



ST. LOUIS REGIONAL OCTOBER '16 CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS & RESOURCES

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This document is a listing of networking events scheduled throughout the greater St. Louis region, including Missouri (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, and Jefferson County) and Illinois (St. Clair County, Madison County, and Monroe County).

Join our LinkedIn Group at www.linkedin.com/groups/SLATE-Missouri-Career-Center
and connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/slatemcc or Twitter at
@Slate_MCC for updates on networking activities throughout the greater St. Louis area.

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The following is a list of networking events in October 2016 that may be utilized by businesses, career center staff and partners, community organizations, and job seekers interested in participating in an On-the-Job Training (OJT) program in the greater St. Louis region. Many of the events are free to attend (plus the cost of your meal and beverages) unless indicated otherwise. The information provided in this calendar is as accurate as possible as of the date of this calendar. It is possible that changes in the scheduled events may occur prior to the date of the scheduled event. Therefore, it is advisable to verify the date, time, and location of the event prior to attending.

JOB FAIRS, RECRUITMENT EVENTS, AND OPEN HOUSES

October 1, 2016

Clean-Tech Job Fair (general cleaning positions in St. Louis, Fenton, and Creve Coeur positions)

Location TBD based on application

9am – 1pm

In order to attend please apply online at <http://cleantechcompany.com/> in advance to be scheduled for an interview.

October 3 – October 7, 2016

Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 268 Joint Apprentice Training Program Application Event

The Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 268 is now accepting applications for the Apprenticeship program

1544 S. 3rd Street, St. Louis, MO 63104

9am – 1pm (Monday – Friday)

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and MUST bring the following with them:

- Photo ID
- Original Birth Certificate
- HS diploma or GED Certificate

Applicants will also be required to complete an aptitude test at Ranken Tech (\$40 cost)

Applicants MUST also mail an official copy of school transcripts to 1544 S. 3rd St., St. Louis MO 63104

For more information call 314/241-8023

October 4, 2016

Whelan Security Recruitment Event (armed/unarmed security officers)

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – Noon

For more information call 314/589-8000

Keefe Group Recruitment Event (warehouse workers)

St. Charles County Missouri Job Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

9 – Noon

For more information call 636/255-6060

Wireless Vision (T-Mobile) Open House Job Fair (FT/PT retails sales associates, sales associates all locations)

367A South County Center Way, St. Louis, MO 63129

11am – 5pm

For more information go to <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/210801989>

October 4 and 18, 2016

StaffQuick Personnel Recruitment Event

Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)

10am - Noon

For more information call 618/296-4306

October 5, 2016

OJT Program Fall Harvest Recruitment Event

Career opportunities in the Auto Body, IT, Maintenance, Accounting or Customer Service Industries

St. Louis Community College – Corporate College (3221 McKelvey Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044)

10am – 2pm

For more information call 314/679-3349

Whelan Security Fall Recruitment Event (security officers)

No appointment necessary. Interviews on-the-spot for qualified candidates.

1699 S. Hanley Road, Suite 125, St. Louis, MO 63144

9am – 5pm

Apply online at www.greatsecurityofficers.com

October 5, 2016**Parallon Job Fair** (multiple positions in the field healthcare operational support services)111 Corporate Office Drive, 2nd Floor, Earth City, MO 63045

3pm – 5pm

For more information go to www.parallon.com/careers/**Kaldi's Coffee Job Fair** (bakers and front of house candidates)

17211 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005

2pm – 4pm

For more information call 636/536-6624

October 5 and 11, 2016**Explore St. Louis Apprenticeship Program Information Session**

St. Louis Entertainment & Event industry now has an apprenticeship program at America's Center. Attend one of the upcoming information sessions to learn more.

10/5 Al Chappelle Community Center (1401 LaSalle Lane, St. Louis Mo 63104) 1pm – 2pm

10/11 SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103) 1pm – 2pm

For more information contact Gino Austin atgaustin@stlworks.com or 314/657-3524October 5 and 19, 2016**HDIS Recruitment Event**

Missouri Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

1pm – 4pm

For more information call 314/381-6700

October 5, 2016 (weekly)**Whelan Security Walk-in Wednesdays Recruitment Event** (security officers)

No appointment necessary. Interviews on-the-spot for qualified candidates.

1699 S. Hanley Road, Suite 125, St. Louis, MO 63144

7:30am – 5pm (every Wednesday)

Apply online at www.greatsecurityofficers.com

For more information call 314/644-1974

Beverly Farm Job Fairs (multiple staff positions within organization service developmental disability community)

6301 Humbert Road, Godfrey, IL 62035

9am – Noon

For more information go to <http://www.beverlyfarm.org/page/employment-new/>**HireLevel (formerly Extra Help) Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

5214 Chain of Rocks Rd., Edwardsville, IL 62025

9am – 3pm

Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.hirelevel.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.October 6, 2016**St. Louis Job Fair**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel St. Louis – Westport (1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146)

11am – 2pm

For more information go to <https://choicecareerfaairs.com/e/st-louis-career-fair-october-6-2016>**Regions MO & IL Branch Banking Career Fair**

Regions Bank, Second Floor (8182 Maryland Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105)

7:30am – 11:30am

For more information call 314/615-3507

KV Recruit Recruitment Event (multiple production positions)

St. Charles County Missouri Job Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

1pm – 3pm

For more information call 636/255-6060

RGIS Recruitment Event (inventory associates)

Missouri Job Center - Saint Louis County (4040 Seven Hills Drive Florissant, MO 63033)

9am – Noon

Required prior to attending:

- Must have a current registration with the job center
- Must apply online at <https://careers.rgis.com/> PRIOR to the event

For more information call 314/863-7400

October 6, 2016 (weekly)

Beverly Farm Job Fairs (multiple staff positions within organization service developmental disability community)

6301 Humbert Road, Godfrey, IL 62035

9am – Noon and 3pm – 6pm

For more information go to <http://www.beverlyfarm.org/page/employment-new/>

October 7, 2016

Phillips 66 Hiring Process Information Sessions – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – NO WALK-INS

Missouri Job Center – St. Louis County (4040 Seven Hills Drive, Florissant, MO 63033)

9:30am - 2:30pm (30 minute sessions)

Required prior to attending a session:

- Must have a current registration with the job center PRIOR to 10/5/16
- Must CREATE A PROFILE online at <http://phillips66.jobs> PRIOR TO 10/7/16
- Must call 314/475-7900 to schedule an appointment

For more information call 314/863-7400

Manufacturing Day Makers Showcase and Job Fair in St. Charles

See first hand what is made in St. Charles County and learn about modern manufacturing and career opportunities.

St. Charles Community College (4601 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., College Center, Cottleville, MO 63376)

3pm – 6pm

For more information go to <http://growmanufacturing.org/mfg-day>

October 7 and 21, 2016

LGC Hospitality Staffing Job Fair

Missouri Job Center - Saint Louis County (4040 Seven Hills Drive Florissant, MO 63033)

10am – 1pm

For more information call 314/863-7400

October 7, 2016 (weekly)

Health Professional Opportunity Grant (HPOG) Career Opportunity Orientation

Interested in a career in healthcare? Training opportunities are available in the following areas for individuals selected to participate

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| • Nursing Assistant | • EMT/Paramedic |
| • Patient Care Tech | • Medical Assistant |
| • LPN | • Phlebotomy |
| • Pharmacy Tech | |

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – Noon

Prior to the event interested participants MUST register with SLATE Missouri Job Center.

For more information call 314/657-3504 or 314/657-3505 or 314/657-3562

October 11, 2016

HireLevel (formerly Extra Help) Recruitment Event (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)

9:30am – 11:30am

Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.hirelevel.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.

October 11 and 24, 2016

Labor Ready Recruitment Event

Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)

Noon – 4pm

Prior to the event apply online at www.laborready.com then contact Michele Martin at 618/277-8099 or mlmartin@laborready.com to reserve an appointment for an interview

October 13, 2016

Ranken Tech Fall Job Fair

The event is an opportunity for local business reps to meet with current students and past graduates about possible career opportunities

755 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO 63385

9am – 11am

For more information go to <http://ranken.edu/events/>

Job Fair

Knights of Columbus Hall (700 South Street, Truesdale, MO)

9am – Noon

For more information call 636/456-9467

Value City Furniture job Fair (retail associates)

Missouri Job Center – St. Louis County (4040 Seven Hills Drive Florissant, MO 63033)

9am – Noon

For more information call 314/863-7400

October 13, 2016**Radio Central Open House Job Fair** (sales reps and studio engineers)

1300 Hampton Ave., St. Louis, MO

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to RSVP call 314/454

October 13 and 27, 2016**Volt Workforce Solutions Recruitment Event**

Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)

10am – Noon

For more information call 618/296-4306

October 14, 2016**Union Pacific Career Information Session**

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – 11am

For more information or to register contact Bonnie Forker at bforker@stlworks.com**Mercy Hospital St. Louis Job Fair** (Medical Assistants to work in our physician practices)

Mercy Hospital Saint Louis, VonGontard Conference Center (621 S. New Ballas Rd., St. Louis, MO)

8am - 6pm

For more information or to apply online go to <https://www.mercy.net/mercy-careers>October 19, 2016**People's Community Action Corporation Open House: Customer Care Agent Apprenticeship Program**

4236 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

3pm – 4pm

Applicants must live in St. Louis City or Wellston and when attending MUST bring:

- Proof of Income for everyone in household
- Proof of Residency
- ID for Head of Household
- Social Security Cards for everyone in the household

For more information call Gwen Moore at 314/367-7847 x1462

LGC Hospitality Staffing Open House Job Fair (housekeepers, cooks, and servers)

7711 Bonhomme Road, Suite 710, Clayton, MO 63105

10am – 3pm

For more information contact Jennifer at 314/863-7400

October 20, 2016**Career Intro St. Louis Career Fair**

Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport (1973 Craigshire Road, Maryland Heights, MO)

10am – 1pm

For more information <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-louis-career-fair-tickets-27572034698?aff=zip>October 21, 2016**Alton Job Fair**Lewis and Clark Community College Scott Bibb Center (1004 E. 5th St., Alton, IL)

9am – 2pm

For more information contact Monica Allen at 618/345-5142 x1114 or MonicaAllen@mchail.orgOctober 25, 2016**HireLevel (formerly Extra Help) Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)

10am – Noon

Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.hirelevel.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.

October 27, 2016**St. Louis Community College Job Fair**

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley, Student Center (3400 Pershall Road, St. Louis, MO 63135)

10am – 1pm

For more information contact Michela at 314/513-4543 or mwalsh@stlcc.edu

JOB SEARCH/CAREER TRANSITION SUPPORT GROUPS

The Catholic Employment Network (CEN) Job Search Support Group Meetings

CEN provides job search support services at parish locations throughout the St. Louis area, including monthly job search support group meetings. To learn about their support and services, please visit www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org and click on Parish Chapters. All job seekers are invited to contact any CEN parish for job support information.

October 3, 2015 (weekly)

BBJ General Membership Meetings (West County area)

St. Mark Presbyterian Church (601 E. Claymont, Ballwin, MO 63011)

9am – 11am (meets weekly on Monday)

Cost to attend: \$40 initial annual membership fee; alumni (after one year) is \$20

For more information go to www.bbj.org or call 636/928-0828

October 4, 2016

Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)

Topic: EEOC Issues for Job Seekers

Salem United Methodist Church (1200 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)

9am – 11:30am

No cost to attend

For more information go to www.beyondnetworking-stl.org or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or jhild1208@yahoo.com

October 4, 2015 (weekly)

Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)

Salem United Methodist Church (1200 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)

9am – 11:30am (meets weekly on Tuesday)

No cost to attend

For more information go to www.beyondnetworking-stl.org or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or jhild1208@yahoo.com

October 6, 2015

Morning Star Church Job Connection Group (O'Fallon, MO area)

Morning Star Church (1600 Feise Rd., O'Fallon, MO 63368)

7pm - 8:30pm (meets on the 1st Thursday of every month)

For more information contact Kathy Frick at 636-561-5680 or kathy.frick@mscwired.org

October 6 and 20, 2015

New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings

New Hope Presbyterian Church (1580 Kisker Road, St. Charles, MO)

7pm – 9pm (1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month)

For more information contact kirk.burrus@att.net

October 12 and 26, 2015

The Wednesdays After, Beyond Networking –STL Job Search Support Group (West County area)

Provides assistance to those job seekers over 50 (and over 40) to get past obstacles and perceived obstacles for full (and fulfilling) employment, and an appropriate compensation level.

Salem United Methodist Church (1200 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO)

1:30pm – 4:30pm (meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays)

No cost to attend (attendance limited to 10-15 participants)

For more information go to www.beyondnetworking-stl.org or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or jhild1208@yahoo.com

JOB SEARCH ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

Compete Midwest Apprenticeship Programs

SLATE Missouri Job Center offers several apprenticeship programs in the greater St. Louis area including the following:

- LUME Early Childhood Educational & Career Pathway
- LaunchCode Hello, World! (intro to computer programming)
- LaunchCode CS50x St. Louis (16-20 week coding program)
- Ranken Advanced Manufacturing
- Ranken Automotive Technician
- Urban Labs Diagnostic Healthcare Solutions (phlebotomists, lab techs)
- HOSCO Agri-Culinary (through collaboration with St. Louis U.)
- Blue 1647 (software & hardware development, cyber security)
- Explore St. Louis Entertainment & Events (Decorators & Displaymen USW Local 39, IATSE Local 6 Stagehands, and IATSE Local 143 Projectionists)

For more information contact Gino Austin, Apprenticeship Coordinator at 314/657-3524 or gaustin@stlworks.com

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market Street, 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103)

SLATE Missouri Job Center offers no-cost employment and job training services for job seekers with barriers to employment and support for businesses looking to hire diverse workforce.

For more information go to www.stlworks.com or call 314/589-8000

Missouri Job Center of St. Louis County

Missouri Job Center - St. Louis County offers no-cost employment and job training services for job seekers with barriers to employment and support for businesses looking to hire diverse workforce at two locations:

- North Oaks (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
- Seven Hills (4040 Seven Hills Drive, Suite 166, Florissant, MO 63033)

For more information go to <http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/HumanServices/WorkforceDevelopment/CareerSeekerServices>

Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

St. Charles County Missouri Job Center offers no-cost employment and job training services for job seekers with barriers to employment and support for businesses looking to hire diverse workforce.

For more information go to <http://work.sccmo.org/workforce>

STL WorkForce Centers

STL Workforce Centers offer pre-employment job training, high school equivalency certification classes, and skill based training at satellite job centers listed below. The target audience is individuals between the ages of 16 and 29. For more information go to www.stlworkforce.us

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| • The MET Center (6347 Plymouth Ave., St. Louis, MO 6133) | Phone: (314) 746-0713 |
| • Cherokee & Ohio (2715 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118) | Phone: (314) 776-4220 |
| • Paddock Forest (6877 Parker Road, St. Louis, MO 63033) | Phone: (314) 438-0634 |
| • Ferguson (10990 New Halls Ferry Rd., Ferguson, MO 63136) | Phone: (314) 274-8263 |

Building Union Diversity (BUD) Program

SLATE Missouri Job Center, in partnership with the St. Louis Construction Trades Council, provides this program to increase diversity within the construction trades. BUD provides pre-apprenticeship skills training for minorities, women and the long-term unemployed residents of the St. Louis region interested in pursuing one of many available careers in construction. BUD consists of an intensive eight-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists. Participants will learn skills required for entering an apprenticeship with a participating construction trade. Eligible participants may be provided with work-related equipment, transportation to training sites, and a training stipend (upon completion of the program). To be eligible participants must be 18 years of age or older and able to pass a drug test. To enroll, interested individuals must come to SLATE or American Job Center- St. Louis County to complete an application and assessment. For more information call 314/657-3513

MSD Building Union Diversity (BUD) Program

SLATE Missouri Job Center, in partnership with MSD, offers a 5-week pre-apprenticeship training program for individuals interested in pursuing Careers in sewer occupations. Taught by nationally certified and industry approved apprenticeship training specialists in state-or-the-art training centers, the program will cover trades specific to sewer work (heavy-equipment operation, carpenters, LIUNA Construction Craft Laborers, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562). To be eligible to participate the candidate must reside within the MSD Service Area, register with SLATE, complete an application and assessment. For more information call 314/657-3513

Urban Strategies Inc.

Urban Strategies, Inc. is a national nonprofit with extensive experience in implementing place-based human capital development strategies in public housing communities that are undergoing comprehensive physical revitalization. Urban Strategies works to help communities build safe neighborhoods, enhanced schools, and a range of comprehensive human service supports. Our work is focused in urban core residential communities and is designed to build social and economic mobility for low-income families living in mixed-income communities. For more information on programs and workshops go to <http://urbanstrategiesinc.org/>

Urban League Save Our Sons Career Readiness Training Program

This is a 4-week program held at St. Louis County American Job Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121) providing career and job readiness training, job coaching, career inventory and assessment, linkages to occupational training, employment opportunities, and more! For more information or to register go to <https://www.ulstl.com/save-our-sons/>

Father's Support Center (FSC) of St. Louis

Father's Support Center is an established, nonprofit organization committed to creating positive outcomes for children and families by helping Fathers become responsible parents. Fathers' Support Center has a proven track record in St. Louis and delivers positive outcomes for fathers, their children and our community. FSC offers evening classes designed to empower men to become involved fathers and responsible family members. For more information go to <http://www.fathersupportcenter.org/>

Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP)

This four-week program offered through the International Institute of St. Louis helps international candidates take control of their job search and reach the next level in their career. Features training on resume writing, interviews & professional communication, job-search tactics & social media, recertification & credentialing, and practical application & role-playing.

For more information or to enroll in this for-fee program contact Kelly Moore at 314/773-9090 x163 or moorek@iistl.org

Career Pathways Bridge Initiative

The goal of the program is to find employment for 3,000 unemployed and under-employed young adults in the North St. Louis City and County and connect thousands of area residents with training programs. In addition, this grant-funded program will engage 1,000 participants annually in skills training and 2,400 participants annually in work-readiness training. Funding from the DOL Demonstration Grant will be used to establish five satellite American Job Centers (AJCs) in North St. Louis and North County areas to better reach and provide employment services to disconnected and unemployed youth and young adults between the ages of 16 and 29. The program will be led by a number of core community organizations, including the St. Louis County Division of Workforce Development, SLATE, MET Center-St. Louis, Family and Workforce Centers of America (FWCA) and the Governor's Office of Community Engagement. For more information go to www.stlworkforce.us

Connections to Success

Serving adults who are unemployed, underemployed, and /or with extensive barriers such as generational poverty and/or incarceration. Services include: coaching, connect Group, employment support, employment workshops, mentoring personal and professional development class, successful STEPS, transportation, Wheels to Success, Dress for Success, and Professional Women's Group.

For more information go to www.connectionstosuccess.org

St. Louis Community College Accelerated Job Training

The Workforce Solutions Group has developed industry-specific training in partnership with the college's campuses and local employers to help adults retrain for in-demand occupations in shorter duration formats. Program offerings are based on demand and the availability of funding or industry partner participation. Call the accelerated job hotline at 314/539-5310 for more information. Additional information for these trainings and all accelerated job trainings can be found at: <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/Accelerated-Job-Training/Index.html>

Boeing Pre-Employment Training Program – FREE Tuition if accepted into the program!

