manor
2021	Sheila Sullivan-Jardim, MassHire GBWB	2009	Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
2020	Nancy B. Gustafson, Brockton Public Schools	2008	Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services
2019	Sharon Wolder, Brockton Public Schools	2007	Susan Szachowicz, Brockton High Principal
2018	June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools	2006	Loretta Degrazio, East Coast Petroleum
2017	Diane Bell, Bridgewater State University	2005	Marianne Wroble Cox, WXBR 1460AM Radio
2016	Cheryl Opper, School on Wheels	2004	Shailah Stewart, Brockton Public Schools
2015	Mary Waldron, Bridgewater State University	2003	Linda Faria Braun, The Adult Learning Center
2014	Janet Trask, Brockton VA Hospital	2002	Christine Karavites, Proteas Consulting
		2001	Barbara Duffy, My Turn, Inc.

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

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

16  **ATHENA Leadership Award Luncheon** 11:45AM
 Massasoit Community College: 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton

18  **Ribbon Cutting: Soirée District** 3:30PM
 1274 Main Street, Brockton

July

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

14 **Tall Ships Social - Networking Event** 6:00PM
 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston

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 or call (508) 586-0500 x229 to get involved.



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UP-TO-DATE News

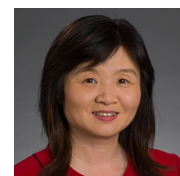
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MSBDC Online Training Calendar - visit msbdc.org/training to register

- 6/2: Government Contracting
- 6/2: Small Business Start-Up Panel
- 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
- 6/10: AI for Small Business: Getting Found Online - Google and AI Search
- 6/17: Small Business Open House (Springfield)
- 6/24: Small Business Open House (Pittsfield)
- 6/24: Are You Bankable?
- 8/13: Small Business Open House (Newton)
- 9/17: Small Business Open House (Fall River)

Eastern Bank Announces Leadership Appointment in Community Development Lending



Eastern Bank

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Eastern Bank has promoted Senior Vice President

Yongmei Chen to Commercial Group Director of Community Development

Lending, succeeding Pamela Feingold following her passing in March 2026. Chen brings more than 30 years of banking experience and has been with Eastern since 2007. She helped grow the bank's community development lending portfolio from under \$600 million to more than \$2 billion, specializing in nonprofit financing, affordable housing, and economic revitalization projects. Eastern leaders praised her experience, leadership, and commitment to community development.

Westgate Mall Announces Opening of Alex Good Taste Restaurant



Alex Good Taste Restaurant brings authentic Haitian and Caribbean cuisine to

Westgate Mall. This family-owned eatery serves flavorful buffet-style favorites including rice and beans, griot, legume, fritay, and more. Guests can enjoy a fusion of Caribbean flavors crafted to deliver a unique dining experience. Owner and CEO Alexandra Armond says each dish

is thoughtfully prepared to elevate every meal. Westgate Mall Marketing Director Rebekah McGloin welcomed the restaurant as a great addition to the center's dining options. Dine in or take out.

Children's Museum in Easton to Hold 30th Annual Father's Day Road Race, June 21st



Starting at 9am, participants can take a run or walk through the looping 5k course in the historic North Easton Village. The course is mostly flat with a couple of rolling hills. Registration begins at 7:30am on the day of the race. Cash prizes to the first 3 overall male AND female finishers. Commemorative gift to top 3 finishers in each age category. Chip timing. Sign up at cmeaston.org/race.

House of Possibilities Celebrates Opening of New Brockton Workforce Hub

House of Possibilities, JVS Boston, and Old Colony YMCA recently celebrated the grand opening of their new Brockton Career & Community Initiative (BCCI) location at 142 Crescent Street. Supported by a \$1.5 million grant from the Liberty Mutual Foundation, the collaborative center will provide career development, employment training, college

navigation, workplace English programs, and community support services for individuals with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, and other job seekers throughout Greater Brockton.

