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To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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## 30th Annual Small Biz & Entrepreneur Awards & MOTT Director



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Please join the Chamber and premier sponsor, Bank of America in recognizing the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region on **Friday, May 14th @ 2:00PM**. Register: [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar). Contact: Lexi Reinertson, [AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com)



Keiko Matsudo Orrall, MA  
Office of Travel & Tourism.

The guest speaker of this event is Keiko Matsudo Orrall. Keiko Matsudo Orrall of Lakeville, MA serves as the executive director for the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism. Director Orrall chairs the Massachusetts Marketing Partnership as well as the Restaurant Promotion Commission. Serving all aspects of the tourism industry, Director Orrall meets regularly with stakeholders regarding opportunities for tourism, sports, and film in the Commonwealth. She is on the board of Discover New England and was appointed to the Brand USA Advisory Board which is the nation's destination marketing organization promoting international travel and trade. She is a member of the White House Initiative for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Presidential Commission and has participated in national and international panels promoting Massachusetts on the global stage.

Prior to the Office of Travel and Tourism, Orrall was a State Representative and served four terms in the Massachusetts Legislature. She became the first Asian American woman to be elected to the Legislature in 2011. A State Representative with a background in local government and teaching, she worked to build bipartisan relationships in her time of elected office. Learn more about Keiko at [www.visitma.com/about/keiko-matsudo-orrall](http://www.visitma.com/about/keiko-matsudo-orrall). *Continued on page 2.*

### ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



**Fusion Dolls**  
Widline Pyrame  
Westgate Mall  
200 Westgate Drive  
Brockton, MA 02301  
(617) 291-7177  
[fusiondolls.com](http://fusiondolls.com)



### SMALL BIZ. OF THE YEAR



**Mallory Headsets, Inc.**  
Kelly Mallory  
679 North Main Street  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379  
(800) 701-2289  
[malloryheadsets.com](http://malloryheadsets.com)



## Jobs-Jobs-Jobs! Opportunities Across Metro South

To post your job opening, contact the MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, located at 34 School Street in Brockton: [www.masshiregbwb.org](http://www.masshiregbwb.org), 508-584-3234



- Business Assistant PT
  - Programs & Events Coordinator
- Metro South Chamber of Commerce  
Brockton, MA

Phone: 508-586-0500

Email: [chris@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:chris@metrosouthchamber.com)



- Apartment Leasing Agent
- South Shore Property Management, LLC  
Brockton, MA  
Phone: 508-588-3061  
Email: [info@sspm-llc.com](mailto:info@sspm-llc.com)



- FT General Utility Technician
- PT General Utility Technician seasonal
- FT General Utility Technician seasonal

Stacy's Pita Chips (Frito Lay)

Randolph, MA

Web: [fritolayemployment.com](http://fritolayemployment.com)



- Dispensary Assistant Full and Part Time Available

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Brockton, MA

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Phone: 508-612-2687

Web: [green4allbrockton.com](http://green4allbrockton.com)



- Installer
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- Sales & Marketing Assistant

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## ATHENA Award: Open Nominations

CALL FOR  
NOMINATIONS



23rd  
ATHENA Annual  
AWARDS

ATHENA Award Nominations are open for June! Read more on page 6.



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## Restaurant Revitalization Fund & More COVID-19 Relief Options from the SBA

This program provides emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars, and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19.

You can apply through SBA-recognized Point of Sale (POS) vendors or directly via SBA in a forthcoming online application portal:

[restaurants.sba.gov](http://restaurants.sba.gov).

Participating POS providers include Square, Toast, Clover, NCR Corporation (Aloha), and Oracle. If you are working with Square or Toast, you do not need to register beforehand on the [restaurants.sba.gov](http://restaurants.sba.gov) application portal.