This five week training program takes place at the Center for Workforce innovation at St. Louis Community College's Florissant Valley Campus. Skills and qualifications needed to be considered:

- Must pass WorkKeys Assessment Tests (applied math, locating information, and reading for information)
- Must be mechanically inclined

To apply, email resume to wcdassemblymechanics@stlcc.edu or fax to 314/513-4604. For more information and schedule call 314/539-5921

Upon program completion, participants are eligible to interview for positions with Boeing.

Jobs and More STL

This is a unique program designed to develop "job ready" candidates to meet current workforce demands. Offers a series of workshops to help develop and sharpen job search skills. For more information contact Adrian Shropshire at adrianshropshire@hotmail.com or 314/283-2215

MET Center offers FREE career training & supportive services to qualified candidates in following areas:

Business Office Administrative Training (BOAT)

Bioscience Technology Program

Carpentry/Building Maintenance

Precision Machining Technology CNC Program

HVAC Service Technician

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program

Diesel Technology (DT)

Industrial Certification Program

Customer Service Institute

Open enrollment/orientation is offered every Tuesday 9am – Noon and Wednesday 1pm – 4pm

For more information call 314/746-0750 or go to www.metcenterstl.com

Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Career Pathways

Truck Driving Program - Class A CDL (no-fee, 5-week program)

Truck Driving Program – Class B CDL (low-fee, 2-week program)

Logistics, Warehouse & Distribution Specialist (no-fee program, 5-weeks, including field trips and up to one week of on-the-job learning opportunity)

Aviation Maintenance (tuition-based, 2-year credit program; earn two Certificates of Proficiency in Airframe and Powerplant)

Avionics (no-fee, 9-week program)

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html> or contact Bahi Talundzic at 314-644-9786

MOSTEMWINs

Job opportunities are growing in the fields of Science, Engineering, Technology and Math (STEM). St. Louis Community College is participating in a statewide grant program – MoSTEMWINs – which allows qualified individuals to enter a no-fee **MoSTEMWINs Portal program** to discover their interests and select a STEM Career Pathway.

This no-fee program includes career coaching, digital literacy, a STEM Readiness course and a self-paced Adult Learning Academy.

Learning Community

A supportive group of students attending classes together

Supportive Services

Career pathway coach, including financial aid navigation

Apprenticeship/Internship opportunities

Job-seeking assistance

Adult Learning Academy

Brush up on literacy and math skills with curriculum connected to job skills

Accelerated college and career readiness

Successful completion of the MoSTEMWINs Portal program qualifies you to enter one of five short-termed training programs:

- **Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)** (No-fee Program)
- **Community Health Worker** (No-fee Program)
- **Patient Care Technician** (No-fee Program)
- **Medical Assistant** (No-fee Program)
- **Precision Machining Technology** (Low-fee Program)

To learn more, go to stlcc.edu/MSWs or contact Kevin Talbot at 314-539-5722

St. Patrick Center

St. Patrick Center is one of Missouri's largest providers of housing, employment and health opportunities for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. They take an action-based approach to service and offer nationally recognized programs that assist more than 8,000 people each year.

Employment programs include:

- BEGIN New Venture Center
- Project Hero
- Homeless Employment Center (HEC)
- Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program
- McMurphy's Café

For more information go to www.stpatrickcenter.org

St. Louis Job Corps Center

Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the US DOL that helps young people ages 16 – 24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training. There is no age limits and are no income requirements for individuals with a disability. Training programs include: bricklaying, carpentry, cement masonry, culinary arts, facilities management, material handling and distribution operations, nurse assistant/home health aide, office administration, painting, pharmacy technician, plastering, security and protective services, welding, and advanced transportation. For more information go to www.stlouis.jobcorps.gov

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul provides person-to-person service on a volunteer basis to all those in need. Clients do not have to be Catholic to receive our services (utility assistance, beds, thrift store vouchers, transportation vouchers, prescriptions, extraordinary needs, food pantries and vouchers, disaster relief, indigent burial, job search assistance). For more information go to www.svdpstlouis.org

Urban League of Metro St. Louis offers FREE Computer Classes

Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am – Noon. Topics include basic computer hardware and vocabulary, computer usage, purchasing a computer, MS Office, basic internet, email, and more. For more information contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337 or rclick@urbanleague-stl.org

Urban League of Metro St. Louis, Inc. offers FREE Financial Empowerment Workshops

Offered every 3rd Saturday of the month 9am – Noon. Topics include: credit & money management, retirement planning, homebuying, insurance, borrowing basics, saving and investing tips, and more. For more info contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337 or rclick@urbanleague-stl.org

Urban League of Metro St. Louis Youth Tech Workforce Initiative FREE Workshops

Provides free training low- to moderate-income youth ages 16-24 for jobs in the technology sector; mentors and help finding short- and long-term jobs. The courses are flexible and offered over seven to 12 weeks to accommodate students who work or go to school at the same time. For more information go to <https://www.ulstl.com/>

Catholic Charities St. Francis Community Services PEOPLE 1st Work Readiness and Lifestyle Change Workshops

St. Francis Community Services strives to be a catalyst for change by helping people overcome poverty and work toward a better life. Community Services provides legal aid, refugee resettlement, homeless services, youth programs, meals for older adults, bilingual mental health counseling, case management and more. This is a four week long workshop series 9am – 1pm. For more info contact Kirsten kweaver@ccstl.org or 314/534-1180

People's Community Action Corporation (PCAC) HireSmart Program

The PCAC HireSmart program offers youth and adults between the ages of 16- 24 training in the areas of job readiness and soft skills necessary for employment in today's workforce. All participants must attend all training sessions. Upon completion of the training, and based on the PCAC assessment outcome, internships and temporary employment may be identified. Please note that participation in the HireSmart program does not guarantee employment. For more information contact Monica Stewart at 314/443-1550 or Gwendolyn Moore at 314/367-7848 x1462

St. Louis County Library offers FREE Computer Classes and Job Search Workshops

Free computer classes are offered at many branches throughout the St. Louis County Library system. Participants are required to register up to 28 days in advance for a class prior to attending. To register contact your local St. Louis County Library branch.

For more information about upcoming computer classes call 314/994-3300 or go to www.scll.org/events/.

St. Louis City Library offers FREE Computer Classes and Job Search Workshops

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Free computer classes are offered at many branches throughout the St. Louis Public Library system. Look for the Internet Job search course, which allows attendees open computer time to have their digital employment needs met with the assistance of library staff. Participants may register beginning the fourth Wednesday of each month prior to attending. To register, contact your St. Louis Public Library branch. Quarterly schedules for classes are available at all branches. For more information about upcoming computer classes go to www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp

Electro Savings Credit Union Financial Seminars

Electro Savings Credit Union offers several free one-hour Financial Seminars of topics such as Building a Basic Budget, Identity Theft, Building a Strong Credit History, and Checking Account Management. To learn more contact Pat Pettey at 314/434-6470 x1406 or ppettey@escu.org

Prosperity Connection (formerly St. Louis Community Credit Union Foundation) Financial Literacy Workshops

FREE financial literacy workshops offered through Excel Centers at the following locations:

- 24:1 Excel Center (6724 Page Ave, Pagedale MO 63133)
- St. John Excel Center (2808 Endicott, St. John MO 63114)
- Old North Excel Center (2707 N. 14th St, St. Louis MO 63106)

To get more information about the workshops or to register go to <http://prosperityconnection.org/excel-center/classes-and-events/>

Sign up NOW for the FREE accelerated training programs offered through St. Louis Community College

Truck Driving – CDL Class A Training (5-weeks long)

For more information go <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html> or contact Diane Devine at 314/644-9221

Logistics, Warehouse & Distribution Specialist Training that starts on 10/10/16 (5-weeks long)

Logistics, warehouse, and distribution specialist training provides training for front-line material handling and distribution positions across the supply chain. For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MRTDL/Index.html> or contact Diane Devine at 314/644-9221

MoSTEMWINS Portal that starts on an ongoing basis through September 2017

MoSTEMWINS Portal training includes Career Assessment, Planning and Readiness; Digital Literacy; STEM Readiness; and the Adult Learning Academy (ALA) that helps students improve their skills in English, math and/or reading. For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINS/MoSTEMWINS-Portal.html> or contact Kevin Talbot at 314/539-5722

Medical Assistant Training that starts in January 2017 (25 weeks long)

Train to perform administrative and basic clinical tasks in a clinical setting. Take advantage of this training opportunity and prepare to earn your Certified Clinical Medical Assistant (CCMA) certification. For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINS/Medical-Assistant-Program.html> or contact Kevin Talbot at 314/539-5722

Patient Care Technician Training that starts January 2017 (9 weeks)

Patient Care Technicians work as clinical partners in local hospitals. This training satisfies the requirements of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for Unlicensed Assistant Personnel. After completing the MoSTEMWINS Portal program, start your 9-week non-credit training program which combines 6 weeks of intensive classroom instruction with 3 weeks of clinical practice. For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINS/Patient-Care-Technician-Program.html> or contact Kevin Talbot at 314/539-5722

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) that starts March 2017 (9 weeks)

Certified Nurse Assistants provide patient-focused services in a skilled nursing facility or nursing home. This training satisfies the requirements of the Missouri Omnibus Nursing Act requirement. After completing the MoSTEMWINS Portal program, start your 9-week non-credit training program which combines 6weeks of intensive classroom instruction with 3 weeks of clinical practice. For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINS/Certified-Nurse-Assistant.html> or contact Kevin Talbot at 314/539-5722

Community Health Worker Training that starts in March 2017 (11 weeks of training)

A Community Health Worker is a trusted member of the community she or he serves who assists individuals and communities to adopt healthy behaviors. Learn to conduct outreach for medical personnel or health organizations to implement programs in the community that promote, maintain and improve individual and community health. For more information go to:

<http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/MoSTEMWINS/Community-Health-Worker-Training.html> or contact Kevin Talbot at 314/539-5722

Boeing Pre-Employment Composites Training that starts on 10/10/16 (208 hours long)

Prepares individuals for aircraft assembly techniques focused on advanced composite fabrication, assembly and repair, accessing computer-based work instructions, and teamwork. All interested applicants must meet the eligibility requirements including the required scores on specific WorkKeys assessment tests. Due to the high demand, individual inquires or calls will not be returned. The first step for any interested applicants is to email or fax a resume to Boeingtraining@stlcc.edu or 314/513-4604. Updated program information may also be heard on the program's hotline at 314/539-5921.

Sign up now for the Building Union Diversity (BUD), an 8-week program to receive training for a career opportunity in the local construction industry.

BUD provides pre-apprenticeship skills training for minorities, women and the long-term unemployed residents of the St. Louis region interested in pursuing a career in construction. BUD consists of an intensive eight-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists. For more information call 314/657-3513.

Sign up now for the MSD Building Union Diversity (BUD) 5-week program to receive training for a career opportunity in sewer industry occupations (heavy equipment operation, carpentry, laborer, plumber, pipefitter).

MSD BUD consists of an intensive five-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists. For more information call 314/657-3513.

October 3, 2016 (weekly)

LaunchCode's Mentor Mondays

Join us at the Mentor Center on Monday evenings to code with other learners, students, and mentors. This beginner-friendly meetup is open to everyone. Bring your laptop and work on a project or class you're working on, or let us get you started one of a few learning tracks, including Hello, World!, CS50x, or HTML and CSS basics.

LaunchCode Mentor Center (4811 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <https://www.launchcode.org/event/228>

Career Planning Workshop

Belleville WorkNet Center (4519 W. Main St., Belleville, IL 62226)

9am – 10am

Topics covered include: assessing your interests, setting goals, exploring occupations, evaluating options, developing a job search plan, and more

For more information or to register call 618.277.8491

LaunchCode Coder Girl 2.0

CoderGirl is a free, all-women's coding group open to women of any age, background, or skill level. Join us! Bring your laptop and learn to code.

LaunchCode Mentor Center (4811 Delmar Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP go to https://www.launchcode.org/coder_girl

October 3 and 19, 2016

Career Paths Information Session: Construction Industry

Meet panels of speakers who are working in the industry. Some are young people beginning their careers and others have many years of experience. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and to learn what it is like to work in the construction field today.

10/3 St. Louis County Library Headquarters (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd, Frontenac, MO 63131) 6:30pm – 8pm

10/10 St. Louis County Library Lewis & Clark Branch (9909 Lewis-Clark Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63136) 6:30pm – 8pm

Free to attend but must be registered by going to <http://www.slcl.org/events-and-classes-month/2016-10>

October 4, 2016

Business Seminar for Entrepreneurs: Legal Clinic for Entrepreneurs

Experienced business attorneys, provide through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, offer one-on-one 30 –minute sessions for laid off workers at no cost. Questions for aspiring entrepreneurs related to starting a new business

St. Louis County American Job Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but appointments are required to participate.

For more information call 314/381-6700

October 5 - 28, 2016

Weekly Job Search Workshops/Presentations

Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis (8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136)

10am – Noon (weekly workshops held on Wednesdays and Thursdays)

No cost to attend

10/5 Online/Manual Applications

10/6 Marketing Yourself

10/12 Resume Writing/Coaching

10/13 Interviewing Skills

10/14 MOCK INTERVIEWS

10/19 Online/Manual Applications

10/20 Marketing Yourself

10/26 Resume Writing/Coaching

10/27 Interviewing Skills

10/28 MOCK INTERVIEWS

For more information contact Hollis Whiting at 314/388-9840

October 6, 2016

Job Shapers Monthly Network Series

Kirkwood United Church of Christ (1603 Dougherty Ferry Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am - 8:30am (1st Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$20 per session/\$25 at the door (\$90 for all 5 sessions)

For more information or to register go to <https://www.activ8careers.com/job-shapers/>

October 6, 2016**Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 1: Online Applications – A Weapon of Mass Rejection**

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 3pm (with a half hour break for lunch)

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact 314/589-8000

Information Seminar: No-Cost or Low-Cost Accelerated Training Programs

Hear about immediate training opportunities with St. Louis Community College

American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

10am – 11am

For more information about all programs go to www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/

Financial Strategies Seminar

Come to this free class and discover how you can get on track to achieve your financial goals.

American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)

11am – Noon

For more information or to RSVP call 314/381-6700

October 7, 2016**Manufacturing Day at Ranken Tech**

Tour local manufacturers and visit Ranken Tech's manufacturing departments; learn about career opportunities in the manufacturing industry

Ranken Tech – St. Louis (4432 Finney Ave., St. Louis MO 63113)

Contact Jeff Ogle at jeogle@ranken.edu

Ranken Tech – Wentzville (755 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO 63385)

Contact Gary Young at ghyoung@ranken.edu

For more information go to <http://ranken.edu/events/>

8am – 2pm

October 11, 2016**DAP (Diversity Awareness Partnership) Explore Program: Agriculture and Biotech with KWS and BioSTL**

Explore is a free externship experience for HS students of color to gain insight into careers in a variety of industries in the St. Louis region. During each half day session students will learn about the host company's industry, build valuable relationships, and discover keys to success in that field and beyond.

DAP (40 N. Rock Hill Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

8am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to www.dapstl.org/explore-program/

or contact Aix Johnson (ajohnson@dapstl.org) or Reena Hajat Carroll (rhajat@dapstl.org)

October 11 - 13, 2016**CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops**

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

- Successful job search strategies
- Acing online applications
- Resume preparation
- Interviewing skills and coaching

Noon – 5pm (during the 2nd week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to www.caastlc.org

October 12, 2016**Information Seminar: No-Cost or Low-Cost Accelerated Training Programs**

Hear about immediate training opportunities with St. Louis Community College

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

10am – Noon

For more information about all programs go to www.stlcc.edu/accelerated/

USAJobs Federal Application Workshop

Learn what you need to know when completing a federal resume and application

Arnold Job Center (3675 West Outer Road, Arnold, MO 63010)

9am – Noon

For more information or to register call 636/287-8909

Career Readiness Workshop: Soft Skills

Lindenwood North County Site, Room 101 (4500 Washington, Florissant, MO 63303)

5pm – 6pm

For more information or to register contact Jim Jump at JJump@lindenwood.edu

October 12 and 26, 2016**Job Search Workshop**

Madison County Employment & Training Center (101 E. Edwardsville Rd, Wood River, IL 62095)

1pm – 3pm

For more information call 618/296-4306

October 13, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 2: Employer/Employee Interaction

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact 314/589-8000

October 13 and 17, 2016

Business Seminar for Entrepreneurs: Legal Clinic for Entrepreneurs

Experienced business attorneys, provide through Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, offer one-on-one 30 –minute sessions for laid off workers at no cost. Questions for aspiring entrepreneurs related to starting a new business

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

2pm – 4pm

Cost: Free but appointments are required to participate.

For more information call 314/589-8000

October 15, 2016

St. Louis Raspberry Pi Jam

This event will bring together students, educators, makers, scientists, and the public to foster opportunities for collaboration and education. This event will inspire current and future scientists to embrace using Raspberry Pi and other open-source hardware to interact and discover the natural world. The Jam will feature demonstrations using microcomputers in science, education, robotics, and fun. This event is both youth and adults interested in computers

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 N. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO)

Noon -4pm

No cost to attend

For more information go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/st.-louis-raspberry-pi-jam/>

October 20, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 3: Social Media

University of Missouri – St. Louis Music Department (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact frank.alaniz@ded.mo.gov or call 314/589-8000

October 25 - 27, 2016

CAASTL Job Readiness Workshops

2709 Woodson Rd., Overland, MO 63114

- Successful job search strategies
- Acing online applications
- Noon – 5pm (during the 4th week of each month)
- Resume preparation
- Interviewing skills and coaching

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to www.caastlc.org

October 27, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop Series – Part 4: Advanced Internet Job Search Strategies

SLATE Missouri Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)

8:30am – 11:30am

Participants must be computer literate to attend this workshop.

For more information or to register contact 314/589-8000

October 27, 2016

Professional Job Search Workshop: Interview Skills

Join YNPN St. Louis and the following three HR professionals for insights on interviewing skills. Each panelist will talk about what they specifically look for when interviewing candidates for a position. After the panel discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to take part in mock interviews with the presenters.

- Kathy Bernard from WiserU Career Training and Services
- Lee Koelliker, Director of Career Services for the Brown School
- Rebecca Rodgers, Career Advisor at St. Louis Community College
- Heather Dawson, from the United Way's Human Resources Department

NSC (Network for Strong Communities) (8764 Manchester Rd., Suite 203; St. Louis, MO; 63144)

5:30pm – 8pm

Cost: YNPN members free; others \$10 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ynpnstl.org/calendar/>

VETERANS SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

This is a list of support resources and events available to our military veterans and their spouses/families.

2016 – 2017 Veterans Resource Directory of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area

This Veterans Resource Directory is published by the St. Louis County Department of Human Services, Office of Family and Community Services, County Veterans Program. For more information or to request a hard copy of the directory call 314/615-7414 or 314/615-4038

American Legion

www.legion.org

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to assisting Veterans and their families with claims for VA benefits and other services.

American Legion Post 404 St. Louis Service Women's Post

www.stlouiswomenvets.org

Provides a wide range of assistance to veterans and their families.

Boots to Business Entrepreneurship Training Program

www.boots2business.org

Boots to Business—the entrepreneurship track of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP)—has provided entrepreneurship and business planning training to members of America's armed forces who are transitioning to civilian life, giving them the tools to start their own successful companies. The training program provides military service members and their spouses the opportunity to explore business ownership and self-employment, helps them evaluate the feasibility of their business concepts and connects the aspiring business owners to SBA's network of resource partners. Boots to Business is available at no charge on military installations worldwide to Service members and military spouses transitioning or retiring from service

Corporate America Supports You (CASY)

www.CASY.us

CASY's program guides Veterans through the employment process from start to finish. CASY's services include resume assistance, military-to-civilian work transition services, gap skills training, and much more.