Play Ball! Brockton Rox Summer Schedule is Here

Summer is here, and that means Brockton Rox baseball is back! Grab your family, friends, and coworkers and head to Campanelli Stadium for an evening of hometown fun, exciting baseball, and great community spirit. Check out the 2026 summer schedule below and mark your calendars for a season full of Rox action. Full game schedule below, get tickets at www.brocktonrox.com

ROX	7-9 vs NY BOULDERS	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 CAPITALLES	7-21-23 vs JULIET 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	7-31-8-2 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 CAPITALLES	
6-12-14 vs QUÉBEC CAPITALLES	8-14-16 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS	
6-16-18 vs GATINEAU GRIZZLIES	8-18-20 vs TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS	
6-19-21 vs TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS	8-21-23 vs NEW YORK BOULDERS	
6-23-25 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS	8-25-27 vs NEW JERSEY JACKALS	
6-26-28 vs DOWN EAST BIRD DAWGS	8-28-30 vs NEW YORK BOULDERS	
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 CAPITALLES		

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2026 SCHEDULE

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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.

Tall Ships Coming to Boston Harbor This Summer! You're Invited to a Metro South Tall Ship Social

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PARKING INFO: Fox Point Garage – UMass Boston @ 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125

Sail Boston 2026 will take place from July 11–16, 2026, as a major highlight of the Sail250® global tour celebrating America's 250th birthday. Dozens of international tall ships and naval vessels will visit Boston Harbor, with the Grand Parade of Sail kicking off the event on July 11th.

Emerson Film Festival Celebrates Journey of Chamber Board Member Carol Chin of Chin Management and McDonald's Franchise Family



Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President and Minhtram T. Tran, Plymouth County District Attorney's Office with Carol, Vern, and Andrew Chin, McDonald's, Chin Management.

Emerson Film Festival recently featured McDonald's franchise owners Carol, Vern, and Andrew Chin as part of its Profiles of Boston: Portraits from the Heart of Chinatown series, which highlights stories of family, resilience, and success. Their story, told through the film Home Plate, explores the Chin family's immigrant journey, entrepreneurial growth, and Andrew Chin's transition from aspiring professional baseball player to joining the family business.

As noted in a recent reflection on the film, it is a "wonderfully uplifting Emerson film festival with Carol, Vern and Andrew Chin—McDonald's owners of seven restaurants and their journey, pivot points along the way and perseverance fulfilling a dream come true." The feature highlights their perseverance in building a multi-restaurant business and the impact of their work across the region.

Chamber Board Hosts Leadership Retreat at Stonehill College To Set Strategic Priorities



The Chamber Board recently convened for its annual retreat at Stonehill College, bringing together leadership for a facilitated discussion led by Bryan Baldwin focused on the future of the Metro South region. Conversations explored member perspectives on business and residential attractiveness through 2030, key regional strengths and challenges, and opportunities for the Chamber to better support organizational needs and regional growth. Board members also discussed major external forces shaping the future, including technology, economic pressures, and demographic change, as part of a broader effort to understand and respond to long-term regional trends.

(L-R) Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber President; Fred Clark, Bridgewater State University; Jay Pike, CPA, Citrin Cooperman; Hannah McGuire, MSCC; Doug Smith, Stonehill College; Maria Celli, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; Scott Sanborn, Hometown Financial Group; Dan Evans, Evans Machine Co. Inc.; Bill Mitchell, Massasoit Community College; Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort; Rich Hynes, Barbour Corporation; Emma Penardi, MSCC; and George Spillios, Crown Uniform & Linen Service.

Former Ambassador to Denmark Visits Chamber for Listening Session on "Common Sense for the Commonwealth" Initiative

Former U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Alan Leventhal recently visited the Chamber as part of a statewide listening tour tied to his new initiative, Common Sense for the Commonwealth, focused on strengthening Massachusetts' long-term economic competitiveness and ability to attract and retain residents and businesses. The Chamber convened a group of key regional leaders for the discussion, including a presentation from City of Brockton Director of Economic Development and Energy Management Eliza Wilson, who highlighted Brockton's strengths as a business location and recent international interest in the city from investors abroad. The conversation offered a candid, forward-looking exchange on regional growth, workforce needs, and opportunities to keep Metro South competitive.



(Left) City of Brockton Director of Economic Development and Energy Management, Dr. Eliza Wilson. (Right) Ambassador Leventhal presented with handmade custom cutting board made by regional workforce trainers, Adult & Teen Challenge.

