

Public Service Academy to Hold Final Session

The Public Service Academy, a program of the Chamber's Public Policy Committee, will hold its second and final session to encourage people to get more involved in the political process in Blair County, either by running for office or by volunteering for boards and commissions. The session will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) at the Devorris Center for Business Development. The cost to attend is \$25 and pizza and soft drinks are included. For more information or to register, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



Saint Francis Hosting "Business Before Hours" on Wednesday at Curry



Saint Francis University is hosting the next Business Before Hours this Wednesday, September 28th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Curry Innovation Center in Downtown Altoona. "We'll provide a tour of the facility and information on strategic business and educational collaborations that will impact everything from workforce readiness and STEM literacy to improving advanced manufacturing

processes for regional businesses," explained Tabor Schilling, Event and Facility Site Manager for Saint Francis at Curry Innovation Center. If you plan to attend Business Before Hours, you can park on 11th Avenue or in the parking lot behind the facility. There is no cost for Chamber members to attend the event. Non-members can attend for \$10. Registration is required. To register, call the Chamber at (814) 943-8151 or register online at www.blairchamber.com.

Young Professionals to Attend Symposium

The Young Professionals of Blair County, a program of the Chamber, will host a symposium on Thursday to discuss the role that young professionals play in helping to build the business community. Twenty-four young professionals will participate in the event

which will last for two hours. Information from the symposium will serve as the basis of future initiatives by the YP Committee. For more information on the symposium, contact Joe Hurd at (814) 943-8151 or email him at jhurd@blairchamber.com.



Four Chamber Ribbon Cuttings This Week

As the saying goes, when it rains it pours. The Chamber staff and Ambassadors will have a busy week as four Chamber members will host ribbon cuttings. Those ribbon cuttings will take place at [Lemme Audiology](#) in Martinsburg, [Kelly's Collections](#) in Altoona, [Always a Party](#) in Altoona and [Restored Grounds](#) in Martinsburg. For more information on ribbon cuttings, contact Linda Stotler at (814) 943-8151 or email her at lstotler@blairchamber.com.



Submit Questions to Congressman Joyce

Congressman John Joyce will be the speaker at the next Chamber "Breakfast Club," set for October 13th at The Casino at Lakemont Park. The format for the event will be a Q&A with the Congressman answering questions submitted in advance from Chamber members. To submit a question, email it to Joe Hurd at jhurd@blairchamber.com. The Chamber's Public Policy Committee will put together the list of questions.

Next Job Fair Set for October 5th

The next Job Fair, hosted by Blair County CareerLink, will be held on October 5th at Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. as local veterans will have the first opportunity to visit the more than 80 hiring employers. At 10:00, the Job Fair is open to the public. The Fair will end at 2:00 p.m. The Blair County Chamber is one of the partners on the Job Fair. For more information, contact PA CareerLink at (814) 940-6200.



Ribbon Cutting



Solana Aesthetics

The Chamber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of Solana Aesthetics located at 1216 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Suite 202, Altoona. Solana Aesthetics provides a modern and welcoming spa experience with result-driven facials, hair removal, waxing, lash extensions and luxury body treatments. Solana is the first eco-friendly skin care clinic in Blair County. For more information go to solanaaestheticllc.glossgenius.com. Pictured at the ribbon, from left, Donna Gorty, Chamber Ambassador; Joe Hurd, President/CEO, Blair County Chamber of Commerce; Amanda Walker, the office of State Senator Judy Ward; Adalynn; Anthony Cummins; Danielle Newman, Owner; Emily Wagner; Austin Wagner; Beaux; Mayor Matt Pacifico, City of Altoona; Katie Buchanan, the office of State Representative Lou Schmitt; and Eva Ergler, Chamber Ambassador.



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Committee Meeting

Membership Committee, September 28th, 11:00 a.m., Devorris Center

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Congratulations...

... to the new class of the Chamber's [Young Entrepreneurs Academy](#) (YEA!) which had its Orientation on Sunday night at the Sheetz Center for Entrepreneurial Excellence. That class will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

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