Dept. of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS)

VETS serves America's veterans and separating service members by preparing them for meaningful careers, providing employment resources and expertise, and protecting their employment rights.

Disabled Veteran Outreach Center

<http://www.ides.illinois.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Employment workshops are offered to our veterans on the third Thursday of each month for 10am – 11:30am at the East Alton location (612 West St. Louis St., East Alton, IL 62024). Workshops are five subjects presented on a rotating schedule: Starting the Job Search, Job Search Techniques, Writing Effective Resumes, Interviewing with Confidence, and Success on the Job

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

www.esgr.mil

ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists in the civilian workforce.

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care, Inc.

www.heroescare.org

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care is an affiliation of program partners working together to provide support to post 9/11 servicemen and -women, veterans and their families that is known to military members, their families and commanders, and the communities in which they live. H.E.R.O.E.S. Care combines the power of national organizations dedicated to providing emergency financial aid, employment opportunities, and mental health care services through a network of specially trained care givers before, during, and after deployment.

Hiring Our Heroes

www.hiringourheroes.org

Hiring Our Heroes was launched in March 2011 as a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment.

Job Opportunities for Disabled Veterans

www.JOFDAV.com

The premier non-profit job search website offering jobs for veterans who are disabled since 2009. Our organization works in concert with many Wounded Warrior Transition Command Centers, DVOPs, LVERs and multiple military organizations that support our Nation's Heroes in their job search for employment. Our board boasts over 200,000 active jobs with hundreds and sometimes thousands of new jobs posted daily.

The Mission Continues

www.missioncontinues.org

The Mission Continues awards community service fellowships to post-9/11 veterans, empowering them to transform their own lives by serving others and directly impacting their communities. Each Fellow works to achieve a post-fellowship goal of full time employment and/or pursuit of higher education, while maintaining a permanent role of public service.

Missouri Job Centers

www.jobs.mo.gov

Dedicated Veterans Outreach staff are stationed at most of the Missouri Job Centers located throughout the state. Local Veterans Employment Representatives provide assistance in job placement and accessing needed services and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists provide case management and develop career and job training opportunities for veterans, with special emphasis on veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Return with Purpose

www.returnwithpurpose.org

Return With Purpose assists those Veterans returning to civilian life by providing a facilitated change workshop, Return With Purpose! to successfully transition back to work, family and the community.

St. Charles Community College Veteran Services

www.stchas.edu/veterans

If you or your family members are eligible for VA education benefits, the VA School Certifying Official will certify your enrollment at SCC and provide financial and academic counseling. SCC's military "one-stop-shop" is a place you can come for comprehensive services from admission to graduation.

St. Louis County Veterans Program

<http://www.stlouisco.com/HealthandWellness/HumanServices/CountyVeteransProgram>

St. Louis County's Veterans Program administers numerous services to Veterans and their families, including program services (Benefits Affairs, Stand Downs and Stand Ups), supportive services, and transportation services for Disabled Veterans.

St. Louis Veteran's Business Network (STLVBN)

www.stlvbn.com

The St. Louis Veteran's Business Network was formed as a grassroots effort to help Veterans in business with a larger voice to assist each other and put our great companies/small businesses/ entrepreneurs on a stage that will broadcast our collective message to the General Public who would like to do business with a Veteran. Membership is open to Veterans. Veterans Families and anyone/company that supports Veterans. The following are a few of the benefits for joining:

- 4 monthly networking events on 1st Tuesday, 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Wednesday, and 4th Wednesday
- Special events as we develop more opportunities
- Business directory online
- Social media presence for your business
- Business mentoring
- Business opportunities
- Veteran apparel store
- Veteran buying power
- Veteran Issue support and inside VA information

St. Patrick Center Veteran Support Services

St. Patrick Center provides services to veterans to get help with housing, employment and health. Agency programs include Independent Living Skills and Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program, Job Experience Training, Project HERO, and Veterans Go! Green, Supportive services for Veteran Families.

www.stpatrickcenter.org

Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center

www.scottafr.com

The Airman & Family Readiness Center is a Commander's tool to assist in development and execution of services, activities, and processes which enhance individual, family, and community readiness, quality of life, and motivation to service. Provides a transition assistance program (TAP), one-on-one counseling, information and referral assistance, employment resource center, computerized transition programs, and employment seminars.

Show Me Heroes/Show Me Heroes OJT Program

www.showmeheroes.mo.gov

Assists Missouri's Veterans and members of the National Guard & Reserve reconnect with meaningful careers, and to showcase Missouri employers who have pledged to do so. The SMH OJT Program offers financial assistance to businesses to hire veterans recently returning from active duty.

Student Veterans Association Chapters

The Student Veterans Association Chapters serve as liaison to government offices to provide information on educational benefits, privileges, and responsibilities relating to Veteran Administration benefits. A certifying official is available to answer questions and process official paperwork.

Lindenwood U. Veterans Services

lindenwoodveterans@gmail.com

St. Charles Community College Veterans Svcs

www.stchas.edu

St. Louis Community College Veterans Svcs

www.stlcc.edu/veterans

St. Louis U. Military Outreach

www.slu.edu/military-student-resources-home/veterans-benefits-and-resources

UMSL Veterans Center

<http://www.umsu.edu/veterans/>

Washington U. Veterans Services

<http://ucollege.wustl.edu/yellowribbon/>

Webster U. Student Veterans Organization (SVO)

<http://involved.webster.edu/organization/svo/>

UMSL Vets Career Coaching & Counseling Program

www.umsu.edu/veterans/

A free semester-long (6-7 sessions) professional career-coaching program for UMSL Vets within 1 year of graduation. Get a personal job coach, learn to navigate the employment process, develop a personal brand, learn to target employers effectively, understand the "hidden job market", be a career manager not a job seeker

US Dept. of Veterans Affairs/Voc Rehab & Employment

<http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/>

Provides patient care and other veterans' benefits. Includes job training, resume development, job seeking skills coaching, assistance in starting own business and independent living services for disabled or those unable to work in traditional employment.

U.S. Vets – Missouri

www.usvetsinc.org/stlouis/

Provides long-term supportive housing in a drug and alcohol free environment for homeless veterans and their families.

Vet Centers

<http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>

Vet Centers provide readjustment counseling and outreach services to all veterans who served in any combat zone. Services are also available for their family members for military related issues.

St. Louis Vet Center 314/531-5355

East St. Louis Illinois Vet Center 618/3976602

The Veterans Landing

www.theveteranslanding.com

The Veterans Landing is the beginning of a movement created by the St. Louis Community for our nations heroes. The Veterans Landing is a culmination of veteran efforts to live our mission, which is continuing to serving our great country, metro area and each other. Initially the renovation will consist of turning the Cass Bank into a communications hub for the estimated 250,000 Veterans, Active Duty Military, Reserve and National Guard that pass through the St. Louis area each year. The key elements of the Veterans Landing are:

- Rally point for all veterans in St. Louis area
- Center for all resources that are Veteran related
- Hub for Veteran remembrance and history
- Working businesses that employ local veterans
- Veteran Affairs Outreach Center
- Volunteer Headquarters for St.L Service Platoons
- Museum and Interpretive Center for St. Louis Military History
- Spartan Pledge Headquarters for war-fighters
- Food Bank for veterans and families

Veterans Court Technology Clinic Inc.

<http://www.vetcourtcomputerclinic.org/>

The Veterans Court Technology Clinic is a nonprofit volunteer-driven organization located on the second floor of the Employment Connection 2838 Market Street, St. Louis, MO). The clinic provides four phases of classes, which are based on various levels of developing computer skills for employment, ranging from basic document building to actual employment connections. The VCTC also provides a safe environment for those needing space to heal.

Veterans Employment Center (VEC)

www.vets.gov/veterans-employment-center

The Veterans Employment Center™ (VEC) is the Federal government's single authoritative internet source for connecting transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families to meaningful career opportunities. The VEC™ is the first government-wide product that brings together a reputable cadre of public and private employers with real job opportunities, and provides transitioning Servicemembers, Veterans, and their families with the tools to translate their military skills into plain language and build a profile that can be shared – in real time – with employers who have made a public commitment to hire Veterans. Contact Heidi Schoen for more information at Heidi.Schoen@va.gov or 314/399-2034.

Veterans Recruiting

www.veteranrecruiting.com

This is a free service for military personnel and veterans who will be transitions in the near future, or have already left the service. You will have real team access to industry leading employers who have a deep commitment to hiring veterans and military spouses. You can participate in our online career fairs from anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

Veterans ReEmployment

<http://www.careeronestop.org/ReEmployment/Veterans/Default.aspx>

Veterans ReEmployment is a one-stop site for employment, training and financial help for veterans after a layoff.

Veterans Curation Program (VCP)

www.veteranscurationprogram.org

The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) is an innovative partnership between cultural resources management contractors and a federal agency to process federally owned or administered archaeological collections while employing and training recently separated veterans. This site presents information about the VCP and the work being performed by its labs and provides potential applicants with links to contractor websites and application forms.

Veterans Business Resource Center

www.vetbiz.com

Our mission is to assist veterans and former service members that want to launch, grow, or sell their businesses. We provide counseling, mentoring, resources, and education for those seeking the next level of achievement.

Warriors to Work

www.warriorstowork.org

The Warriors to Work program provides our wounded warriors expert career guidance and support services needed to set and achieve career goals. W2W matches your skills and experience to the needs of companies actively seeking employees. If you already have a career W2W can provide guidance to help you advance in your organization. For more information contact wtow@woundedwarriorproject.org

Wounded Warrior Project Resource Center (WWP)

www.woundedwarriorproject.org

The WWP Resource Center is here to service and support you, our nation's wounded service members, your families, and caregivers. We can assist with various requests such as registering as a WWP Alumnus or family member, answer your questions about WWP programs and services, or connect you with a WWP benefits liaison. We can also assist you with finding resources to meet a wide range of needs including emotional and mental health support and financial assistance services. For more information contact resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org or 904/405-1213

October 2, 2016

Coffee/Reveille Networking Event

American Legion Post 213 (217 Shumate Ave., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7am – 9am (1st Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to www.stlvbn.com or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

October 5, 2016

Vet Net

Salvation Army (10740 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132)

9am – 10am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

October 8, 2016

Chow Hall Lunch Networking

American Legion Post 397 (934 Rue de La Banque, Creve Coeur, MO 63141)

11am – 1pm (2nd Monday of each month)

For more information go to www.stlvbn.com or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

October 12, 2016

West St. Louis County Working Warriors Networking Meeting

This opportunity is open to all veterans who have served/are serving and to all businesses who serve our veterans in the St. Louis Region.

Lucky's Market (15830 Fountain Plaza Drive, Ellisville, MO 63017)

8:30am – 9:30am

For more information go to www.westcountychamber.com

October 17, 2016

Early Liberty Call Networking Event

American Legion Post 208 (225 Old Sulphur Spring Rd., Manchester, MO 63021)

3:30pm – 4:30pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to www.stlvbn.com or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

DISABILITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

This is a list of support resources and events available to our disability community and companies seeking to employ members of the disability community.

GENERAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities <http://transitioncoalition.org/transition/moca/2006resourcedirectory.pdf>

Published by the Governor's Council on Disability. The directory lists programs and services of state and local offices, private agencies and other organizations serving people with disabilities.

State of Missouri Disability Portal

<http://disability.mo.gov/>

This site contains a wealth of information and links to key agencies that can provide assistance and direction. Information on the Governor's Council can also be accessed from this website.

National Organization on Disability (NOD)

www.nod.org

NOD is a private, non-profit organization that promotes the full participation and contributions of America's 56 million people with disabilities in all aspects of life. Today, NOD focuses on increasing employment opportunities for the 79 percent of working-age Americans with disabilities who are not employed.

Founded in 1982, NOD is one of the oldest cross-disability organizations in the country, and remains one of the few organizations committed to representing all Americans with disabilities, regardless of their particular condition or circumstances.

DOL - Office Disability Employment Policy

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/newsletter/>

ODEP's mission is to develop and influence policies and practices that increase the number and quality of employment opportunities for people with disabilities. To fulfill this mission, ODEP promotes the adoption and implementation of ODEP policy strategies and effective practices — meaning those that ODEP has developed and/or validated — that will impact the employment of people with disabilities. ODEP's approach is to drive systems and practice changes by disseminating ODEP policy strategies and effective practices, sharing information, and providing technical assistance to government agencies, service providers and non-governmental entities, as well as public and private employers.

Starkloff Disability Institute/The Next Big Step

<http://starkloff.org/s/the-next-big-step/>

The Starkloff Disability Institute offers speakers & other events to help promote employment for those with disabilities. They also host a workshop series for those with disabilities to help them in their quest for finding satisfying employment. The Next Big Step partners with "Role Model Companies" and "Partner Organizations" to help the Role Model Companies find disabled job candidates through Partner Organizations whom they can hire, retain, and promote.

Paraquad

<http://www.paraquad.org/>

Paraquad is a private 501(c)(3), not-for-profit with a mission to empower people with disabilities to increase their independence through choice and opportunity.

National Business and Disability Council (NBDC) at the Viscardi Center

<http://www.viscardicenter.org/services/nbdc/>

The National Business & Disability Council (NBDC) at The Viscardi Center is an employer organization and comprehensive resource for disability best practices. Its corporate partners are predominantly Fortune 1000 companies and government employers committed to disability diversity. By becoming a NBDC Corporate Partner, companies can proactively strengthen and diversify their workforce as well as comply with the requirements of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other federal regulations. NBDC can also assist companies in marketing to the 56.7 million Americans with disabilities, as well as gain greater insight into the economic contributions that accessible information and communication technology provides to companies.

FUNDING SOURCES

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

<http://dese.mo.gov/adult-learning-rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation>

Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (MDVR) operates under the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE). The Division is made up of three core programs: Vocational Rehabilitation (VR), Disability Determination Services (DDS), and Independent Living (IL). If you want to work but have a disability that keeps you from finding or keeping a job, Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) may be able to help you. VR specializes in employment and training services that can assist you in becoming employed. A VR counselor will determine your eligibility for services. VR offers a wide range of services that are individualized for your needs. You and your counselor decide which services will help you become employed.

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB)

<http://dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/>

Rehabilitation Services for the Blind (RSB) provides services to people with varying degrees of visual impairment, ranging from those who cannot read regular print to those who are totally blind. Those services are designed to create opportunities for eligible blind and visually impaired persons so that they can attain training and resources to prepare for and successfully engage in employment.

Department of Mental Health – Employment First

<http://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/employment.html>

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is committed to enhancing community employment options for persons with developmental disabilities. The guiding principle of Employment First is that all individuals who want to work can work and contribute to their community when given opportunity, training, and supports that build upon their unique talents, skills and abilities. Everyone of working age, and those supporting them, should consider employment as the first option prior to any other service options. As fully participating members of their community, individuals with developmental disabilities will be afforded the opportunity to earn a living wage and engage in work that makes sense to them. Career exploration and planning will be supported when assisting individuals in making informed choices in designing their unique pathway to increased independence, integration, inclusion, productivity, self-determination.

Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Vocational Services

<http://www.plboard.com/>

The Productive Living Board for St. Louis County Citizens with Developmental Disabilities contracts with over 40 different agencies that will provide services to approximately 4,500 individuals with developmental disabilities in St. Louis County. Vocational services offered (a) focus on a person with a developmental disability obtaining and maintaining meaningful employment and (b) promote the acquisition of vocational skills, formation of relationships in the employment environment and the use of transportation systems, progressing towards independent living.

St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources

<https://www.stlidd.org/>

The St. Louis Office for Developmental Disability Resources (DD Resources) is a publicly funded agency that distributes funds to service providers for community-based services to persons who have a developmental disability and desire to remain in their homes and community.

Developmental Disabilities Resource Board of St. Charles County

<http://www.ddrb.org/>

The DDRB is a public taxing entity, commonly known as a "Senate Bill 40 Board" that enters into funding contracts with agencies that serve individuals with developmental disabilities in St. Charles County. Funded services include: adult day programs, residential services, advocacy services, supported daycare, early intervention, family support, transitional programs, respite, sheltered workshop, adaptive equipment, supported employment and recreation.

DIRECT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (SERVICE PROVIDERS)

Talent Acquisition Portal (TAP)

<http://www.tapABILITY.org>

The Talent Acquisition Portal (TAP) is an online system which includes both a national talent pool of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) candidates looking for employment and a job posting system for businesses looking to hire individuals with disabilities. TAP offers business the opportunity to post jobs, search candidate resumes based on skill sets and geographic availability, capture job metrics, generate compliance reports, interview candidates, have online job fairs, and have their jobs seen by individuals with disabilities across the country.

Workforce Recruitment Program

<http://www.wrpjobs.com/>

WRPJOBS is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) in cooperation with the Department of Defense. For Information, employers should contact us at WRP@dol.gov

MERS/Goodwill Industries Mission in Action

<http://mersgoodwill.org/mission-in-action/programs-services/services-offered>

Provides vocational evaluation; skills training; community placement; work adjustment training; supported employment. The primary focus and success of MERS/Goodwill's employment and rehabilitation programs is in our ability to prepare people for the world of work. To be successful on a job involves having sufficient self-esteem and self-confidence, meeting the challenges of one's personal life and being able to deal with the complexities of interpersonal relationships with co-workers and supervisors, as well as being able to perform the actual work tasks. MERS/Goodwill provides the opportunity to work toward the goals needed to achieve the maximum level of productivity in one's personal life and employment.

BJC Behavioral Health

<http://www.bjcbehavioralhealth.org/>

BJC Behavioral Health provides and coordinates an array of mental health services for citizens residing in St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and other counties of Missouri. We serve as the point of entry for people eligible for services funded through the Missouri Department of Mental Health, and we also provide services under some health plans and grants. The mission of BJC Behavioral Health is to improve the mental health and well-being of the people and communities we serve who are impacted by mental illness. We deliver services that are primarily community-based and coordinate them with a variety of agencies and resources in the community.

Community Living Inc. (CLI) Employment Services

<http://www.cliservices.org/Services/EmploymentServices.aspx>

Community Living works to enrich the lives of people with disabilities so they can achieve their highest potential. We do this by providing children and adults with services and programs that allow them to live, learn and work in our community. In turn, they make our community inclusive, diverse and a better place to live.

Easter Seals Midwest Employment Services

<http://www.eastersealsmidwest.org/What-We-Do/Our-Programs/Employment-Services>

Easter Seals Midwest's Employment Services are designed to provide you or your loved one with the next steps after school, whether a teen is preparing for life after high school, a graduate is looking for work or an individual needs daily site-based skills instruction. Easter Seals Midwest has a variety of programs available and will help you find the one that is right for you and your family. Easter Seals Midwest matches qualified applicants with meaningful employment with the following types of employers: sports/entertainment venues, grocers, factories/labs, faith-based and other nonprofit organizations, government entities, restaurants and retail businesses. The anticipated outcomes for people in Employment Services are: to work at a job of their choice that matches their skills and interests, to develop working and social relationships with their coworkers, to develop natural supports at work, to make changes or upgrades to their employment when they desire to do so, and to enhance and educate the community through their positive contributions.

St. Patrick's Center – Worknet

www.worknetnow.com

Worknet is an employment network of the Social Security Administration. Worknet specializes in placing highly qualified workers in both contingent and direct hire opportunities in private industry. Worknet specialists in matching both professional the qualifications of the client and personality with the organization's culture to find the ideal fit. As an employment network, we assist those that receive SSI and/or SSDI with the supports and services needed to get and keep a job. Our goal is to help clients prepare for, choose, and keep the job they want.