Ribbon Cutting Celebrates Grand Opening of New Brockton Hotel, Tru by Hilton at Westgate Mall!



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce joined community leaders, hospitality representatives, and project partners to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the new Tru by Hilton at Westgate Mall in Brockton.

The event marked an important milestone for the ongoing revitalization and growth of the Westgate corridor. Developed by KARM Hospitality, the new hotel represented an \$11 million investment in Brockton and brought a modern, 78-room lodging option to the city for both business and leisure travelers visiting the South Shore region.

Located on Westgate Drive near Route 24, the hotel strengthens Brockton's

position as a regional hub for commerce, hospitality, and tourism. Guests visiting the area now have even more convenient access to destinations including D.W. Field Park, Brockton Rox games at Campanelli Stadium, as well as shopping and dining throughout the Westgate area.

Mahavir Patel from KARM Hospitality shared that Brockton was selected for the project because of the city's momentum, accessibility, and continued economic development across the Metro South region.

Local officials including State Representative Rita Mendes, Mayor of Brockton Moises Rodrigues, and City Councilor Shirley Asack, gathered alongside Chamber members and business leaders to officially welcome the hotel to the community and celebrate the continued investment and new energy being brought to Westgate Mall and the surrounding area.

The ribbon cutting served as both a celebration of a new business opening and a reflection of the ongoing growth taking place throughout Brockton's commercial corridors. #WhereBetterBegins



PC: Rich Morgan Photography

Fusion Essence Celebrates New Chapter for Award-Winning Brockton Entrepreneur Widline Pyrame



The Metro South Chamber recently joined entrepreneur and author Widline Pyrame for a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of Fusion Essence, her new lifestyle store at South Shore Plaza. Chamber Ambassadors were joined by State Senator Bill Driscoll, Denver Gibbs of the Braintree Chamber of Commerce, and Katherine Rowling, Town of Braintree Economic Development Director to celebrate this exciting milestone.

Many in the Metro South business community know Widline as the founder of Fusion Dolls, a company created from a deeply personal mission. Born in Haiti, Widline has often shared how meaningful it was to receive her first Black doll as a child after years of not seeing herself represented in the toys around her. That experience inspired her to create dolls that help children see themselves reflected, build confidence, and embrace self-love.

What started as a small kiosk inside Brockton's Westgate Mall eventually grew into a successful business and earned Widline recognition as the Metro South Chamber's 2021 Entrepreneur of the Year. Today, she is expanding that vision through Fusion Essence, a store offering dolls and doll accessories alongside clothing, home décor, fragrances, gifts, and custom products sourced from Ghana and Haiti.

The ribbon cutting celebrated not only the opening of a new store, but also the continued growth of an entrepreneur whose work has always been centered on representation, culture, and community. As Fusion Essence begins this new chapter, it carries forward the same mission that inspired Fusion Dolls from the very beginning: helping people feel seen, valued, and proud of who they are. Congratulations Widline! Visit her on the first floor, near Target and across from Sephora at the South Shore Plaza in Braintree.



Economic Development Luncheon Highlights New Venue and New Faces at The Arc of Greater Brockton



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Karen Dayton, Charlesbridge; and Armindo Rocha, Old Colony Elder Services (OCES)



Katelynn Brunt, Maddy Canning, and Dustin Branson, Brockton Rox Baseball



State Senator Bill Driscoll; Alexandra Husted, MOBD; Stephen DiPrete, South Shore Bank; Dr. Eliza Wilson, City of Brockton; Connor Carey, Brockton Rox; Liz Dennehy, Town of Easton; Fred Clark, Bridgewater State University; and Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber

Our latest Good Day Metro South session brought together business, civic, and community leaders for an Economic Development Luncheon hosted at The Arc of Greater Brockton. The event showcased the organization's newly organized venue space while welcoming both familiar and new faces from across the region, reflecting continued momentum within the Metro South business community.

