

Eighteen Students to Graduate from YEA!

The Blair County Chamber's Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) has eighteen local students set to graduate tomorrow, April 26th at the US Hotel Tavern. This is the sixth class to graduate from the program since its introduction in 2016. The graduating class includes: Austin Beauchamp, Ashlyn Brown, Brian Black, George Cummings, Shushant Dahal, Shane Dodson, Spencer Dunkleberger, Zachary Dunlap, Leah Homan, Rebecca Lewis, Christopher Miknis, Brennen Myrick, Matt Smith, Ethan Stevenson, Kaden Wagner, Alan Wedel, Marisa White and Adam Youssef. For more information on YEA!, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email jhurd@blairchamber.com.



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Chamber Partners with Penn State Altoona for Student Showcase

This Friday, April 29th, Penn State Altoona will be hosting a Spring 2022 Student Showcase from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Devorris Downtown Center. Students from divisions of Business, Engineering, and Information Sciences and Technology will share their internship and work-related experiences. Anyone can attend the event at no cost. Contact Katerina Parowski at krp5559@psu.edu for more information.

BASICS/Rotary Career Fair on Wednesday

The BASICS/Rotary and Career Fair will be held at the Blair County Convention Center on Wednesday, April 27th. The Chamber's [BASICS program](#) has partnered with the county's six Rotary Clubs to offer more than 1,000 students the opportunity to learn about a variety of different career fields. Students select four careers to explore out of the 72 career choices featured at the Career Fair. The Chamber is focusing the attention on



assisting students with finding their ideal career and providing them with a future in Blair County.

UDNI to Host Entertaining Chamber "Business After Hours"

Thursday's Business After Hours from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. is bound to be an exciting evening full of networking, games, great food and more at United Datacom Networks, Inc. UDNI is located at 2032 E. Pleasant Valley

Blvd., Suite 7 in Martin's Bellmeade Plaza in Altoona. The cost to attend is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call (814) 943-8151 or visit www.blair-chamber.com.

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Non-Profit Issues to be Discussed at Legislative Breakfast

The Chamber's Committee of Non-Profit Businesses is hosting the annual Non-Profit Legislative Breakfast this Friday, April 29th from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at The Casino at Lakemont Park. State Senator Judy Ward and State Representa-



Senator
Judy Ward



Representative
Jim Gregory



Representative
Lou Schmitt

tives Jim Gregory and Lou Schmitt will attend to answer questions and offer advice. The cost to attend the Legislative Breakfast is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. The corporate sponsor for the event is Central Pennsylvania Community Foundation. Register by calling (814) 943-8151 or visit www.blairchamber.com.

Welcome New Members...



The Blair County Chamber welcomes its newest members, from left: J. Ardie Dillen; Alexis Yingling, **ENTERPRISE TRUCK RENTAL**; Juls Bratton and Renee Swogger, **MARIANNA'S FUNDRAISERS**; Mike Bennett, **UPMC CENTERS FOR REHAB SERVICES**; and Tracy Pellegrino, **COMBINED INSURANCE - A CHUBB CO.**

Applications Being Accepted for Leadership Programs

The Chamber's Leadership Blair County and Leadership Blair County Youth programs are accepting applications for the classes of 2023. High school freshman interested in LBC Youth can obtain an application from their school guidance counselor or at

www.blairchamber.com. LBC Adult applications can also be downloaded at www.blairchamber.com, or applicants can call the Chamber office at (814) 943-8151. The LBC Youth application deadline is April 29th. LBC Adult applications are due by June 30th.

Committee Meetings



Safety Committee

April 26
8:15 a.m.
Chamber Office

Transportation Committee

April 28
8:15 a.m.
Chamber Office

Farm-City Committee

April 28
11:00 a.m.
Chamber Office

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