Boone Center (BCI) Community Employment Program <http://boonecenter.com/employment/opportunities-for-adults-with-disabilities/community/>

The BCI Community Employment program is tailored specifically to the needs of each of our individual clients. The innovative and unique approach that BCI takes to supporting individuals through competitive employment encourages both success and an appropriate degree of independence. The participants in BCI's Community Employment Program are offered varying levels of support, forming a continuum of employment guidance for individuals with disabilities:

- Career Assessment
- Job Development
- OJT
- Follow Along Services

Center for Head Injury

<http://www.headinjuryctr-stl.org/employment.html>

The Center's Employment Services creates employment opportunities and supports after obtaining the job through a variety of tailor-made employment services. Programs and services provided include:

- Job Development
- Employment Support Services / Job Club
- Job Coaching / Job Site Support Specialist
- Followup / Retention

UCP (United Cerebral Palsy) Heartland Employment Resources <http://www.ucpheartland.org/services/st-louis-adult-services/employment-resources>

The Employment Resources Department is designed to provide employment assistance (obtaining and maintaining competitive employment) within the community to individuals with severe physical and/or multiple disabilities or to those who have traditionally had difficulty in gaining or retaining employment due to other factors. Employment Services utilizes a variety of assessment, placement, and retention services.

St. Louis ARC Employment Services

https://www.slarc.org/site/446/employment_services.aspx

The St. Louis Arc is a non-profit, United Way agency that provides support and services to more than 3,500 adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their families, throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area. The St. Louis Arc's Employment Services supports adults in seeking part- and full-time paid employment, provides initial and ongoing job coaching and retention services and works with employees and their supervisors to ensure successful job placements.

Next Step for Life Employment Services

<http://www.nextstepforlife.org/es.html>

Employment Services assists adults with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining meaningful employment. Individuals with developmental, as well as physical and other disabilities can be eligible for services. Eligibility and referrals are determined through the Missouri Division of Vocational Rehabilitation or Rehabilitation Services for the Blind. Programs offered by Employment Services provide work assessments, job skills training, job placement and job retention. Through these programs people are placed in competitive employment in the community, where work provides them with more than a paycheck. Responsibility, self-esteem, social skills and a feeling of giving back are just a few of the rewards. Employment Services also employs individuals and teaches valuable work skills through contracted work with partnering businesses in the community.

Preferred Family Healthcare (formerly known as Alternative Opportunities) <http://aoinc.org/category/employment-services/>

Preferred provides employment assessment, employment placement assistance, employment skill training, job coaching; job counseling, job development, job information, job matching, job modifications, job placement, supported employment, and transition programs

Places for People

<http://www.placesforpeople.org/who-we-serve/employment-support>

Places for People provides Individual Placement and Support (IPS) to help people with severe mental illness get and maintain competitive jobs. Research demonstrates that IPS, an evidence-based practice, is the most effective way to assist and support competitive employment in the community for people with severe mental illnesses.

Independence Center

<https://www.independencecenter.org/about/>

Independence Center is committed to providing a comprehensive system of high quality programs and services that assists adults in the St. Louis metropolitan area with serious and persistent mental illnesses to live and work in the community, independently and with dignity. To accomplish its mission, the Center promotes rehabilitation and employment, provides educational, social and housing opportunities and offers training in its approach to community based care.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT & ACCOMODATIONS

DOL Office of Disability Employment Policy and Technical Assistance Resources <http://www.dol.gov/odep/resources/>

ODEP promotes the adoption and implementation of ODEP policy strategies and effective practices — meaning those that ODEP has developed and/or validated — that will impact the employment of people with disabilities. To develop and influence disability employment-related policies and practices, ODEP sponsors the following policy and technical assistance resources.

Relay Missouri

<http://www.relaymissouri.com/>

Relay Missouri is a service that provides full telephone accessibility to people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and speech disabled.

Deaf Way Interpreting Services

<http://deafway.net/>

Deaf Way Interpreting Services provides the St. Louis area with sign language interpreting needs.

National Collaboration on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth) <http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

The NCWD/Youth website houses numerous youth-focused resources, developed in collaboration with ODEP, including the Guideposts for Success and extensive information related to Career Development, Professional Development, and Youth Development and Leadership.

The Employment Collaborative

<http://www.ucpheartland.org/services/st-louis-adult-services/employment-collaborative>

The Employment Collaborative works with local companies, school-based employers, and employment provider agencies to build relationships that lead to employment for people with developmental disabilities. We provide a wide variety of services for our employers and partner agencies including training, job creation and identification, candidate screening, and long term support to ensure employer satisfaction.

Partnership on Employer Accessible Technology (PEAT)

<http://www.peatworks.org/>

The Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT) is a multi-faceted initiative promoting the employment, retention, and career advancement of people with disabilities through the development, adoption, and promotion of accessible technology.

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

<http://askjan.org/>

Provides advice and ideas for making reasonable accommodations for employees or job applicants who are disabled.

EARN (Employer Assistance Resource Network)

<http://www.askearn.org/>

EARN is a resource for employers to encourage the hiring, retaining and advancing qualified individuals with disabilities which includes sharing of the "best" employer-focused disability practices and policies.

Empower Missouri

<http://www.empowermotraining.org/>

Offers on-line training modules. This curriculum contains two modules. Each interactive module provides helpful information about employing people with disabilities.

1. Diversity in Employment & Disability Awareness
2. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) & Reasonable Accommodations

Employment Incentives

<http://www.employmentincentives.com/index.htm>

A website that promotes and shares information about the economic incentives available to businesses that hire and retain employees with disabilities. This site has information on Federal and state programs and initiatives designed to promote the hiring of qualified candidates with disabilities.

St. Louis Community College Access Office Disability Support Services

www.stlcc.edu/access

The Access office at each campus offers support services to students with disabilities and faculty and staff who work with these students. The mission of the Access office is to collaborate with faculty, staff, students and the community to encourage a college environment in which individuals are viewed on the basis of ability, not disability. This is done by:

- Certifying and coordinating appropriate accommodations to promote access for persons with disabilities.
- Providing students with disabilities advising and counseling services that consider disability-related issues.
- Minimizing physical and attitudinal barriers.
- Building relationships and resources within the college and its community.

Ultimately, we envision a college community which values the contributions of all members regardless of disability and provides the opportunity for them to realize their greatest potential.

EMPLOYER-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMS

The following employer-based programs are available to assist individuals with disabilities receive job-related training

Project SEARCH St. Louis

<http://projectsearchstl.weebly.com/>

Project SEARCH is an internationally recognized school-to-work transition program for 18-20 year old young adults with developmental disabilities. The desired outcome for all students is full-time competitive employment. Offered through Easter Seals Midwest, individuals must go through their local school district to access this program (currently available in St. Charles through BJC – St. Peters and Embassy Suites and in St. Louis City through the VA Health Center). They learn job skills that are systematic, but routine, and are in their areas of interest. In addition to job training, all students receive job development services, job coaching, and follow-along and retention services when they become competitively employed.

Pathway to Employment

www.empacgroupinc.com

The program is a partnership between Mercy Hospital, Empac Group & Franklin Co. School Districts (in Franklin County), SSD & St. Louis ARC (in St. Louis County), Jefferson County School Districts & Next Step for Life), and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. The goal of Pathway to Employment is for each student intern to find a job after graduation. It could be the job he has been doing at Mercy, if there is an opening, or it could be a similar job at another company. Pathway to Employment is similar to a national program called Project SEARCH, a business-led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely at the workplace for youth with significant disabilities.

Businesses interested in learning more about being part of the program should contact Himmelberg at 314/703-4525 or

chimmelberg@empacgroupinc.com

Talent Connect

www.talentconnectstl.org

Talent Connect is a new project of Center for Head Injury Services to provide job support to individuals with disabilities. The primary focus of the position is to support individuals engaged in a training program at local partner manufacturing (production & distribution) in the Metropolitan St Louis City and County area.

PROFESSIONAL/INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

Eastern Missouri Chapter of Missouri Rehabilitation Association

<http://www.mo-rehab.org/emchapter.html>

The mission of the Missouri Rehabilitation Association shall be carried out by activities such as:

- Provide, through conference on a state level, a forum for the discussion of all the problems relating to total rehabilitation for persons with disabilities.
- Encourage an interdisciplinary approach to problems of rehabilitation through maximum use of knowledge and skills of all professions.
- Increase public understanding of the social and economic gain to individuals and to the State through providing opportunities for all persons with disabilities in Missouri to become self-sufficient, self-supporting and contributing members of society.

APSE-MO (Missouri Association of People Supporting Employment First)

<http://www.apsemo.org/>

APSE-MO is the Missouri State Chapter of APSE The Network on Employment, a national organization committed to improving and expanding integrated employment opportunities, services, and outcomes for people experiencing disabilities.

Down Syndrome Association

<http://dsagsl.org/>

Just recently started efforts on helping people with disabilities to become employed. They have held some workshops designed to help people with Down Syndrome to better prepare for job seeking. They have also held some workshops to help parents support their children in their job seeking efforts.

DISABILITY & DIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

LEAD Center

<http://www.leadcenter.org/>

The LEAD Center is a collaborative of disability, workforce and economic empowerment organizations dedicated to a single mission: advancing sustainable individual and systems level change to improve competitive, integrated employment and economic self-sufficiency for all people across the spectrum of disability. The LEAD Center offers webinars on topics that are timely for people working in the workforce and/or disability systems, and for people with disabilities and their support networks. These webinars are opportunities to interface with thought leaders and subject matter experts about important issues affecting the disability community.

State Employment Leadership Network (SELN)

<http://www.selnmembers.org/>

The State Employment Leadership Network (SELN) is a partnership of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) and the Institute of Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts Boston (ICI). The SELN provides technical assistance and guidance to state I/DD agencies to develop more effective employment systems and partnerships. The network is a place where states can connect, collaborate, problem solve and share resources that address the pressing employment-related issues that states face.

Missouri Governor's Council on Disability

<http://disability.mo.gov/gcd/>

The Governor's Council on Disability (GCD) promotes full participation and inclusion of the nearly 1 million Missourians with disabilities in all aspects of community life by educating citizens, businesses, schools, universities and others of their rights and responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Conduct educational seminars and on-site training as well as publish a legislative newsletter, a resource directory and informational brochures on topics relating to people with disabilities. Provide information about compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and assistive technology to maximize the productivity of people with disabilities. The Council offers assistance to other state agencies for compliance with all laws regarding persons with disabilities. It maintains communication with disability advocates and service providers to disseminate information and receive feedback on problems affecting people with disabilities in order to recommend policy improvements. The Council aims to promote positive images and protect persons with disabilities through equal access to services and employment opportunities. The Council publishes the Directory of Resources for Missourians with Disabilities. The directory lists programs and services of state and local offices, private agencies and other organizations serving people with disabilities.

St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative

<http://stlbizdiversity.com/>

The St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative assists area companies in building successful diversity and inclusion programs through training, convening and consulting. The Initiative is made up of companies, organizations and agencies committed to attracting, retaining and advancing talented, diverse employees. A diverse workforce and robust multicultural supplier programs are vital to the growth of the St. Louis region and companies doing business here. The St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative has established a series of programs to help companies and minority employees and vendors expand their ways of doing business to be more successful by being more inclusive — from skill-building, to monthly networking opportunities, to sharing of best practices. The initiative also is a conduit to connect minority employees with employers and minority suppliers with purchasers. Hiring and procurement contacts for all members of the St. Louis Business Diversity Initiative are available.

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES FOR DISABILITY COMMUNITY

TalentWorks

<http://peatworks.org/talentworks>

A free online tool that helps employers and HR professionals ensure accessibility in their web-based job applications and other recruiting technologies for individuals with disabilities. Created by ODEP's Partnership on Employment & Accessible Technology (PEAT), TalentWorks provides general background on accessibility and e-recruiting, as well as tip sheets for making online job applications, digital interviews, pre-employment tests, and resume upload programs accessible.

JOBAccess and ABILITYJobs

www.abilityjobs.com

The Goal of JobAccess and ABILITYJobs is to enable people with disabilities to enhance their professional lives by providing a dedicated system for finding employment. By posting job opportunities, or searching resumes, employers can find qualified persons with disabilities as well as demonstrate their affirmative action and open door policies. We are the Leading Website dedicated to employment of people with disabilities. We are also the largest resume bank with tens of thousands of job seekers with disabilities, from entry level candidates to PhD's - if your company is looking for talent you've come to the right place.

LIME Network

www.limeconnect.com

We're a global not for profit organization that's rebranding disability through achievement. We do that by attracting, preparing and connecting high potential university students & alumni who happen to have disabilities for scholarships, internships, The Lime Connect Fellowship Program and full time careers with our corporate partners

disABLEDPerson

www.disabledperson.com

A premier Job Board for People with disABILITIES since 2002. We boast over 200,000 active jobs with hundreds of new jobs posted every day from all across the U.S. posted by companies who are looking to hire people with disabilities. Disability Employment is our passion as we work closely with employers to place their job openings for you, the disability community. We work closely with disABILITY Organizations and State Vocational Rehabilitation Departments again from all across the U.S. Register, post your resume and begin your job search.

GettingHired

www.gettinghired.com

GettingHired launched in 2008 with the sole purpose of helping people with disabilities find gainful employment. We strive to empower an underserved workforce of professional job seekers with disabilities and create sustainable employment growth through a variety of opportunities. GettingHired understands the frustration of being a job seeker and is constantly evolving to suit the needs of it's users, through accessible systems, easy-to-use job search, professional development, industry information, employer training and our custom social community. Providing a safe and secure environment is top of mind and our employer partners have a vested interest in hiring the most talented individuals for their companies. We seek to work with companies who are making a concerted effort to hire people with disabilities and are constantly looking to improve their program through best hiring training programs for a variety of teams.

One More Way

www.onemoreway.org

One More Way™ is an 'open source' employment initiative that makes information regarding Job Seekers with disabilities, and the programs that support them, available for use by hiring managers in virtually any industry across the country. We bring everyone together to overcome employment obstacles, share opportunities, and create new connections where none have been established. The One More Way collaborative serves as a forum for all parties involved in the area of disability and employment to come together to do together what we cannot do alone. As an open sourced, membership project, we reach small business as well as large private and government hiring managers. By including veterans and professionals with acquired disabilities, our project reaches deep into America's largest pool of untapped talent.

Hire Disability Solutions

www.hireds.com

The mission of Hire Disability Solutions is to give all that want a chance to succeed, the opportunity to succeed. Hire Disability Solutions was founded in response to the increasing demand for services for individuals with disabilities. Additionally, we aim to promote inclusion into the mainstream employment world. Since its inception in 2004, Hire Disability Solutions has established itself as a national leader in protecting and enhancing employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Through its educational campaigns surrounding employment law, education opportunities, and assistive technology, the company facilitates the success of individuals with disabilities and employers alike.

Enable America

www.enableamerica.org

Enable America's objective is to increase employment among people with disabilities in the United States. To accomplish this goal, we are taking a two-pronged approach that reaches out to all members of the disability community and the business community.

The first prong of our approach is to host a series of Community Connection Meetings across the nation. These meetings are the first step in creating a national information-sharing network comprised of local community task forces devoted to eliminating the barriers to employment for disabled individuals.

The second prong of our approach is to host a series of business breakfast meetings as a follow-up to the Community Connection Meetings. These meetings will include business leaders, managers, resource professionals, and inspirational speakers. The goal of the Business to Business Meetings is to encourage prospective employers to hire disabled job seekers by demonstrating the many benefits of hiring disabled employees and by answering questions that businesses may have about issues such as personnel policies, taxes and insurance.

Our goal with this two-pronged approach is to embrace not only individuals with disabilities and the many organizations and service providers that support them, but also business leaders in their communities as well.

Recruit Disability

The first step for any job seeker with a disability

www.recruitdisability.com

Our Ability

The leading national disability organization on employment

www.ourability.com

Webinars Available on Demand from Allsup

- True Help Returning to Work.
- Help Telling Your Story.
- True Help with Health Insurance when Disability Strikes.

For more details and to register go to:

<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=reg20.jsp&eventid=982758&sessionid=1&key=2589BB74FEDF07465D6C42D9F1D4E927&sourcepage=register>

October 6, 2016

Disability Employment Awareness Month Kick-Off

UMSL Millennial Student Center Rotunda, 2nd Floor, St. Louis, MO

10am – 2pm

For more information contact Dawn Brokaw at 314/516-6554

October 20, 2016

PEAT Talk Monthly Webinar: Celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month

1pm – 1:30pm (3rd Thursday each month)

For more information or to register go to www.peatworks.org

IMMIGRANT & INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES AND EVENTS

This is a list of support resources and events available to our foreign-born and international community AND companies seeking to employ members of this community.

International Institute

www.iistl.org

The international institute provides linguistically and culturally customized training and technical assistance to refugee and immigrant entrepreneurs. They help with business plan development, business management, and access to financing and compliance with business licensing and regulations.

The Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP) Program

<http://www.iistl.org/jobtraining.html>

The International Institute's Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP) program is designed to assist the foreign born and the foreign educated in acquiring the skills they need to get a professional level job in the St. Louis area. The training includes sections on resume writing, interview techniques, and social media use as well as professional and academic recertification. Upon completion of the 16-hour program, graduates will be paired with a mentor in their field who will help them learn more about the practice of their profession and meet other professionals in the area.

St. Louis Mosaic Project

www.stlmosaicproject.org

The St. Louis Mosaic Project, which began in 2012, is an initiative of the World Trade Center Saint Louis to promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. One of the goals of the initiative is to ensure that St. Louis is the fastest growing U.S. metropolitan areas for immigration by 2020. As such, the project's principles include the recognition that "significantly growing out population of foreign-born residents is an economic imperative" and "special initiatives are needed to welcome and to integrate newcomer immigrants." To meet its goals, the St. Louis Mosaic Project pursues government outreach to engage local, regional, and federal government leaders to reduce hiring barriers. The group also pursues business outreach such as engaging business leaders to developing hiring solutions for skilled foreign talent.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

www.hccstl.com

The Hispanic Chamber attempts to strengthen Hispanic enterprise and small and minority business integration to promote a sustainable socioeconomic development and a better quality of life in the St. Louis region. The Hispanic Chamber serves as facilitator in strengthening Hispanic enterprise, it anticipates new challenges and opportunities, encourages innovation, and promotes the development of the Hispanic entrepreneurial sector.

Hispanic Leadership Institute

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis Foundation has established the Hispanic Leadership Institute as a select program for 15-20 individuals consisting of nine, day-long seminars or experiences held monthly. The HLI will train professionals on for-profit and non-profit leadership skills and network development. Program fee of \$1,000. For more information or to apply go to www.hccstl.com or contact Karlos Ramirez and kramirez@hccstl.com or 314/644-4432

Bosnian Chamber of Commerce <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bosnian-Chamber-of-Commerce-STL/413692435441700>

To promote and maintain a prosperous business environment for the Bosnian community of St. Louis; to develop and provide an attractive atmosphere for the Bosnian business community, and other businesses that help and assist the Bosnian community; and to encourage a fraternal spirit for our membership.

Asian American Chamber of Commerce

<http://aaccstl.org/>

The Asian American Chamber of Commerce (AACC) of St. Louis is an organization that serves Asian American businesses in the Greater St. Louis region and includes all Asian American ethnicities

Professional Connector Program

<http://www.stlmosaicproject.org/pro-connectors.html>

The Professional Connector Program gives foreign-born and native-born individuals (the Participant) the chance to meet with a well-connected and globally-minded professional (the Connector) over one coffee/tea session and receive job-seeking advice in the participant's respective industry.