The program featured a robust panel discussion moderated by Bridgewater State University President Fred Clark, with panelists including South Shore Bank Chief Commercial Banking Officer Steve DiPrete, Massachusetts Office of Business Development Regional Director Alexandra Husted, and City of Brockton Director of Economic Development Dr. Eliza Wilson.

We were also joined by State Senator Bill Driscoll, whose district includes much of Metro South (Randolph, Stoughton, Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, and Easton). The Arc of Greater Brockton Executive Director Dean Rizzo welcomed attendees and spoke to the organization's growing role as a community gathering space and workforce partner.

A "New Faces" segment also highlighted emerging regional leaders, including Brockton Rox General Manager Connor Carey, and Easton's new Town Administrator Elizabeth Dennehy, underscoring the depth of leadership shaping the region's future.

Attendees received a free sample of the ballpark exclusive "Rox Wicked Good Blonde Ale" custom beer by Black Hat Brew Works, made for the 2026 Brockton Rox season. Together, the program emphasized collaboration, economic opportunity, and the importance of strong partnerships as Metro South continues to grow and evolve. Cheers to Metro South!

Photos courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography. Visit our website metrosouthchamber.com to view more photos and a video from the event. Scan the QR code above to access.



Dean Rizzo, Arc of Greater Brockton



Liz Dennehy, Easton Town Administrator



State Senator Bill Driscoll



Stephen DiPrete, South Shore Bank



Alexandra Husted, MOBD



Dr. Eliza Wilson, City of Brockton



Arc of Greater Brockton's new rental space, complete with stage, AV, and catering capabilities.



Benny Wong and Li-Mei Yang, South Shore Bank; Fred Clark and Vinny DeMacedo, Bridgewater State University



Ballpark exclusive partnership between Black Hat Brew Works and the Brockton Rox: Wicked Good Blonde Ale

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 for a complete, up-to-date list.

MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, Brockton Career Coach, 24105836	Mechanic, 24178238
Brockton Housing Authority, Brockton Accounts Receivable Bookkeeping Clerk, 24188411	Everett's Auto Parts, Brockton, MA Automotive Parts Cashier, 24175724 Heavy Equipment Operator, 24175725
US Postal Service USPS, Brockton, MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR, 24119734 TRACTOR TRAILER OPERATOR, 24136992 CARRIER(CITY) w/Benefits	Vineyard Farm, West Bridgewater General Farm Worker, 24175715 Farm Stand Worker, part time, 24175714
Lifeworks, Westwood Home Health Aide (HHA), Brockton & Quincy, part time 24208055	JaMa Cleaning, Sharon, MA Evening Cleaner, 24001866
Stoughton Coop Bank, Stoughton Loan Officer, 24183130 Teller, Full and part time openings, 24178532	JDM Services, Co., Whitman, MA Handyman, Construction, 24175579
Hilb Group, Stoughton Dental Assistant, 24208229	Ruby Wines, Avon, MA Accounts Receivable, 24151885 Receiving Supervisor, 24137179 Accounting Professional, 24078831
BC Tent & Awning, Avon Warehouse Manager, 2428165	Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro South, Brockton Camp Counselor, 241422
Performance Foodservice, Taunton CDL Class A Delivery Driver, West Bridgewater, 24208307	Sign Design, Brockton, MA Graphic Technician, 24142281 Sign Fabricator, 24142290 Sign Installer, 24142292 Sign Installer/ Crane Operator, 24142295
Lucini Bus Lines, Bridgewater Bus Driver, 24208242	
Waste Management, Avon Senior Industrial Maintenance	

Want to list your job here? Visit 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.

Applications Open: Leadership Metro South 2026-2027



SOUTH SHORE BANK In partnership with METRO SOUTH



LEARN MORE

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/ to learn more and apply online.

5 Benefits of Joining Your Local Chamber

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 to get involved!



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



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



Hannah McGuire, Director of Programs & Events ext. 231



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

Community Connections: Upcoming Events Across Metro South! Visit metrosouthchamber.com/events

104th ANNUAL MEETING

UNITED IS THE WAY.