Applications are now open. SBA will accept applications from all eligible applicants, processing and funding priority groups first: women or veteran or socially and economically disadvantaged applications are the priority. *Learn more on page 5, or visit [sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options](http://sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options)*

# 30th Annual Small Business & Entrepreneur Awards Celebrate Woman & Minority Owned Businesses

Friday, May 14 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Virtual Event via ZOOM | Guest Speaker: Keiko Matsudo Orrall, Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT)



★ METRO SOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ★

The 2021 Small Business and Entrepreneur of the Year Awards will be presented at a special chamber program on Friday, May 14, 2021, from 2:00pm - 3:00 pm live via zoom. Please join the Chamber and premier sponsor, Bank of America in recognizing the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region!

Featuring guest speaker, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, Keiko Matsudo Orrall.

Companies are rated on their creativity and imagination in the development of their business, demonstration of growth, and a reflection on internal and external social responsibility.

To learn more and to register, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration). Questions? Contact Lexi at [AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x 231.



Keiko Matsudo Orrall, MA  
Office of Travel & Tourism.



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## BANK OF AMERICA

**Small Business of the Year Criteria:**  
50 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business more than 3 consecutive years under the current ownership; for-profit business.

**Entrepreneur of the Year Criteria:**  
10 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business less than 3 years; a for-profit business.

### Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

2020 South Shore SoftWash LLC  
2019 Immerse Agency  
2018 Just Desserts Bakery & Cafe  
2017 Wood Palace Kitchens  
2016 Strange Planet Printing  
2015 Maguire's Bar & Grill  
2014 J.M. Pet Resort  
2013 Solex Payroll Systems, Inc.  
2012 Vincente's Tropical Grocery  
2011 McGuigan's Pub  
2010 Prisco's Market  
2009 MCG Partners  
2008 Heights Crossing  
2007 Westgate Lanes  
2006 Cindy's Kitchen  
2005 Northeast Wholesale Nail & Fastener Supply  
2004 Dupliron, Inc.  
2003 Modern Auto Body  
2002 United Furniture, Inc.  
2001 Robert Sharkansky & Company, CPA

### Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

2020 Empower Nutrition  
2019 LAUNCH  
2018 Shovel Town Brewery  
2017 Epicure Wine & Jazz Bar  
2016 Elvera's Cafe  
2015 The Sound Lab  
2014 JJ's Caffe  
2013 James Tran, SKY8 Shrimp Farm, LLC  
2012 Billy Michaud, Sparky's Import Repair  
2011 Al Ata, Elie Baking Corp  
2010 Patricia Winberg, Topnotch Design Studio  
2009 Michelle Cully, Xpressman Trucking & Courier  
2008 Robert Monahan, UPPAbaby  
2007 Howard Wright, Wright Technology  
2006 Rob Peters, Rob Peters Entertainment  
2005 Jeffrey Chrzanowski, Spark Street Auto Body  
2004 Charles Bernard, The DJ Experience  
2003 James Messinger, The Crazy Chefs Caterers  
2002 Jerome Offutt, Top Quality Staffing  
2001 Randy Yanoff, Eye of the Tiger Karate

## ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR



Widline Pyrame, Fusion Dolls

**Widline Pyrame, Fusion Dolls:** "I was born in Haiti, a predominately black nation. I can remember as early as the age of 9 battling self-appreciation and self-esteem due to the bombardment of toys and media imagery fair complexion women with sleek straight hair.

I remember that the perception of self-love started to enter my mind when my uncle gave my sister and I a black doll to share. I loved that doll. Some of my first memories are of my

sister and I fighting over our Barbie. That doll was special because it was the first time we had a doll that looked like us. We were so shocked to see that one existed that we just stared at her in amazement. Now I try to help girls of all hue by creating a diversity of dolls that looks like them. Empowering them to love their looks.