Following the initial meeting, the Professional Connector will introduce the Participant to three other Connectors for additional coffee/tea sessions.

Immigrant Entrepreneurship Program

<http://www.stlmosaicproject.org/entrepreneurs.html>

Foreign-born individuals in the St. Louis region are 60 percent more likely than native born to start a business. This program serves to connect the Immigrant & foreign-born entrepreneurs to the resources to successfully launch a business.

Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis

The Hispanic Arts Council of St. Louis (HAC) mission is to promote the excellence of the Hispanic culture through arts and educational events. One of the aspects of our mission is scholarships to support first generations of Latino youth who are college-bound or attending college.

www.hispanicartscouncilstl.org

Bi-Lingual International Assistance Services

Our mission is to ensure equal access to healthcare, mental health, and social services for all, regardless of national origin or language ability, through the advocacy, education, and direct multilingual services we provide.

<http://www.bilingualstl.org>

St. Louis Bosnians, Inc.

The St. Louis Bosnians, Inc. is nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, with the purpose of Enhancing lives of Bosnian and other communities in St. Louis through educational, charitable, research, scientific and literary programs, presentations, and exhibits. Organization concentration of work is divided into four main sectors; Charity work, Advocacy, Cultural and Educational programs.

www.stlbosnians.org

OCA St. Louis Chapter - Asian Pacific American Advocates

OCA is a national organization with 80 chapters throughout the United States dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States. To fulfill its mission, OCA promotes civic participation, education, and leadership; advances coalitions and community building; advocates for social justice, equal opportunity and fair treatment; and fosters cultural heritage.

<http://www.oca-stl.org/>

Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project (MICA Project)

MICA is a community organization committed to working with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. The MICA Project utilizes legal services, organizing, advocacy, and education to promote the voice and human dignity of immigrant communities.

www.mica-project.org

MERS/Goodwill

MERS/Goodwill is a non-profit agency that provides for the vocational needs of individuals who have barriers to employment through disability or economic disadvantage. Services include English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

www.mersgoodwill.org

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for Class VI of the Hispanic Leadership Institute with participants to be announced on 9/9/16.

Applications are now available for Class VI of the Hispanic Leadership Institute. Class VI will begin in October of 2016. Interested applicants should email their application to Vanessa Garcia at vgarcia@hccstl.com. For questions or additional information, please contact Vanessa Garcia at vgarcia@hccstl.com or go to http://www.hccstl.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/HLI_May2016_web.pdf.

Immigrant Service Providers Network (ISPN)

The Immigrant Service Providers Network (ISPN) aims to support the foreign born and their families by coordinating efforts to increase the capacity of community resources, advocate for inclusive policy and services, and educate residents and providers in the St Louis region. For more information go to <http://www.mira-mo.org/wordpress/immigrant-service-providers-network>

The International Institute is currently accepting applications for the Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP) program

CAIP is a 16-hour training program designed to assist the foreign born and the foreign educated in acquiring the skills they need to get a professional level job in the St. Louis area. The training includes sections on resume writing, interview techniques, and social media use as well as professional and academic recertification. Upon completion of the 16-hour training program, graduates will be paired with a mentor in their field who will help them learn more about the practice of their profession and meet other professionals in the area.

For more information or to register for the program go to <http://www.iistl.org/CAIP.html>

October 4, 2016 (weekly)

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Roundtable

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to www.hccstl.com/ or call 314/664-4432

October 5, 2016

Hispanic Leadership Group Membership Meeting: Better Together/Cities Strong Panel Discussion

Ameren HQ (1901 Chouteau, St. Louis, MO 63103)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://sthlhg.org/>

October 6, 2016

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Seminar

Executive Insights: Hispanic Demographics – How to be Proactive vs. Reactive in Recruitment

Thompson Coburn (One US Bank Plaza, 505 N. 7th St, St. Louis, MO 63101)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Members free, guests \$25 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlmosaicproject.org/hispanic-demographics-how-to-be-proactive-vs-reactive-in-recruitment.html>

October 11, 2016

The Latino Roundtable of Southwestern Illinois Monthly Networking Meeting

SWIC Southwestern Illinois College (2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville, IL 62221)

Noon – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP go to www.latinoroundtable.org or contact Lea Maue at thelatinoroundtable@gmail.com

October 12, 2016

2016 Annual International Business Awards Ceremony and Reception

St. Louis U., Anheuser-Busch Auditorium, John Cook School of Business (3674 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30pm - 7:00pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlmosaicproject.org/annual-international-business-conference.html>

October 12, 2016**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Workshop: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn – What's the Fuss All About?**

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register call 314/664-4432 or go to

<http://hccstl.chambermaster.com/events/details/facebook-twitter-linkedin-what-s-all-the-fuss-about-10-12-2016-111>

October 14, 2016**Hispanic Leadership Group (HLG) Premio Esperanza Award Ceremony**

Missouri Athletic Club (405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$40.

For more information or to RSVP contact sonmelao@yahoo.com or egkenyon@att.net

October 20, 2016**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (3611 S Grand Blvd., #105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register call 314/664-4432 or go to

<http://hccstl.chambermaster.com/events/details/business-after-hours-at-hcc-10-20-2016-105>

October 26, 2016**Immigrant Service Providers Networking (ISPN) Monthly Meeting**

2725 Clifton Ave. 63139

9am – 10:30am (4th Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to <http://www.mira-mo.org/wordpress/immigrant-service-providers-network>

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NETWORKING EVENTS & SEMINARS

This is a list of informational and networking opportunities with some of the larger local cities and Chambers of Commerce in the St. Louis area. For a list of other Chambers in the St. Louis area go to www.mochamber.com

October 4 and 18, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Lunch Networking Group Meeting**

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 12:30pm (1st and 3rd Tuesdays)

Cost: \$12

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Movers Leads Group Networking Events

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce (2145 Bryan Valley Commercial Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

8am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

October 5, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Divisions Networking Group Meeting**

Holiday Inn Airport West (3400 Rider Trail South, Earth City, MO 63045)

11:30am – 1pm (1st Wednesday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

October 6, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

Dave & Buster's, Inc. (13857 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event

Coach Outlet (18505 N. Outer 40 Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

October 6, 2016 (weekly)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour Event**

10/6 Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport (4505 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

10/13 934 E. Rue de la Banque, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

10/20 Naked Vine (1624 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017)

10/27 Hendel's Café (599 St. Denis St., Florissant, MO 63031)

4:30pm – 6:30pm (Thursdays)

No cost

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.comOctober 7, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Networking Event**

BMO Harris (3095 Clarkson Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Friday Coffee Networking Event**

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy (2705 Dougherty Ferry Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.comOctober 11, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce Social Buzz Club**

The Social Buzz Club will be designed to "spread the word" for Chamber businesses. Those that choose to dedicate their time to this endeavor will reap results that far outweigh their time investment. The key to success in The Social Buzz Club is to attend each gathering with the mindset that your sole purpose in participating is to promote the businesses of the other members, without a thought as to promoting your own business.

West County Chamber Office (2645 Generations Drive, Wildwood, MO)

8:30am – 9:30am

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Blvd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1:15pm

Cost: \$25 for Chamber members with RSVP; \$30 for non-members and walk-ins

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com**Greater North County Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Luncheon**

Cannoli's Restaurant (462 N. Hwy 67, Florissant, MO 63031)

Noon - 1:30pm (2nd Tuesday each month)For more information go to www.greaternorthcountychamber.com**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

100.7 FM The Viper (1000 Lake St Louis Blvd, Ste 110, Lake St. Louis, MO 63367)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.orgOctober 11 and 25, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting**

Sweet Spot Café (3586 Adie Road, St. Ann, MO 63074)

8:30am – 9:30am (usually meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.comOctober 12, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting AND Business Expo**

Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Revenue Roundtable Workshop**

Midwest Bank Centre, 1st Floor Conference Room (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Technology Help Desk**

The Technology Help Desk is a free resource where they can come, no appointment necessary, and ask questions and receive assistance.

Spencer Library (427 Spencer Rd., St Peters, MO 63376)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (2nd Wednesday)For more information go to www.ofallonchamber.org

October 12, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Networking Event**

Christy Banquet Center (9000 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.orgOctober 13, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

The Fox and the Hound (17416 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting**

Orlando's Event & Conference Center (2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

Cost: \$25, walkins \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.comOctober 13, 2016**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Women's Entrepreneurial Empowerment Group Meeting**

Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com**Affton Community Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon**

Orlando Gardens Banquet Center (4300 Hoffmeister, St. Louis, MO 63125)

11:15am – 1pm

Cost: members \$15; non-members \$20

For more information go to www.afftonchamber.com**Affton Community Chamber of Commerce Networking Event**

Park Forest Apartments & Townhomes Clubhouse (7529 Fleeta Street, St. Louis, MO 63123)

6pm – 7:30pm

For more information go to www.afftonchamber.comOctober 14, 2016**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Liberty Tax Service (9836 Manchester Rd, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce Connect with Coffee Networking Event**

TitleMax Sunset Hills (10415 Watson Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.ourchamber.comOctober 14 and 28, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Group Networking Events**

Mercy (300 Winding Woods, Ste 212, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.orgOctober 17, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Networking at the Rail Event**

The Brass Rail (4601 Hwy. K, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.orgOctober 18, 2016**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Crestwood Community Center (9245 Whitecliff Ln., Crestwood, MO 63126)

11am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to www.ourchamber.com

October 19, 2016**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

St. Louis Family Church (17458 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, guests \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Home-Based Business Networking Group

Chamber Office (1400 S. Highway Drive, Suite 99, Fenton, MO 63099)

8:30am – 9:30am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.fentonmochamber.com

West County Chamber of Commerce 12 @ 12 Networking Meeting

By invitation only. 12 folks at a time will be invited to lunch (you pay for your own lunch and drinks). Our mission is to connect and engage new and existing Chamber members to enhance their businesses and grow their relationships deeper within the community and the West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce.

Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson-Clayton Shopping Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)

Noon – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

Greater North County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting

The Atrium @ Christian Hospital (11133 Dunn Road, St. Louis, MO 63136)

11am - 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information go to www.greaternorthcountychamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching for Leadership Excellence Workshop

AdviCoach-Darmill Group (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

9am – Noon (3rd Wednesday of each month)

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tricks of the Trade Seminar

Northwest Chamber Office (8944 St. Charles Rock Rd., 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63114)

11:30am – 1pm (3rd Thursday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching Workshop

AdviCoach-DARMILL GROUP (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

9am - Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

October 20, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

LaQuinta Inn & Suites St. Louis Airport/Riverport (13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for guests

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Roundtable Meeting

Chesterfield Chamber Office (Chesterfield, MO 63017)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Tech/Community Meeting

Topics vary monthly but focus on providing valuable technology and marketing information to small and large business in our community.

Foundry Art Centre (520 North Main Center, Room 2 - Baue Children's Gallery, St. Charles, MO 63301)

3:15pm – 4pm

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event

Chic Lumber (2625 E Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Fall Member Breakfast Networking Event

Red Robin Gourmet Burgers (13001 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

October 20, 2016**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Westborough Country Club (631 S Berry Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.webstershrewsburychamber.comOctober 24, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group Networking Event**

Mercy (300 Winding Woods, Ste. 212, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.orgOctober 25, 2016**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Dardenne Presbyterian Church (7400 South Outer 364, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast Networking Event**

Wingate by Wyndham (32 Research Park Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members \$15 guests \$20

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.comOctober 26, 2016**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Hooters Restaurant (11835 Lackland Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business-to-Business Networking Event**

Patrick's @ Westport (342 Westport Plaza Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com**West County Chamber of Commerce West County Young Professionals Meeting**

Corner Pub (Clarkson/Clayton, Ellisville, MO 63011)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com**Southwest Regional Economic Summit**

The Chambers of Commerce of Fenton, Kirkwood, Des Peres, Crestwood and Sunset Hills are pleased to introduce the inaugural Southwest Regional Economic Summit. The Summit will consist of a panel of economic experts followed by a question and answer session.

Sunset Hills Country Club (9555 S. Geyer Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

7am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to www.fentonmochamber.comOctober 27, 2016**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast Networking Event**

AMG Corporate Offices (400 Chesterfield Center, Suite 400, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Small Business Group Coaching Workshop**

AdviCoach-DARMILL GROUP (17295 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Ste 200, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

9am - Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Meeting**

O'Fallon Fire Protection Admin Building (111 Laura K Dr., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Sol Sweat/Align Chiropractic (10727 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwoodesperes.com

October 27, 2016**West County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, guests \$30

For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

October 28, 2016**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting**

Patrick's Westport (342 Westport Plaza Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146)

11:30am – 1pm (usually last Friday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

Northwest Chamber of Commerce Fall Business Expo

Orlando's Event & Conference Center (2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

10:30am – 3:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

October 31, 2016**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Business Seminar**

Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO)

Noon - 1pm (usually 4th Monday of each month)

Cost: FREE for members, \$30 for non-members

For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 1, 2016**Black Business Women of St. Louis Informational Networking Meeting**

Black Business Women of St. Louis is a professional organization who focuses on supporting Black Women in Business as well as increasing awareness and profits of Small Black Owned Businesses! Come out to learn more about Black Business Women St. Louis, and joining!

11897 Benham Road, St. Louis, MO

2pm – 4pm

For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/black-business-women-st-louis-informational-tickets-27716913033?aff=erellivmlt>

October 3, 2016 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts Kirkwood Weekly Meeting**

J. Green's Pub (10017 Manchester Road, Warson Woods, MO)

6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Mondays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Kirkwood/>

October 4, 2016**O'Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express (Dierberg Plaza, Greenmount Rd., Shiloh, IL)

8:30am - 9:30am (meets 1st Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$9 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

October 4, 2016 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting**

STL Cake Pops (198 Tecumseh Street, St. Charles, MO)

6pm – 7:30pm (meets weekly on Tuesdays)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-St-Charles/>

Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts South County Weekly Meeting

Helen Fitzgerald's (3650 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO)

11:30am – 1pm (meets first three Tuesdays of each month)

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-South-County/>

October 4 - 6, 2016 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting weekly Tuesdays - Thursdays.

Visitors are welcome but must contact the individual BNI chapter in advance. For more information go to <http://www.bniamerica.com/>

October 5, 2016 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Chesterfield Weekly Meeting**

Talayna's (68 Four Seasons Shopping Center, Chesterfield, MO)

11:30am – 1pm (meets weekly on Wednesdays)

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-Chesterfield/>

October 6, 2016**St. Louis Business Journal: Outstanding Directors Awards**

Four Seasons Hotel (999 N. 2nd Street, St. Louis, MO 63102)

6pm – 9pm

Cost: \$150 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/>

Chesterfield/Missouri Networking Event

The Old Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield

11:30am - 1:30pm

The networking is free but if you want a great lunch it will cost you \$8-\$15

For more information contact Joel Kirk at <https://www.linkedin.com/grp/post/1636537-6065230831641702400>

Women 2.0 City Monthly Meetup

A networking event to promote new networks among the entire technology ecosystem in innovative cities around the world. This event is open to those who work, start, and fund tech companies. Both women and men are invited to attend.

Location TBA

6:30pm – 8:30pm (typically on the 1st Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 per person (\$15 at the door)

For more information or to register go to <http://women2.com/city-meetup/st-louis/>

October 7, 2016**Ranken Tech Employer Breakfast**

Industry representatives are invited to have breakfast with administrators, faculty, staff and students to learn more about the Ranken.

Ranken Technical College (4431 Finney Ave., St. Louis, MO 63113)

7:45am – 10am

For more information go to <http://ranken.edu/events/>

Manufacturing Day at Ranken Tech

Tour local manufacturers and visit Ranken Tech's manufacturing departments; learn about career opportunities in the manufacturing industry

Ranken Tech – St. Louis (4432 Finney Ave., St. Louis MO 63113)

Contact Jeff Ogle at jeogle@ranken.edu

Ranken Tech – Wentzville (755 Parr Road, Wentzville, MO 63385)

Contact Gary Young at ghyoung@ranken.edu

8am – 2pm

For more information go to <http://ranken.edu/events/>

St. Louis Green Business Challenge Meeting

Ameren (1901 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104)

7:30am – 9:30am

For more information or to register go to <http://stlregionalchamberevents.com/greenrsvp/>

Midwest Manufacturing Leaders (MML) First Friday Breakfast Meeting

The Lodge Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Rd., St Louis, MO 63131)

7:15am – 9am

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://mmlgroup.org/>

October 7 and 21, 2016**FORE Business Lunch and Learn Networking Event**

The Highlands Golf and Tennis Center at Forest Park (5163 Clayton Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110)

11:45am – 2pm (1st Friday)

2:30pm – 5pm (3rd Friday)

Cost: Members free, \$39 for guests

For more information go to www.forebiz.com

October 7 – 8, 2016**Radien Ignite 2016 Business Conference**

1.5 day event that is focused on giving you the tools and training that you need to make 2017 the best year of your life in business. It's an opportunity for you to mastermind with multiple 6- and 7-figure income earners who are showing you exactly what they do on a daily basis to create massive incomes. More importantly you are going to see the revolutionary customer acquisition system that will help you find, engage, and acquire new customers. You'll enjoy a combination of demonstrations, how to's and trainings that will transform your business and give you the roadmap that you need to get from where you are to where you want to be.

Crown Plaza St. Louis Airport (11228 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, MO)

Cost: \$37 per person

For more information or to register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/radien-ignite-event-2016-tickets-27336569415?aff=erelexpmlt>

October 7, 2016 (weekly)**Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Creve Coeur Weekly Meeting**

IL Bel Lago in City Place (11631 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO)

11:30am – 1pm (meets weekly on Fridays)

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Creve-CoeurWPN/events/>

October 8, 2016**FENG Monthly Tabletop Networking Meeting**

The Lodge of Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Road, Des Peres, MO 63131)

8am – 10am (usually meets the 2nd Saturday of month)

Cost: FREE for members

For more information or to register go to <http://thefengstl.org/>

2016 Sustainability Conference

Webster University, East Academic Building (545 Garden Ave. Webster Groves, MO. 63119)

8am – 6pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.webster.edu/sustainability/conference/register.html>

October 11, 2016**St. Louis Logistics Forum**

Join the St. Louis Logistics forum for networking and a discussion of reshoring.

Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis (999 North 2nd Street, St. Louis, MO)

11am – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-louis-logistics-forum-tickets-27759497404>

October 12, 2016**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**

Baymont Inn & Suites (20 Central Blvd., Highland, IL)

8am – 9:30am (usually meets 2nd Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

YNPN St. Louis Coffee with 9 Strangers Networking Event

Join YNPN St. Louis and other young professionals to network with like-minded peers, gain professional skills, and troubleshoot work-related challenges.

Companion Bakery Wholesale (2331 Schuetz Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146)

7:30am – 8:30am

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ynpnstl.org/calendar/>

October 13, 2016**Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Wildwood Meeting**

Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson Clayton Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Womens-Power-Networking-Coffee-and-Contacts-Wildwood-MO/events/>

October 14, 2016**ProductCamp St. Charles County**

ProductCamp St. Charles County is designed to give small to mid-size manufacturers the answers they need to take their business to the next level. Known as an "unconference", this collaborative and professional event is geared to anyone who builds, designs, markets or manages product development.