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 – 12PM
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

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MBTA

Metro South Chamber of Commerce
One SouthCoast Chamber
Taunton Area Chamber of Commerce

United Way of Greater Plymouth County - 104 Years Strong. One Afternoon to Celebrate What's Next. Thursday, June 4, 2026 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM @ Bridgewater State University. Join us as we mark 104 years of community investment. Gather with our community partners, local businesses, and stakeholders for a luncheon, awards ceremony, campaign highlights, and a preview of our strategic direction for the year ahead. Your presence directly supports more than 59,000 individuals accessing critical services through 26 nonprofit partners and 43 programs and services across 22 communities throughout Greater Plymouth County. Browse and bid on Silent Auction items in advance before the event. Individual tickets: \$75 | Tables of eight available | Sponsorships from \$1,000

Bridgewater State University - South Coast Rail: A Year in Review. Tuesday, June 2, 2026 from 8:30AM to 12PM @ Bridgewater State University, Dana Mohler-Faria Science Building. Featuring MBTA / MassDOT Secretary Phil Eng. Program highlights state transportation leadership & regional vision, Gateway City leadership & local impact, business & economic growth along the rail corridor with regional business leaders.

Destiny African Market - DAM FAM DAY. Sunday, June 15, 2026 from 1PM-5PM @ 502 South Main Street in Randolph. Celebrate culture, community, and flavor at the 4th Annual DAM FAM DAY: Suya & Small Chops! This year's DAM FAM DAY is all about simple joy, authentic African street food, and bringing people together through culture. Guests can enjoy our grilled Suya station and create their own custom puff puff dessert creations with toppings like white chocolate, caramel, chocolate drizzle, sprinkles, chin chin dust, and more at our interactive Puff Puff Pop-Up station.

Blood Drive



AMERICAN CRAFT FAIR

June 13-14, 2026
10 AM - 4 PM Both Days

Fuller Craft Museum WORCESTER CENTER for CRAFTS

Join us for the Grand Opening of CHAMPION HALL

at The Arc of Greater Brockton

Help us celebrate AGB's growth through the addition of new programming, renovations, and expanded services.

Thursday, June 25
4:30-6:00 PM
1250 W. Chestnut St., Brockton



Make a Lifesaving Difference: Donate Blood at Westgate Mall
Westgate Mall in Brockton is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a community blood drive on Friday June 26, Thursday July 2, and Monday August 31 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments are encouraged—visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code 'Brockton'. For additional details, visit ShopatWestgateMall.com.

Fuller After Dark: Crafted in Culture transforms the Fuller Craft Museum into a late-night experience where art, music, and community collide. Move through the galleries after hours, surrounded by immersive activations, curated food offerings, and signature cocktails, all set to the sound of a live DJ. From intimate creative moments to high-energy connections, Fuller After Dark invites you to explore the museum in a way you've never experienced before. This is a Greater Brockton Young Professionals event. Saturday, June 27 from 7-11PM at Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton - 455 Oak Street.

3rd Annual American Craft Fair @ Fuller Craft Museum. June 13 + 14, 10AM-4PM both days @ 455 Oak Street in Brockton. This two-day celebration of creativity will feature handcrafted work by talented artists from across the region, plus studio classes, live demonstrations, food trucks, and music. It's a vibrant weekend designed to connect makers and the community through the power of craft.

Join The Arc of Greater Brockton on **June 25 for the Grand Opening of Champion Hall**, celebrating a year of growth and expanded services. The event will feature guest speakers, entertainment, and refreshments from The Arc's new Culinary Arts Program from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at 1250 W. Chestnut Street in Brockton.

4TH ANNUAL DAM FAM DAY

SUYA & SMALL CHOPS



Celebrate DAM FAM DAY with free food and music!