I made a promise to create dolls that would provide that connection for other kids. Through my vision of inclusion for all children wanting to identify with something special to them, Fusion Dolls was created. It is a platform that gives parents easy access to black dolls. I believe it is important to learn about self-love at an early age. Since most little kids tend to identify with their dolls, having a doll that looks like them can help build their confidence. Every child deserves to know they are beautiful just the way God created them. Fusion Dolls' mission is to spread diversity, awareness, and encourage our children to love themselves inside and out!" Visit [www.fusiondolls.com](http://www.fusiondolls.com) to learn more.



## SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR



Kelly Mallory, Mallory Headsets, Inc.

**Kelly Mallory, Mallory Headsets** "is a full-service provider of all telecom equipment including headsets, telephones, cabling and all peripherals of telecom hardware. We strive to put our customer first with lowest cost and the best service.

I spent 8 years doing the books for a telecom company and later branched out in sales. I left that company and worked for an out of state telecom company where I was the outside sales rep for three years. I just didn't like how they treated their smaller customers and thought I could do better. So, I decided to start Mallory Headsets. My business objectives have

all been the same and will never change, the customer comes first. It's simple and it works. Low cost, high quality products is also what we strive for.

I started in 1997 in the breezeway of my home with a computer and a phonebook. There was no such thing as google back then. A year in I rented a small office on Belmont St. It was 400sq ft. I purchased a few dividers and computers and employed 2 part-time people to make sales calls. I lasted there for 3 years before I purchased a building in West Bridgewater in 2000. At one point I had 12 employees. I didn't like it. I think staying small is the key for us. We sell just as much and work as a family. Our sales have increased year over year so I feel like what we are doing is working. I think that Mallory Headsets is the epitome of a successful small business. We are fair, honest and truly love our customers. Just being nominated for this award is honestly good enough. I don't do this for accolades, I do this because it makes me happy and life is too short to do anything that doesn't make you happy. It's not always about making a million dollars." Visit [malloryheadsets.com](http://malloryheadsets.com) to learn more.



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# CHAMBER Calendar

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

## May

- 05**      **Ambassador Meeting**      9:00 am  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 05**      **Live Virtual Networking**      1:00 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 11**      **Executive Board Meeting**      3:00 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 13**      **Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer**      5:30 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 14**      **Small Biz & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards**      2:00 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 19**      **Live Virtual Networking**      1:00 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 26**      **Board Meeting**      12:30 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*

## June

- 02**      **Ambassador Meeting**      9:00 am  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 03**      **Live Virtual Networking**      10:30 am  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 04**      **Business Assistance Zoom Call: Recovery & Resilience Resources for COVID-19 Relief**      2:00 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 09**      **Live Virtual Networking**      1:00pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 17**      **Live Virtual Networking**      10:30 am  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 18**      **23rd Annual ATHENA Award Ceremony**      12:00pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*
- 30**      **Live Virtual Networking**      1:00 pm  
*Zoom Virtual Meeting*

Visit [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](https://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar) to register and learn more about any of these events. Additional networking events will be announced, contact Lexi to be placed on a mailing list. Email [AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com).

The Ambassador Team meets on a monthly basis to serve fellow members by providing information, resources, member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in Chamber programs and services. To learn more, call the chamber at (508) 586-0500 or email [info@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:info@metrosouthchamber.com)

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office (via Zoom) or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), Sixty School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

## UP-TO-DATE News

Members - send Good News to  
estratton@metrosouthchamber.com

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### MassDevelopment Monthly Office Hours at the Chamber with Jay Pateakos

Jay Pateakos, Vice President of Business Development for the South Region of MassDevelopment will host a series of virtual office hours through the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

Pateakos will be available to provide information and answer questions about how the organization can help businesses, financial institutions, and municipalities in southeastern Massachusetts.

For more information, email Jay at [jpateakos@massdevelopment.com](mailto:jpateakos@massdevelopment.com) or call (508) 678-0533 x 1201.