Ranken Technical College (751 Parr Road, Taylor Automotive Building, Wentzville, MO 63385)

1pm -5pm

For more information or to register go to <http://growmanufacturing.org/productcamp.htm>

The Engineering Center of St. Louis Second Friday Lunch & Learn

Topic: Section 404 Clean Water Act Permitting: Overview and Current Issues

The Engineer Center of St. Louis (4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, non-members \$40

For more information or to register go to <http://www.engineeringcenter.org/> or call 314/533-9336

October 18, 2016**St. Louis Industry Liaison Group (ILG) Meeting**

The Scholarship Foundation (8221 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO 63117)

8:30am – Noon

For more information about ILG or to register for the meeting call 314/232-0452 or ilgstlouis.membership@gmail.com

October 18, 2016**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Coffee Networking Meeting**

Location TBD

6pm – 7:30pm

No charge to attend

For more information go to <http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/>**Public Meeting for the Development of the Missouri Military Strategic Plan (MMSP)**

By attending one of the statewide public meetings you can share your thoughts about how our state could best prepare for an uncertain future affecting our military bases and defense agencies, our defense procurement businesses, and defense-related research and innovation. We will bring together community and civic leaders, chambers of commerce and economic developers, installation support organizations, defense businesses, and researchers and innovators to provide input in developing Missouri's first ever strategic plan for protecting and enhancing the state's military and defense industry. The Boeing Company (8998 Airport Road, Bldg. 100 Auditorium, St. Louis, MO)

1pm – 4pm

RSVP no later than 10/5/16 to kathyw@hawthornfoundation.orgFor more information go to www.mmpec.ded.mo.gov**Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Re/Max Alliance (1099-M Beltline Rd., Collinsville, IL 62234)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3rd Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$7 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>**Tapestry Christian Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting**

The Tapestry Network is open to ALL women called into the marketplace. You may own a business, work for a business, or be formulating a plan to start a business. Each month, we gather over lunch to discuss the thought-provoking book "Working Women of the Bible". We invite you to share your successes and struggles as we study together and in turn learn how to be better business women. Each of us will also identify action steps we can take from the reading and discussion that will propel our businesses forward.

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Road Kirkwood, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

8:30am – 11:30am

Cost: members free, guests free for the first two visits

For more information or to register go to www.stlouistapestry.com**Network After Work St. Louis**

Lucas Park Grille (1234 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

6pm - 9pm

Cost: \$15 per person, \$20 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://networkafterwork.com>October 19, 2016**Professional Organization of Women Monthly General Body Meeting**

8136 Groby Rd, University City, MO 63130

6:30pm – 8:30pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)For more information or to register go to www.powincstl.org or contact professionaldevelopment@powinc.org**NAWBO Membership Drive Event**

Midwest Litigation Services Event Suite, 614 North 11th Street, 3rd floor, St. Louis, MO 63101)

4:30pm – 7pm

For more information or to register go to www.nawbostl.orgOctober 20, 2016**Capacity Builders Conference**

The Capacity Builders Conference will provide non-profits in the area with the tools to grow their organizations and secure sustainable resources. This learning opportunity is for non-profits that are physically located in the Promise Zone, provided programs or services in the zone or work with residents from the zone.

St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley (3400 Pershall Rd., St. Louis, MO 63135)

7:30am – 5pm

Cost: \$40 per person

St. Louis Business Journal: Family Business Awards

Palladium St. Louis (1400 Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

6pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/>**Granite City People in Business Networking Meeting**

Business Foundry (2054 Edison Ave., Granite City, IL)

8am – 9am (meets 3rd Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

October 21 – 23, 2016**GlobalHack VI Hackathon**

GlobalHack VI will bring together software developers, graphic designers, technologists, and entrepreneurs from around the world to solve a single civic technology problem centered around homelessness. Hundreds of participants across youth, collegiate, and pro divisions will work in teams to solve this problem by building software solutions over the course of an entire weekend. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams, including follow-on funds that will be used to take the most promising prototypes generated at the event to market.

St. Louis University, Chaifetz Arena (1 S. Compton Ave, St. Louis, MO 63103)

Starts 10/21 at Noon and ends on 10/23 at 4pm

For more information or to register go to <https://globalhack.org/globalhack-vi/>

October 26, 2016**Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Edison's Entertainment Center (2477 South State Road 157, Edwardsville, IL)

11:45am – 1pm (meets last Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to <http://pibnetworking.com/>

October 27, 2016**TEDx St. Louis Women Conference**

The largest women's thought leadership event in St. Louis. In association with global TEDWomen, this one-day conference about the power of women and girls to be creators and change makers is sure to spark some of TEDx's most iconic moments yet. Our program of speakers, event - and daring discussions - center on ideas important to our community and the world at large.

St. Louis Peabody Opera House (1400 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

1pm

Cost: \$72 per person and up

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.tedxstlouis.com/>

October 28, 2016**Midwest Women Business Owner's Conference 2016**

An educational, interactive event bringing powerful female business owners together to discuss relevant, provocative business topics crowdsourced from women just like you.

The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis Hotel (100 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105)

7am – 6pm

Cost: \$325 per person

For more information or to register go to

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-midwest-women-business-owners-conference-tickets-19435014652?aff=erelexpmlt>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONSOctober 4, 2016**Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting**

Venture Café at CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan, St. Louis, MO 63108)

5pm - 8pm (1st Thursday of the month)

For more information go to www.inventstl.org

October 11, 2016**Community Service and Public Relations Council (CSPR) Monthly Meeting**

Topic: Getting Ready for Reporters: Media Training

Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel (7730 Bonhomme Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)

11:30am – 1:15pm

Cost: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40

For more information or to register go to www.csprc.org

Computer Consultants of St. Louis Monthly Meeting

St. Louis Bread Company (6630 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO 63130)

5:30pm - 8pm (Meets 2nd Tues. of each month)

For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to www.ccsll.org

October 12, 2016**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**

The Heights, the Angus Room (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)

Cost: No cost for members, \$10 for nonmembers

For more information call 314/256-1800 or go to www.stlouispublishers.org

October 19, 2016**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Dinner Meeting**

Clayton Plaza Hotel (7750 Carondelet Ave. Clayton, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: members \$30; non-members, \$35

For more information or to register go to www.stlpmi.orgOctober 20, 2016**American Marketing Association St. Louis Chapter Monthly Meeting**

Maggiano's Little Italy (2 The Blvd., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members \$35, guests \$45

For more information go to www.ama-stl.orgOctober 25, 2016**St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting**

The Heights (8001 Dale Ave., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)

5:30pm – 7:30pm (usually the 4th Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 members, \$20 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to www.stlcoaches.orgOctober 27, 2016**National Human Resources Association (NHRA) - St. Louis Monthly Meeting**

Topic: Understanding How to Make Better Hires Via Instincts

Ces & Judy's at Le Chateau (10405 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: member free, guests \$40

For more information or to register go www.humanresources.orgOctober 28, 2016**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Leadership Conference & business Partner Expo**

Ameristar Casino Resort Spa St. Charles (St. Charles, MO)

7:30am - 5pm

To RSVP or for more information go <http://www.hrmaatl.org/content/conference>**SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS****Yield Lab is Now Accepting Applications for Yield Lab 2017**

The Yield Lab provides new AgTech companies with \$100,000 in funding, mentors, and connections supported by an agriculturally solid framework of organizations and businesses from the St. Louis area. Backed by Cultivation Capital, The Yield Labs selects four to eight agriculturally based technology companies each year with a nine month cohort. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hands-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top agricultural research and development intuitions in the region. For more information go to www.theyieldlab.com

New Fashion Incubator is now accepting applications for its inaugural class that starts on January 1, 2017

This two-year intensive program offers emerging designers the tools, connections, and guidance to take their businesses to the next level.

For more information or to apply go to <http://www.saintlouisfashionincubator.org/>

Capital Innovators is now accepting applications for its Spring 2017 Accelerator Program

The Capital Innovators Accelerator Program, based in St. Louis, MO, provides \$50,000 in seed funding, project-based mentorship from a seasoned pool of knowledgeable experts, stellar perks, networking, and follow-on funding opportunities over the course of 12 weeks.

For more information or to apply go to www.capitalinnovators.com

GlobalHack VI is now accepting applications for the Fall 2016 3-Day event

GlobalHack VI will bring together developers, designers, technologists, and entrepreneurs from around the world to solve a single, massive civic technology problem revealed at the beginning of the hackathon. 2,500 participants across youth, collegiate, and pro divisions will work in teams to solve this problem by building software solutions over the course of an entire weekend. \$1 million in cash prizes will be awarded to the top teams, including \$250,000 in follow-on funds that will be used to take the most promising prototypes generated at the event to market. GlobalHack VI will be held Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 23, 2016, at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis, MO, on the campus of Saint Louis University.

For more information go to <https://globalhack.org/globalhack-vi/>

Fantasy Food Fare Business Competition now accepting applications for the Old Parks Space in Old North City.

The competition is solely for restaurateurs who are interested in opening their restaurant at the Old Parks Space, the building catty-corner to Crown Candy, which is already outfitted, thanks to Rise, for a restaurant. The total award is estimated to be between \$75,000 - \$100,000, which includes a space that's complete built out (walkin freezers, hoods, and kitchen). The winner will receive a two-year commitment to the rental space, marketing support from Firecracker Press, free publicity from the North City business Develop center, mentoring by an area restaurateur, back office support, and advice from an advisory board.

For more information go to <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2016/09/01/competition-for-restaurant-space-in-north-st-louis/> or contact Equifax Inc., Rise (<http://www.risestl.org/>), or the Small Business Technology and Development Center (<https://missouribusiness.net/center/st-louis-sbtcdc-downtown/>)

Grace Hill is now accepting applications for the Fall Workshop in Business Opportunities (WIBO) 16-week training

Information sessions are scheduled throughout the month to learn about WIBO, a 16 week business class designed to take blooming and established business owners to the next step in their entrepreneurial journey. If you anticipate signing up for the Fall 2016 cohort at the orientation, please bring a deposit of \$50 (CASH, CHECK or MONEY ORDER ONLY).

For more information or to register for a 1-hour information session go to <http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/>

Throughout October

The SBA offers informational webinars on a variety of topics of interest to entrepreneurs and small business owners. For more information or to register for an upcoming webinar go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/events>

October 1, 2016

SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business

Economic Development Center of St. Charles County (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, SSM Room, St. Charles, MO 63304)

8:15am – 3pm

Cost: \$60 per person; \$70 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

October 3, 2016

Business Seminar: Starting Your Own Business – Legal Issues

This class will help you understand which requirements apply to your business. It will cover establishing a corporation, partnership or LLC, as well as introducing the law of marketing, employment, copyright and trademark, privacy, contracts, tax and other regulations.

St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus, G Tower, Rm. 113 (1900 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

9am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$25

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Continuing-Education/classes/index.asp?Cat=XBSM>

Group Launch of How to Build a Profitable Business in St. Louis

Join our group of entrepreneurs committed to building a profitable business in St. Louis. Once a month we gather as like-minded entrepreneurs to be inspired, get educated and equipped. Our group exists to support each other as we strive to build businesses that create local jobs, generate wealth and lift our economy.

CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)

3pm – 5pm (1st Monday of each month)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/Build-A-Profitable-Businesses-St-Louis/events/233451889/>

6th Annual IY TrepStart Day: St. Louis Youth Entrepreneurship Conference

TrepStart Day is a one-day, Independent Youth event where nearly 1,000 teens from across the region learn, lunch and launch into entrepreneurial thinking by interacting with successful teen entrepreneurs from around the US. Designed as a peer-to-peer exploration of entrepreneurial thinking and achievement know-how, TrepStart Day incorporates experiential education through a keynote address by Maxine Clark (founder of Build-A-Bear Workshop), interactive breakout sessions with successful teen entrepreneurs and the launch of The 30 Day Entrepreneurship Challenge.

St. Louis U., Busch Student Center (20 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 2:30pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://independentyouth.org/event/trepstart-day-st-louis/#>

October 3 – 9, 2016

St. Louis Design Week

If you are a part of the local St. Louis design world or want to be then this is the event for you! A jam-packed week full of events including a conference, speakers, workshops & panel discussions, studio tours, networking, exhibits, parties, and portfolio reviews.

For more information or to register go to <http://stldesignweek.com/>

October 4, 2016 (weekly)

OPO Try It Tuesdays

Curious about OPO? Wonder what it's like to work here? Register to try it out!

OPO Startups (119 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301)

9am – 5pm

For more information or to register go to www.opostartups.com

Prosper Women Entrepreneurs Office Hours

As Prosper Women Entrepreneurs continues to grow, we're hosting office hours for those who want to have a one-on-one conversation about their venture and learn more about Prosper programs.

CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

3:30pm – 5:30pm (every Tuesday)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.properstl.com/events/>

October 5, 2016

SCORE Business Workshop: Introduction to QuickBooks Online

e3Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$35 per person; \$45 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

October 5, 2016**Small Business Seminar: Legal 101 for Startups and Small Businesses**

Please join Polsinelli PC attorneys for an informal discussion on common legal questions encountered by startups and small companies.

TechShop St. Louis (4260 Forest Park Ave. St. Louis, MO 63108)

5pm – 7pm

No cost to attend

For more information or to register go to <http://www.techshop.ws/stl.html>

October 5, 2016 (weekly)**Danforth Weekly Scientific Seminar Series**

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

11am - Noon

For more information or to register go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/>

Breakfast Networking

MiMi's Cafe (17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

8am – 10am

For more information contact Joel Kirk at joel@otwms.com

ITEN One Million Cups

Every week, two entrepreneurs present their ventures and ask advice and assistance from the community. All are welcome to come see some of the newest ventures getting started around town, and join in the lively discussions and networking to follow.

T-Rex, 5th Floor (911 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101)

9am – 10am (every Wednesday morning)

For more information go to <http://www.1millioncups.com/stlouis>

OPO Startup Wednesdays – Community, Founders, Mentors, and Funders

OPO Startups (119 S. Main St., St. Charles, MO 63301)

10/5	Community	5:30pm – 8pm
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10/12	Founders	5:30pm – 8pm
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10/19	Mentors	5:30pm – 8pm
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10/26	Funders	5:30pm – 8pm
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For more information or to register go to www.opostartups.com

October 6, 2016**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps**

St. Louis County Extension Office (132 East Monroe Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to www.Missouribusiness.net

Seeds of Change 2016: How to Grow the St. Louis Startup Ecosystem

Discussion on what it takes to plant the seeds of entrepreneurship and what part St. Louis can play to encourage entrepreneurship and the formation of successful new companies in the region

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events/>

Women 2.0 City Monthly Meetup

A networking event to promote new networks among the entire technology ecosystem in innovative cities around the world. This event is open to those who work, start, and fund tech companies. Both women and men are invited to attend.

TechArtista (4818 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (1st Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$10 per person (\$15 at the door)

For more information or to register go to <http://women2.com/city-meetup/st-louis/>

October 6, 2016 (weekly)**St. Louis Entrepreneurs Meetup**

Ami's of Rock Hill Inc. (9824 Manchester Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119)

11:30am – 1pm (every Thursday)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/stlouis-entrepreneurs/>

Venture Café Networking Events

CIC @4240 (4240 Duncan Avenue, #200, St. Louis, MO 63108)

3pm – 8pm (every Thursday evening)

For more information go to www.vencafstl.org

October 7, 2016**Manufacturing Day in St. Charles**

The general public is invited to attend this FREE Makers Showcase from 3-6 pm on October 7th. See first hand what is made in St. Charles County and learn about modern manufacturing and career opportunities.

St. Charles Community College (4601 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., College Center, Cottleville, MO 63376)

3pm – 6pm

For more information go to <http://growmanufacturing.org/mfg-day>

MVF Monthly Business Builder Breakfast Meeting

Moto Museum/Triumph Grill (3441 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

7:15am – 9am (meets 1st Friday of each month)

Cost: members free, guests \$39

For more information or to register go to mvfSTL.org

Self-Employed St. Louis (SESTL) Monthly Meetup Network Event

Kirkwood Station Brewing Company (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Self-Employed-St-Louis/>

October 10, 2016**Business Seminar: Small Business Tax Seminar**

Learn the essentials of starting a business; business use of the home, recordkeeping, independent contractor versus employee, hobby versus business, federal income tax and employment tax requirements. This program is designed for sole proprietors, but much of the information relates to all forms of business ownership.

St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, BA Bldg., Rm. 124 (11333 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63122)

9am – 12:30pm

Cost: \$39

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Continuing-Education/classes/index.asp?Cat=XBSM>

October 11, 2016**StartLouis Monthly Meetup Event**

This is a grassroots community of bootstrappers, solopreneurs, and startup enthusiasts in St. Louis, Missouri. Our mission is to bring St. Louis entrepreneurs together for learning and collaboration. Each monthly meetup event features a presentation and Q&A session.

Location TBA

6:30pm – 9pm (2nd Tuesday of the month)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/StartLouis/>

October 12, 2016**Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting**

Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)

7pm – 9pm (2nd Wednesday each month)

For more information go to <http://ilinventor.tripod.com>

SCORE Business Workshop: Lead Generation for Consistent Cash Flow

e3Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$35 per person; \$45 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

Small Business Revenue Roundtable

Midwest Bank Centre, 1st Floor Conference Room (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

11:30am – 1pm (2nd Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$47 per person

For more info or to register go to <https://sbrrstl.eventbrite.com>

October 13, 2016**Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2nd Thursdays Monthly Networking Event**

This monthly event connects entrepreneurs and emerging tech companies with veteran business leaders, investors and the public.

This month ITEN will unveil its annual St. Louis Tech Startup Report: 2014 Year in Review. Come hear about key trends that emerged in 2014, see key metrics on our St. Louis startups and find out what companies rose to the top this year!

Venture Cafe (CIC@4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

3pm – 8pm (2nd Thursday of each month)

For more information go to www.itenstl.org

October 14, 2016**Kick-Off Event for the Social Enterprise and Innovation Competition**

Calling all innovators and entrepreneurs! Are you interested in aging, youth development, reducing violence housing, economic development, health, or decarceration?! Compete in the SEIC to earn seed funding for your venture!

Washington University, Brown Lounge of Brown Hall

3pm – 5pm

For more information contact The Mission Center at <http://missioncenterl3c.com/> or call 314/272-2553

October 15 and 22, 2016 (2 sessions)**Business Seminar: Starting and Managing a Small Business**

Designed for individuals who are considering starting a business, have made the decision to start or who have been in business for less than two years, this program will discuss: the basics of business ownership, planning for success, organizational forms of business, legal and regulatory environment, record keeping and information management, marketing, financing and resources.

St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, BA Bldg., Rm. 220 (11333 Big Bend Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63122)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$59

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Continuing-Education/classes/index.asp?Cat=XBSM>

October 18, 2016**St. Louis Small Business Monthly Meetup Event**

Kirkwood Brewing Station (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO)

Noon – 1:30pm

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/SLSBMG/events/calendar/>

Grace Hill WBC Business Seminar: Small Business Legal Clinic

Attorneys will be available for 30-minute one-on-one sessions to discuss legal topics relating to new and existing small businesses. Even if you do not have specific questions, come and tell the attorneys about your business– they can help spot legal issues and give you general guidance.