June 14, 2026 1:00-5:00 PM
502 South Main St, Randolph, MA

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 Stonebridge Homes Inc.
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 157 Page Street
 New Bedford, MA 02740
 (508) 973-5909
 www.southcoast.org
Health Care

eWaste

Danielson Pires
 50 Aldrin Road
 Plymouth, MA 02360
 (857) 895-7303
 ewastesolutionsusa.com
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 San Francisco, CA 94107
 (413) 324-0203
 www.lyft.com
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 1500 Iyannough Rd.
 Hyannis, MA 02601
 (774) 487-5870
 www.capecodfive.com
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 20 Marshhawk Way
 Mansfield, MA 02050
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 1200 West Chestnut Street
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Health Care Products

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

(508) 586-0500 x 229

membership@metrosouthchamber.com

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



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

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

June 3: *Creating and Managing Effective Committees for Nonprofits*

June 10: *Networking That Works: Building a Referral-Driven Business*

June 11: *Creating a Quick Business Plan*

June 12: *Setting Up a New Business Entity*

June 17: *Marketing Part 1: Developing Your Marketing Plan*

June 18: *Marketing Part 2: Promoting Your Business*

June 24: *Price it Right!*

June 24: *Launching & Managing a Health or Wellness Business*

June 25: *Developing Financial Projections for Your New Small Business*

Sept 30: *Money 101 - Foundation - At Your Own Pace*

SEED Corp. Offers Micro and Small Loan Programs

SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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 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**

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 to learn more and sign up.*

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 to learn more.

Chamber Affiliation News & Events

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

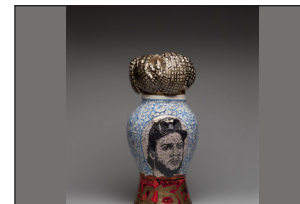
Current & Future Exhibitions at Fuller Craft Museum



Forest of Here: Jeila Gueramian. On view through March 2027.



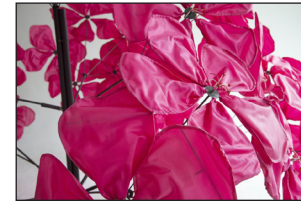
MORE CLAY!: The Power of Repetition. On view through Feb 2027. Pictured Above: David Hicks, Still Life "Nucleus"



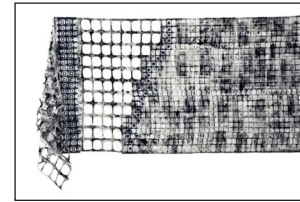
The Vessel. Coming May 23, on view through May 2027.



Stories on the Planet: Asagi Maeda. Coming June 27, on view through Nov 8.



Geranium and Lotus Flowers. On view through November 1.



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 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



Behavioral Health Network

SouthCoast Community Foundation

Toy Box

Extravagant Booth LLC



417 Liberty Street, Springfield, MA 01104
(413) 297-9608 • www.bhninc.org

Behavioral Health Network, Inc. (BHN) is a nonprofit regional provider of comprehensive behavioral health services for adults, children, and families. Originating from the Child Guidance Clinic established in 1938, BHN has expanded its network over the decades to serve communities across Massachusetts.



350 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
(508) 333-9621 • southcoastcf.org

The SouthCoast Community Foundation is a public charity serving thousands of people throughout Southeastern Massachusetts who share a common goal of improving the quality of life through philanthropy. In its 30 years of operation, the SouthCoast Community Foundation has distributed more than \$62 million to charitable organizations throughout the south coast.



200 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02301
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Starting a Business?

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

The Metro South Business Assistance Center Can Help!

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

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

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

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

(508) 586-0500 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.



Metro South Regional Economic Development Organization
For more info, contact the Metro South Chamber of Commerce,
508.586.0500 • www.metroouthchamber.com



BUSINESS EVENTS Planner

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.

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events

June 16

ATHENA Award Luncheon

11:45AM - 1:30PM

Massasoit Community College
One Massasoit Blvd, Brockton

Guest Speaker: Shaleen Title, Lawyer, Educator,
Regulation of Emerging Industries (Cannabis, AI)

Award Recipient: Christiana Odunze, MA Dept. of
Developmental Services, BAMSJ

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events

June 18

Ribbon Cutting

3:30PM - 5:30PM

Soirée District
1274 Main Street, Brockton

Come meet the team, tour the facility, and enjoy light refreshments during this afternoon networking opportunity.

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events

July 14

Tall Ships Social

6:00PM - 9:00PM

Fox Point Garage
100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston

The Tall Ships are coming to Boston! Enjoy this evening of networking on UMass Boston's "MV Columbia Point", sponsored by North Easton Savings Bank.

Register: metroouthchamber.com/events