Grace Hill Water Tower Hub (2125 Bissell St., St. Louis, MO 63109)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/>

October 19, 2016**SCORE Business Workshop: Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights**

e3Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$35 per person; \$45 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

St. Louis Business Expo

Includes SPEED Networking, Seminars & Workshops, Expert Roundtables, Product Demonstrations, Contacts for Contracts, business Luncheon, and Networking Happy Hour

St. Charles Convention Center (St. Charles, MO)

11am – 5pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisbusinessexpo.com/>

Business Seminar: Use LinkedIn to Grow Your Business

Response! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

5:30pm - 8:30pm

Cost: \$35 per person

For more information or to register go to www.responsetargetedmarketing.com

October 20, 2016**Gateway Business Networking (formerly St. Louis Business Networking) Breakfast**

Missouri Athletic Club (405 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63102)

7am – 9am (Meets 3rd Thursday of each Month)

Cost: \$14 per person

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com

Business Seminar: Starting a Small Business in Illinois

Participants will learn key strategies on how to maximize their time to develop a solid business. We will walk through some of the resources available to them that could provide assistance in the areas of time, productivity and cost effectiveness. Participants will walk away with tools that will allow them to not only build a business on the side but also grow it into a true business.

SIUE Campus, Morris University Center (Edwardsville, IL)

4pm – 5:30pm

Cost: \$10

For more information go to <http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/calendar.shtml> or contact Jo Ann Di Maggio May at 618/650-2929 or gdimagg@siue.edu

October 20, 2016

House of Genius Monthly Small Business Session

House of Genius brings together entrepreneurs and a diverse mix of collaborators from the community for an evening each month of disruptive thinking, supportive input, and creative new ideas.. In each session, three early-stage ventures bring one challenge they're facing to the table and our carefully curated, professionally anonymous group of 15-20 provides feedback in a moderated round-table discussion.

CIC@CET (20 South Sarah St., St. Louis, MO)

5:45PM – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://houseofgenius.org/apply/st-louis/>

October 21, 2016

Business Smart Workshop Series: Getting Ready (Part 1 of 3)

Getting Ready is the first in a three-workshop series created by the SBA to educate entrepreneurs in the St. Louis area about how to start a small business. In this workshop you will:

- Learn what you need to do before ever opening the doors for business.
- Learn the key steps for starting a business.

Ameren (1901 Choteau Ave., St. Louis, MO)

4pm – 6pm

For more information or to register go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-business-smart-workshop-getting-ready-tickets-28053962156?aff=erelexpmlt>

October 22, 2016

Grace Hill WBC Business Seminar: How to Build a Non-Profit

This vibrant and interactive workshop will answer all of your questions about HOW to get started, WHO to contact in order to gain resources and WHERE to look for financial support to take your organization to the next level.

US Bank Tower (505 N. 7th St., St. Louis, MO 63101)

9am - Noon

For more information or to register go to <http://www.gracehillwbc.org/events/>

October 27 2016

Mind Your Business Lecture Series: Obtaining and Retaining Talent

This presentation will provide an overview and discuss points to consider in the area of talent recruiting and retention.

St. Louis County Library Headquarters, Auditorium (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

8:30am – Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.slcl.org/events/ or call 314/994-3300

Savvy Coders Meetup Group Networking Event

TechArtista (4818 Washington Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

6:30pm – 8:30pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.meetup.com/Saint-Louis-Savvy-Coders-Meetup/events/#9>

St. Louis ILG (Industry Liaison Group) Monthly Meeting

The St. Louis Industry Liaison Group is a not-for-profit organization comprised of federal contractor representatives, employment agencies, and Office of Federal Contract Compliance Program (OFCCP) representatives. Collectively, through volunteer efforts, the St. Louis ILG works to ensure St. Louis employers lead the nation with respect to implementing and enforcing fair employment practices.

The Scholarship Foundation (8221 Clayton Rd., St. Louis, MO 63117)

8:30am – Noon

For more information contact Alicia.e.turnerroberson@boeing.com

October 29, 2016

Small Business Symposium

SIUE Campus, Morris University Center (Edwardsville, IL)

10am - 4pm

For more information go to <http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/calendar.shtml> or contact Jo Ann Di Maggio May at 618/650-2929 or gdimagg@siue.edu

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND TRAINING

STL STARTUP/ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS

AAIM Employers' Association provides cutting-edge resources which help its members manage their people and processes. AAIM partners with company leadership and management in human resources by providing topical research and information, technical guidance, training and HR consulting, pre-employment services, small business training courses, seminars, roundtable discussions, and webinars on a variety of topics including computer skills, negotiating skills, customer service, interpersonal communication, PowerPoint presentations, and more. For a complete schedule of upcoming programs or to register for any of the programs go to www.aaima.org or call 314/968-5360

Enterprise University Enterprise Bank & Trust offers FREE small business training workshops through **Enterprise University**. To get more information about these workshop or to register online go to www.enterprisebank.com and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com or call 314/512-7203

Electro Savings Credit Union "Ask the Experts" Business Seminar Series presented at no cost and held at Electro's Maryland Heights Community Room (1805 Craigshire Rd., Maryland Heights, MO). RSVP to Pat at ppetty@escu.org or 314/4343-6470 x1406

Gateway Venture Mentoring Service (VMS)

Gateway Venture Mentoring Service is an entrepreneur support organization whose primary goal is to “facilitate a successful environment for entrepreneurship in the Greater St. Louis region.” We do this in one of two ways:

- Through networking and team based volunteer mentoring
- Through referrals to the most appropriate Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO)

For more information go to www.gatewayvms.org

Innovate St. Louis

Innovate Saint Louis strives to educate innovators, entrepreneurs and the public about how great ideas become viable business endeavors and to better collaborate and help build the entrepreneurial eco-system necessary to make the greater St. Louis region an international hub of innovation and entrepreneurship. As a 501(c)3 public charity, Innovate Saint Louis offers all services free of charge. Organizational programs match innovative new business ideas with volunteer mentors who can help these ideas grow into companies by coaching emerging entrepreneurs through the steps of starting, growing and maintaining a business. For more information go to www.innovatestl.org

Inter City Capital Connections

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC) has an 11-year track record of helping companies grow and access capital. Businesses that enter the program face a variety of challenges, but exit the program with practical knowledge, a robust network and a plethora of capital connections they draw from. In order to participate in the program a company must meet two criteria: (1)\$2M or more in sales by 2015 (On the recommendation of the nominator, we will accept businesses with sales less than \$2M). (2)Headquartered in or have 51% of physical operations in economically distressed urban areas of the U.S. or have at least 40% or more of employees residing within an economically distressed urban area.

For more information go to <http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/>

International Institute Business Development Corp.

The IISTL Economic Development Department provides workshops for entrepreneurs, for start-ups, businesses that need strengthening or that are looking to expand their goods and services. The focus is on helping businesses be successful. The workshops serve to strengthen our TA to immigrant entrepreneurs by formalizing some of the TA topics currently offered one-on-one into a structured workshop program. Language assistance is available as needed from the bilingual and multi-lingual staff in the Economic Development department. For more information go to <http://www.iistl.org/smallbizcenter.html>

Justine Petersen

The nation's second-largest SBA microlender and one of its strongest advocates for first-time homebuyers. They have a dedicated loan pool for businesses located throughout the greater St. Louis region. Justine Petersen supports small businesses through funding and technical assistance. For more information go to <http://www.justinepetersen.org>

Kauffman Founders School

The Founders School is an online educational resource dedicated to entrepreneurship. Through lectures and a rich curriculum, we'll give you the skills and tools to build your idea into something big. For more information go to <http://www.entrepreneurship.org/Founders-School.aspx>

MOKAN Capacity Building 6-Week Institution: Skills Training for Minorities and Women Contractors

The St. Louis Business Institute in conjunction with the St. Louis Develop Corporation are excited to announce the new technical training course program that assist minority and women owned construction companies with capacity building through hands on technical assistance, skilled workshops and course trainings designed specifically to address business development needs. Minority and women owned contractors will be able to participate in a 6-week training program specifically designed to advance management and operational skills. Contractors will also have an option to participate in monthly technical assistance courses as well as individualized one-on-one business enhancement sessions with industry experts to address specific business development concerns. For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisbusinessinstitute.com/capacity-building-course-schedules.html>

MOSourceLink

MOSourceLink is a statewide referral network which links Missouri small business owners and entrepreneurs to local, regional, and state resources who provide services, programs, classes, and information to help business grow and prosper. MOSourceLink does not offer any business counseling or educational services directly to the entrepreneur. Our role is to facilitate referrals to resources, getting business owners to the right resource at the right time.

For more information go to www.mosourcelink.com

MVF

MVF serves entrepreneurs — those leading the growth of earlier stage businesses — through peer networking, topical education and access to capital resources. We attract members and resources whose mission is to support entrepreneurs and grow new businesses. Our community of entrepreneurs, investors, inventors and service providers eagerly share their knowledge and resources to help build a strong regional entrepreneurial ecosystem. For more information, please visit www.mvfSTL.org

Pipeline

Pipeline is an elite organization of the Midwest's most successful, high-performance entrepreneurs. Our Members work as one to face business challenges, funnel opportunities to their peers and build market-leading technology and life-sciences business together.

Each year approximately 10-12 new entrepreneurs are invited to join Pipeline as Fellows. After an extensive selection process, new Fellows participate in a unique and rigorous year-long business leadership development program that blends workshop modules, advice from national experts, and a deepening of the relationships among new and current Pipeline Members. This introductory year-long program leverages a national network of business advisers at the forefront of their respective specialties who engage deeply with Pipeline, effectively extending the entrepreneurs' business networks nationwide.

For more information go to <http://www.pipelineentrepreneurs.com/>

Square One Program (SQ1)

SQ1 is a hands-on training program designed to assist entrepreneur in the creation and development of their bioscience or advanced technology business in the Bio, IT or Product/Manufacturing industries. Content is delivered by Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) with the goal of helping entrepreneurs learn what is required to commercialize their product or service. SQ1 utilizes a three-pronged approach to instill confidence and skills entrepreneurs need to succeed:

1. Formal instruction
2. Hand-on learning
3. Networking & mentoring

The program consists of 10 weeks of classes, one night each week. There are bullpen or study group sessions that participants may also attend each week. The bullpen sessions allow the participants to interact and engage with industry experts and their classmates in order to complete assignments or explore topics in greater detail. Participants will also have access to co-working space. The program ends with a pitch deck competition in the 11th week where participants may receive cash awards.

For more information go to <http://www.bedprogram.com/>

St. Louis Community College Corporate College The Corporate College offers demand-driven workforce training and professional development programs to the St. Louis region. Corporate services include:

- Contract training
- Strategic consulting
- Industry-specific curriculum
- Grant-funded economic development programs
- Enterprise wide solutions for national/global companies
- Certification testing & assessment services
- ACT WorkKeys assessment services
- Meeting and event services

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/corporatecollege/Index.html>

St. Louis Community College - Workforce Solutions Group

The Workforce Solutions Group is the entrepreneurial workforce development division of St. Louis Community College that offers a robust menu of programs and solutions designed to advance people, businesses and communities. Programs offered include:

- Lean Transformations
- Leadership & Professional Development
- Strategic Talent Development
- ISO International Organization for Standardization
- Technical Training
- Information Technology Training
- Health & Safety Training
- WorkKeys Solutions Center

For more information go to <http://www.stlcc.edu/Workforce-Solutions/Corporate-Services/Index.html>

St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership (formerly St. Louis County Economic Council) marks a new era of collaboration within St. Louis by aligning regional efforts in business development, business finance, entrepreneurial support and international trade services. The mission of St. Louis Economic Development Partnership is to lead in the development and growth of long-term diversified business and employment opportunities by creating innovative solutions that generate increased wealth and enhanced quality of life for the citizens, businesses and institutions of the St. Louis region.

Business Development Division provides a broad range of incentives, resources and customized services to help you lay the foundation for your company's move to or expansion in St. Louis. For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/business-development-resources.html>

AccelerateSTL helps startups and investors connect with each other and find resources. For more information go to www.acceleratestlouis.org

STLVentureWorks is the place to be for new ideas and the next generation of successful, high-potential companies. The STLVentureWorks team can put your business on the fast track with on-site support, fresh insights, networking and customized mentoring.

Our incubator network includes five locations:

- Grand Center (3830 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)
- South County (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis MO 63125)
- Wellston (6439 Plymouth Ave., Wellston, MO 63133)
- West County (743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
- Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square, Creve Coeur, MO 63132)

For more information go to <http://www.stlpartnership.com/stlventureworks.html>

St. Louis Community Credit Union offers FREE small business training workshops through **CU Excel Center**. To get more information about the workshops or to register contact center@stlouiscommunity.com or go to www.cuexcelcenter.com

St. Louis Makes

St. Louis Makes is a private nonprofit organization devoted to independent research and innovative growth solutions which result in developmental opportunities across the region's middle market manufacturing sector. St. Louis Makes is focused on bettering the region's economy through shared best practices in product management and business development. For more information go to www.stlouismakes.org

St. Louis Minority Business Council (SLMBC) provides ongoing growth opportunities, financial support, and training and education for its corporate members and for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs). For more information go to www.slmhc.org

St. Louis SCORE offers free business counseling and resources, low-cost workshops, and free business scan services. If you're starting a business, preparing for a loan, or have existing business issues or opportunities, SCORE mentors can help. offers many small business seminars and webinars workshops. To learn more about the programs go to <http://stlouis.score.org/>

St. Louis Small Business Administration offers FREE online courses and webinars for small businesses and entrepreneurs, including "Affordable Care Act 101 webinars, starting a small business, managing a small business, financing a business, and contracting. For more information about these online courses go to <http://www.sba.gov/content/st-louis-district-office>

Techli

Techli delivers innovation news and in-depth editorial on the technology, businesses and ideas that are changing the way we live, work, and play. We know cutting edge technologies and vanguard businesses are emerging around the world, not just in Silicon Valley. Techli covers technology and innovation news wherever it happens, whenever it happens. For more information go to www.techli.com

TechShop St. Louis

TechShop is a community-based workshop and prototyping studio on a mission to democratize access to the tools of innovation. Packed with cutting-edge tools, equipment, and computers loaded with design software featuring the Autodesk Design Suite, we offer the space to make, and the support and camaraderie of a community of makers. For more information go to <http://www.techshop.ws/STL.html>

Worknet

Worknet has a unique community based program that works with employers who want access to a highly productive workforce that is prized for its reliability, diligence, and job skills.. We are looking to develop a mutually beneficial partnership with your business organization

For more information go to www.worknetnow.com

The Young Entrepreneur Council

The **Young Entrepreneur Council (YEC)** is an invite-only organization comprised of the world's most promising young entrepreneurs. In partnership with Citi, YEC recently launched **StartupCollective**, a free virtual mentorship program that helps millions of entrepreneurs start and grow businesses. For more information or to join go to <http://yec.co/>

STARTUP CAPITAL SOURCES/ACCELERATORS

Advantage Capital Partners

Advantage Capital Partners invests in entrepreneurial small businesses in communities that are underserved by traditional sources of capital. The firm has built a strong and successful track record of public-private partnerships with state and federal economic development organizations, creating thousands of jobs and facilitating the flow of billions of dollars of investment capital into these communities. For more information <http://www.advantagecap.com/team/st-louis5/>

Arch Grants

Arch Grants seeks to create a more robust startup culture and infrastructure in St. Louis. To increase employment growth and establish St. Louis as a place where entrepreneurs want to start and grow their businesses, Arch Grants offers startups funding in the form of grants and supports the startups as they remain or transition to downtown St. Louis. The Arch Grants Business Plan Competition helps to shape the image of St. Louis among aspiring entrepreneurs and others looking to have a formative role in building a new entrepreneurial climate in St. Louis. For more information go to www.archgrants.org

Arsenal Capital Management

Our goal is to provide our investors with a superior investment return by identifying early capital opportunities within a fund structure that is transparent, focused and cost conscious. We provide our portfolio companies with significant capital so they can be successful and truly desire to make every investment a win (investor) – win (entrepreneur) – win (ACM) result. For more information go to www.acm-stl.com

Ascension Ventures

Ascension Ventures is a strategic healthcare venture fund with \$550 million in capital under management. Our limited partners are some of the most respected, values-driven nonprofit healthcare systems in the US. For more information go to www.ascensionventures.org

BALSA Foundation

The Balsa Foundation was founded to support anyone wishing to pursue new business ideas but who may not have the background, resources, or funds needed to get started. Our mission is to make entrepreneurship accessible – and success attainable – to everyone. We aim to cultivate an inclusive entrepreneurial culture in St. Louis by preparing any inventor or creative thinker to enter the St. Louis entrepreneurial community. The Balsa Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The Balsa Group focused on helping individuals start businesses. We provide informational resources, peer-to-peer advising, and non-dilutive funding to people wanting to get their business dreams off the ground. We support individuals who may not have access to such expertise or financial capital and who are in the process of starting their first business. For more information go to www.thebalsafoundation.org

Billiken Angels Network Our goal as investors is to provide infusions of expertise and capital to firms that show promise to make a difference for our economy and our region. We are willing to look at firms in all industries and we look at firms at all stages, not just start-ups. Our goal as a network is to make a difference through education and advice to all the current and future businesses in the region. We draw on an unmatched set of resources including SLU's Entrepreneurship Center, the Habitat for Neighborhood Business, SLU's nationally ranked Entrepreneurship Program, the John Cook School of Business, and the other resources of Saint Louis University. If you have questions, please contact our director, Professor Jerome Katz, at 314-977-3864 or by email at katzja@slu.edu or go to www.billikenangels.com

BioGenerator

BioGenerator is a privately funded, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to facilitate the formation of successful, sustainable bioscience companies in the St. Louis region. BioGenerator is an affiliate of **BioSTL**. BioGenerator's mission is to support economic development and job growth in the St. Louis region. To accomplish this, BioGenerator identifies promising technologies and services, and works with the researcher or entrepreneur to build a successful and sustainable company. BioGenerator provides assistance, possibly with pre-seed or seed funding and access to lab space with specialized equipment, at the early stages of new company formation, with continued support to milestones of follow-on funding or sustainable revenue.

For more information go to www.biogenerator.org

Bodley Group

Bodley Group invests in seed or growth opportunities with compelling teams and a clear potential for out-performance. We seek to invest in companies with new proprietary technology, concept durability, clearly defined customer acquisition strategies, network effects and the potential for rapid growth. Most importantly, we target inspirational founders who are convinced of their plan for a different future and possess the fortitude to make their vision a reality. For more information go to <http://www.bodleygroup.com/>

Capital Innovators Accelerator Program

The Capital Innovators Accelerator Program, based in St. Louis, MO, provides \$50,000 in seed funding, project-based mentorship from a seasoned pool of knowledgeable experts, stellar perks, networking, and follow-on funding opportunities over the course of 12 weeks

For more information or to apply go to www.capitalinnovators.com

Cultivation Capital

Cultivation Capital is a venture capital firm managed by team of serial entrepreneurs. We know what it takes to start, cultivate and grow a successful company. We know the struggles, the challenges, the rewards and the successes. We are harnessing that knowledge to help develop and partner with the next generation of great entrepreneurs. Our funds are focused in the areas of technology and health and life sciences. For more information go to www.cultivationcapital.com

iSelect Fund

The iSelect Fund enables individual investors and their trusted financial advisors to create his or her own, diversified venture capital portfolio of professionally evaluated, early stage companies. Each company in the iSelect Fund has gone through a rigorous selection and due diligence process before being placed in the Fund. For more information go to www.iselectfund.com

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC)

Inner City Capital Connections (ICCC) is a national program designed to accelerate small business growth and access to capital. Through the program, inner-city business owners receive cost-free financial education, business training and one-on-one business counseling via intensive coaching sessions with capital providers. A variety of financial experts from Regions Bank and other sources will also coach participating business owners, free of charge. The goal of the program is to strengthen local businesses, which ICCC, Regions Bank and the Regional Chamber believe will ultimately strengthen the St. Louis area as a whole. ICCC focuses on businesses that are growth-oriented and have a presence in urban or economically underserved areas. The program is designed to accelerate small business growth and access to capital. Instructors hail from leading institutions, such as Harvard Business School and Stanford University, and are all business owners. During the class they will lead discussions on strategy, sales and marketing, entrepreneurial finance and talent management.

The 2016 program will begin in St. Louis on September 29 at Washington University in St. Louis. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until the deadline of August 31. There is no cost to apply. For more information or to apply, visit <http://icic.org/inner-city-capital-connections/>. You may also contact ICCC Program Director Hyacinth Vassell at hvassell@icic.org.

Lewis & Clark Ventures

Lewis & Clark Ventures is a new St. Louis-based venture capital firm focusing on high potential investment opportunities throughout the Midwest region. The mission of the fund is to deploy series A/B stage growth capital into companies operating within sectors that include software, devices and life sciences, and serving markets such as financial, agricultural, healthcare, and business enterprise solutions. For more information go to www.lewisandclarkventures.com

LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital)

This is a new initiative by the SBA. It is an online business matchmaking service to help entrepreneurs get connected with lenders. Phase 1 was rolled out in February to assist with connecting small business owners with nonprofit lenders that offer free financial advice and specialize in microlending, smaller loans, and real estate financing. Phase 2 will add more traditional banks that offer an even wider array of financial products, in the longer term, LINC could be modified to facilitate government contracting by connecting eligible small businesses with procurement officers, prime contractors and federal buyers.

For more information go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc?herobox>

Metro East Start-Up Challenge

The Metro East Start-up Challenge is a business plan competition to identify, recognize, and reward excellence in entrepreneurship. SIUE School of Business and the Illinois Metro East Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are the MESC administrators. The 2015 cash prizes are \$25,000 and will be awarded to entrepreneurs and new business start-ups based -- with plans to locate -- in Illinois portion of the St. Louis metropolitan area. For more information go to <http://www.siu.edu/metroeaststartup/>

Missouri Technology Corp (MTC) Idea Fund

The Missouri Technology Corporation is a public-private partnership created by the Missouri General Assembly to promote entrepreneurship and foster the growth of new and emerging high-tech companies. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries. Our vision is to transform Missouri through the power of entrepreneurship by serving as a catalyst for technology-based innovation to achieve sustainable economic growth. Our mission is to provide leadership and make strategic investments that help entrepreneurs create and grow technology-based Missouri businesses. MTC focuses on 21st Century bioscience industries that build on Missouri's rich history in agriculture. For more information go to www.missouritechnology.com

Monsanto Growth Ventures (MGV)

Monsanto Growth Ventures (MGV) is the venture capital group at Monsanto Company. Monsanto has a large footprint as a provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. In this capacity, MGV aims to help nascent companies grow through capital and leveraging Monsanto's agriculture know-how and resources. MGV also fosters the growth of an innovation supply chain that includes researchers, entrepreneurs, other venture capitalists and emerging technology companies. Often, early stage product innovation is best handled by talented small independent teams and companies that can maintain a single focus, work in a capital efficient process and rapidly prototype innovations to find solutions. For more information go to <http://www.monsanto.com/whowere/pages/monsanto-growth-ventures.aspx>

Missouri STEP=UP Grant Program

A 3-year trade and export promotion pilot program (an initiative of the Missouri International Trade and Investment Office and funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration) provides grants to carry out export programs that assist eligible small businesses. The aim of the MO STEP=UP Program is to increase the number of small businesses (500 employees or less) that are exporting and increase the value of exports for those small businesses that are currently exporting. Priority markets are Central and South America & the Middle East (excludes Brazil and Mexico). Special consideration is given to Colombia, Panama, Peru and the United Arab Emirates.

For more information go to https://www.ded.mo.gov/docs/default-source/export_missouri/mostep-guidelines22a7daefc1576ce29f33ff000939b41.pdf?sfvrsn=2

Oakwood Medical Investors

Oakwood Medical Investors is a life sciences venture capital fund formed to invest in development stage medical device, biopharmaceutical and healthcare service companies. Target portfolio companies for Oakwood have an outstanding management team, industry disruptive technology, demonstrated proof of concept and have typically completed a first round of institutional venture financing. For more information go to www.oakwoodmedical.com

The Pet Care Innovation

The Pet Care Innovation Prize is a competition powered by Nestle Purina recognizing early-stage pet care companies who either have products or services for sale. One grand-prize winner will receive up to \$20,000 in cash and support, with the potential to partner with Nestle Purina. Up to five companies will receive up to \$10,000 and will have the opportunity to pitch to pet care industry leaders, including senior Nestle Purina executives.

For more information go to www.petcareinnovationprize.com

Prolog Ventures

Venture capital firm specializing in life sciences. Prolog invests in traditional healthcare opportunities as well as emerging areas such as nutrition, wellness, and green technology in which we've built one of the largest portfolios in the country. For more information go to www.prologventures.com

Prosper Women Entrepreneurs

Prosper was created to address the entrepreneur gender gap in the St. Louis region. We are a group of business leaders, thinkers, doers, innovators and students who want to make sure that our community is well positioned in the new economy and, more specifically, that women entrepreneurs are a vital part of its future. Prosper Women Entrepreneurs is working with the Golden Seeds, the largest angel group in the US that focuses on women entrepreneurs, to establish an angel network in the St. Louis region dedicated to investing in women-owned and women-led businesses. The Prosper Angel Network will increase women entrepreneurs' access to growth capital and the number of women investing in early stage capital markets. Prosper Accelerator provides female-lead startups with \$50K in funding, mentors, and connections to the top business leaders in the country. Backed by venture capital firm Cultivation Capital, Prosper selects ten female-lead startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and four in the spring. These companies have access to our innovative curriculum, our incredible connections, and the resources they need to take their businesses to the next level.

For more information go to www.properstl.com

Regional Growth Capital

Regional Growth Capital invests in selected, growing companies in Missouri and Illinois that demonstrate significant potential for success. The investment serves as extended bridge financing for organic growth, acquisitions or recapitalizations. The for-profit corporation is owned by 34 banks and the three largest economic development agencies in the region. Regional Growth Capital's solid track record includes providing leveraged buyout financing as well as making investments in growing businesses for some of the premier companies in the St. Louis area. For more information go to www.regionalgrowthcapital.com

RiverVest Venture Partners

Established in 2000, RiverVest Venture Partners focuses exclusively on innovations in life sciences, a field in which our team has significant research, clinical, operational and investment expertise. The group identifies, funds and actively incubates promising life science companies, particularly in the medical device and biopharmaceutical industries. Provides practical advice and strategic leadership to help entrepreneurs drive early-stage companies forward. RiverVest also invests in select later-stage life science companies to diversify risk and maximize portfolio returns. In every case, takes a hands-on investment approach, preferring to be represented on the boards of our portfolio companies. RiverVest has funded 30 innovative life science companies and currently has assets under management of more than \$280 million. For more information go to <http://rivervest.com/>

SixThirty Accelerator Program for Financial Technology Startups

SixThirty provides \$100K in seed investment and mentorship for fintech startups that are in the early stages of funding and development. Backed by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and venture capital firm Cultivation Capital. SixThirty selects eight financial-based technology startup companies each year, four for the Fall class and four in the spring. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hand-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top financial services companies in the region. For more information about the program or to apply go to www.sixthirty.co

SixThirty Accelerator Program for Cyber Security Startups

SixThirty Cyber, over the next 5 years, plans to provide \$10 million in seed investment and mentorship for cyber security startups that are in the early stages of funding and development. Backed by the St. Louis Regional Chamber and venture capital firm Cultivation Capital. SixThirty Cyber selects ten technology startup companies each year, five for the Fall class and five in the spring. Each of those startup companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive a \$100,000-\$200,000 investment and take part in a fourteen-week accelerator program, which will offer hands-on training, mentoring and business development support. For more information about the program or to apply go to <https://sixthirtycyber.com/>

St. Louis Startup Challenge

The St. Louis Startup Challenge was created to promote entrepreneurship, innovation and venture development within the region by **highlighting** dynamic startup and early stage companies in the region; **strengthening** those companies through relevant analysis and support; and **rewarding** the best-of-the-best at the end of the Challenge. The Challenge encourages all startups and early stage companies to apply. For purposes of the Challenge, applicants may be pre-launch, operational or pre- or post-revenue. Cash awards are provided by Edward Jones through St. Louis Economic Development Partnership. For more information go to www.STLStartupChallenge.com

Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR)

The Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. By including qualified small businesses in the nation's R&D arena, high-tech innovation is stimulated and the United States gains entrepreneurial spirit as it meets its specific research and development needs.

STTR is an important new small business program that expands funding opportunities in the federal innovation research and development arena. Central to the program is expansion of the public/private sector partnership to include the joint venture opportunities for small business and the nation's premier nonprofit research institutions. STTR's most important role is to foster the innovation necessary to meet the nation's scientific and technological challenges in the 21st century. For more information about the program go to <http://missouribusiness.net/technology/about-sbir-sttr/#sttr>

Stadia Ventures Sports Business Accelerator

Located at the Cambridge Innovation Center in Cortex, Stadia will invest \$100K in up to 5 of the best sports related startups twice a year and pair them with mentors in the region. Stadia Accelerator will be a 10-week business development program. For more information go to www.stadiaventures.com/accelerator

St. Louis Arch Angels

The mission of the St. Louis Arch Angels is to provide opportunities for our members to obtain outstanding financial returns by investing in early-stage companies with high growth potential in the St. Louis Region and accelerating them to market leadership. The Arch Angels are a part of the region's seed to later stage equity capital continuum and are targeting an investment range that is generally underserved by institutional venture capital firms. The Arch Angel network is an important addition to the region's capacity to finance innovation emerging from our universities and research institutes, companies, and technology incubators. For more information go to www.stlouisarchangels.com

Twain Financial Partners

Twain Financial Partners provides creative capital solutions that span the entire capital structure from Debt to Equity in order to further our clients' potential in an ever-changing environment. Our firm is also a third-party Fund Manager for 500+ investments worth a total aggregate value over \$3.5 billion within the Public-Private Partnership sector. For more information go to www.twainfinancial.com

Vectis Healthcare & Life Sciences Fund

Managed by John Brooke and his team at Boston-based Brooke Private Equity Advisors, Vectis I is a healthcare/life sciences venture capital focused fund-of-funds. The Fund was created in 2004 with the dual purposes of providing strong financial returns to investors, while also supporting the healthcare and life sciences sector in the St. Louis region. For more information go to <https://www.crunchbase.com/organization/vectis-healthcare-life-sciences-fund/entity>

The Yield Lab

The Yield Lab is focused on bridging the critical gap between innovation and fruition of new agricultural technology by supporting early stage companies. The Yield Lab provides new AgTech companies with \$100,000 in funding, mentors, and connections supported by an agriculturally solid framework of organizations and businesses from the St. Louis area. Backed by Cultivation Capital, The Yield Labs selects four to eight agriculturally based technology companies each year with a nine month cohort. Those companies selected to take part in the accelerator program will receive hands-on training, mentoring, and networking opportunities with the top agricultural research and development intuitions in the region. As one of the largest areas of business in the Midwest, agriculture is a leading industry with extensive influence within the region and beyond. The diversity with the central location, along solid business communities and support, makes St. Louis a leading space for AgTech expansion. For more information go to www.theyieldlab.com

STARTUP COMMUNITIES/INCUBATORS/CO-WORKING SPACE

Blue 1647

A tech and entrepreneur-ship incubator, supporting all forms of entrepreneurship from events, filmmakers, artists, engineers, and designers. Blue 1647, a center which trains people of all ages, is "where diverse people working for a better world can quickly access relationships and bring ideas to life." Blue 1647 is focused on three core areas: people/professional development, workforce development, and business acceleration. All through technology! Offers a bevy of classes, workshops, and events to get everyone excited about the latest and greatest in technology. We have all of the latest and greatest in technology. Founded in the Chicago area Blue 1647 has expanded to 4811 Delmar, St. Louis starting in the Fall of 2015. For more information go to www.blue1647.com

Create Space Generator

The Create Space Generator is a creative entrepreneurship incubator dedicated to birthing, growing, and sustaining creative businesses. Create Space Generator, located in the Delmar Loop area, merges the creative process with technology by training and empowering creators and makers from the St. Louis community through a 6-month or 1-year training program, complete with curriculum, classes, advisors and speakers from the local and national business communities. For more information go to www.createspacestl.com

Cortex (Center of Research and Technology Exchange) Innovation Community

Cortex is the Midwest's premiere innovation hub of bioscience and technology research, development and commercialization, serving as the anchor of St. Louis' growing ecosystem for innovative startup programs and established companies. Cortex provides state-of-the-art biomedical science and overall technology research facilities to hatch some of the nation's most promising technological advances. Cortex offers customizable lab and office space for rent, proximity to world-class research institutions, availability of a highly-trained workforce, and access to venture capital.

For more information go to www.cortexstl.com

Cambridge Innovation Center at the Center for Emerging Technologies (CIC@CET) St. Louis

The CIC @CET occupies more than 30,000 square feet of space on the second floor of the @4240 building, located in the heart of the Cortex innovation district in Midtown. CIC is now managing operations at the CET, adding another 87,000 square feet to its St. Louis space, which will now total more than 110,000 square feet. It will use the added space to help accelerate startup companies. Entrepreneurs can lease space at the CIC for as few as 30 days, which gives startups the ability to scale up or down at a rapid pace. More co-working space, a revamped conference room and reception area are also planned for the CIC@CET. For more information go to www.cetstl.com

Cambridge Innovation Center at 4240 (CIC@4240) St. Louis

@4240 offers a unique environment for a range of companies including those involved in life sciences, research, technology, legal, innovation and entrepreneurship... conveniently located within the CORTEX district in St. Louis' popular Central West End. @4240 provides 183,000 square feet of office or lab space built out to tenant specifications. Flexible tenant solutions include customized labs for both large and small molecule research, dry labs for electronic, medical device or IT or software research, and modern office space. A Certified LEED Platinum building, @4240 is surrounded by what employees want most including walking distance to green spaces, cafes and living areas. For more information go to <http://at4240.com/>

Direct Impact Business Education Center

Direct Impact Business Education Center (DIBEC) is the first privately owned business enterprise center in the state of Missouri designed to improve the entry of new business startups for Women and Veterans. The role of DIBEC is to offer an environment that supports the start-up phase of businesses, provide resources to increase their success rate and graduate from our program financially viable and freestanding. Overall, these companies will create jobs and strengthen the Saint Louis Region. DIBEC Mission is to serve as a driving force for business existence combining best practice processes, technical assistance, coaching and training so small businesses can improve through the stages of initial growth from sustainability to job creation.

For more information go to <http://www.directimpactstl.org>

Innovative Technology Enterprises (ITE) at UMSL

ITE at UMSL is a university incubator for community as well as university technologies. With office and laboratory space, ITE offers the ideal environment for chemistry, life science, nanotechnology and IT companies. Amenities include access to university resources, use of professional common areas, shared office and laboratory equipment, and a great location with easy access to major highways. For more information go to <http://www.ite-stl.org/>

IT Entrepreneur Network (ITEN)

The catalyst for Tech startups, ITEN provides a foundational system for entrepreneurs to work together towards building strong startups and a vibrant tech ecosystem. Access to investors, key service providers and qualified talent means lower barriers to rapid growth. Designed by entrepreneurs for entrepreneurs, requiring neither payment nor equity, ITEN is a unique community asset and a proven route to venture success.

For more information go to www.itenstl.org

ITEN Corporate Engagement Program (CEP)

The mission of CEP is to bring together tech startup ventures and regional corporations in innovative, structured ways to help both overcome barriers to rapid growth. Ventures wishing to participate in the CEP are asked to update key data; and by applying to the program agree that ITEN may share that data with the CEP's corporate partners. For more information go to <http://itenstl.org/corporate-engagement-program/>

Lab 1500

Lab1500 is an entrepreneurial center founded on the principle that collaboration drives innovation. It's a cool, comfortable place where members can utilize co-working space; network with likeminded entrepreneurs; and attend classes, workshops and events. For more information go to www.lab1500.com

Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers The Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Centers (MO SBTDC) help businesses in every stage. From concept to startup, growth to renewal, mature to succession. We are here to help you succeed at every point. MO SBTDC experts are located statewide providing help on a variety of business topics through:

- Professional business analysis
- Business consultation and access to technology resources
- Educational training seminars on a variety of business topics: financial analysis, strategic planning, technology commercialization, management, HR, social media, marketing, taxes, customer service, business plan, startup and more.

For more information about the programs and how to register for training seminars go to <http://www.missouribusiness.net/>

Nebula Coworking

Nebula Coworking, located in the heart of the Cherokee Business District provides space for creative professionals, small businesses, independent contractors, artists and non-profits looking for a place to build, create, develop, and collaborate. For more information go to <http://nebulastl.com>

OPO Co-Working Center

OPO is a co-working center for digital Startups. Located in the newly renovated "Old Post Office" building in St. Charles, MO, the 10,000 square foot facility provides regional startups with affordable workspace and access to mentors, potential investor, programming, educational resources and a community of local entrepreneurs. For more information go to www.opostartups.com

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) mission is to build, sustain, and grow small businesses; as well as to promote small business development and enhance local economies by creating businesses and fulfilling its mission of creating jobs. SBDCs offer existing and future entrepreneurs free one-on-one expert business counseling and low-cost training by qualified small business professionals.

St. Louis Minority Business Development Center

The MBDA Business Center located in St. Louis, MO is operated by the Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Incorporated. The center is part of a national network of funded centers located in major cities throughout the United States. The center works with minority business enterprises to generate increased financing and contract opportunities and to create and retain jobs. The mission of the center is to strengthen the US economy by helping ethnic minority businesses create or retain jobs, and build economically vibrant socially responsible entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities.

For more information go to <http://www.mbda.gov/businesscenters/stlouis>

St. Louis Small Business & Technical Development Centers (SBTDC)

The Missouri Small Business Development Center Program delivers up-to-date counseling, training and technical assistance in all aspects of small business management, assisting small businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems and feasibility studies.

Special SBDC programs including:

- International trade, technical, and procurement assistance
- Venture capital formation and rural development
- Assistance to small businesses applying for Small Business Innovation and Research (SBIR) grants from federal agencies

The SBDC also makes special efforts to reach members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups, e.g., veterans, women, and the disabled. Assistance is provided to both current or potential small business owners. For more information go to <https://stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/slbc/economic-development/business-services/Missouri-Small-Business-Development-Center.cfm>

TechArtista Collaborative Working Center

The TechArtista Collaborative Working Environment is a professional workplace that combines private office suites, coworking space, conference rooms and a host of unique amenities. Located in the cosmopolitan Central West End, our members are creative and business professionals with growing enterprises. Our mission is to create a Collaborative Working Environment that fosters personal and business development. Through a model of facilitated cooperation – sharing networks, ideas, and resources – we aim to take the struggle out of startups. We believe that investing in the St. Louis community to create economic opportunity and promote retention can be both profitable and fun. For more information go to www.techartista.org

T-Rex

T-REX is a world class venue providing the startup entrepreneur with low cost & flexible enterprise space, while serving the region with quality programming and inspiring community. Two years after it's inception, T-REX occupies 5 floors of Lammert on Washington and growing. It is now home to 80+ startups, iTEN, Capital Innovators, Cultivation Capital, SixThirty, Arch Grants and home to many other entrepreneurial activity including Startup Weekend and StartLouis. For more information go to www.downtowntrex.com