### "Music Matters" Free Brockton Symphony Orchestra Concert Series

Brockton Symphony is pleased to announce Music Matters, our FREE year-long series of topnotch online musical performances to soothe your soul during this time of Covid-19. This 12-concert chamber music series began in December 2019, with a new concert premiering on the first weekend of each month on your local cable

television channel. These concerts are available for viewing anytime at [www.BrocktonSymphony.org](http://www.BrocktonSymphony.org) for you to watch at your leisure. If you'd like to receive an email reminder about each concert in the Music Matters concert series, sign up here: [http://www.brocktonsymphony.org/musicmatters\\_signup.php](http://www.brocktonsymphony.org/musicmatters_signup.php)

### MassExport Training Calendar - Webinars

- May 7 - Biden on Trade: The First 100 Days and Beyond
- May 13 - Global Trade Shipping Update: Trends in Inbound, Outbound, and Global Air & Ocean Cargo
- June 11 - Trends in U.S. Export Controls for the Electronics and Semiconductor Sectors in Greater China
- TBA June/July: Trends in Withhold Release Orders and Forced Labor Customs Enforcement

To learn more and register, visit [www.msdbc.org/export/events.htm](http://www.msdbc.org/export/events.htm)

### Brockton Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

The Brockton Garden Club annual plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 (rain or shine) from 8:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. at the Brockton Park and Recreation Dept. Office, 45 Meadow Lane, (off Main St South, the street is opposite Harbor One Bank and is the former site of the



UPDATED 4-19-2021!



## BROCKTON VACCINE CLINIC

All BNHC patients and those who live or work in Brockton who are 16 and older can now be vaccinated at our Shaw's Center clinic.



UPDATE: WE HAVE MOVED TO THE FINAL PHASE OF THE STATE'S VACCINE PROGRAM.

- ALL THOSE WHO WORK OR LIVE IN BROCKTON AND ALL BNHC PATIENTS 16 & OLDER ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR THE COVID VACCINE.

\*For more information on the state's program, please visit: [WWW.MASS.GOV/COVIDVACCINE](http://WWW.MASS.GOV/COVIDVACCINE).

\*We have plenty of appointments & parking at our 1 Feinberg Way clinic, near Brockton High School.



TO SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINE, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VACCINEREQUEST](https://tinyurl.com/vaccinerequest)



Campello Swimming Pool). All proceeds go to fund city-wide projects with filling and maintaining planters throughout the city and Legion Parkway too, this also includes the three library buildings and city hall. Feel free to bring your used plant pots we recycle. The variety is extensive and includes perennials and shrubs too. Masks are mandatory, there are COVID restrictions in place and social distancing is required. For more information contact Claire at [clacla@aol.com](mailto:clacla@aol.com) or 508-326-0176.

### Exclusive Discounts at Staples for Chamber Members

Members of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce have access to special partner discounts, 10% off in-store regularly priced purchases and 20% off Printing and Marketing Services, every time they shop in store. They can save on an assortment of products, from signage, to PPE, to business essentials, and more! Visit [www.metroouthchamber.com/membership/savings/](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/membership/savings/) to learn more.

## Health Care Matters

Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center 235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301 508-427-3000

[www.goodsamaritanmedical.org](http://www.goodsamaritanmedical.org)

### Good Samaritan Medical Center

A STEWARD FAMILY HOSPITAL



### Good Samaritan Medical Center Surgeon, Omar Kudsi, MD, Achieves Milestone with 3000 Robotic Assisted Surgeries.

Good Samaritan Medical Center is proud to congratulate Omar Yusef Kudsi, MD, MBA, FACS of Steward Surgical Associates on his milestone of completing 3000 robotic assisted surgeries. Dr. Kudsi joined the Medical Staff at Good Samaritan Medical Center in 2012. He is one of the top-ten highest volume robotic general surgeons in the nation and the most experienced general surgeon using the da Vinci® robotic system in New England.

In addition to his role as

Chair of the Department of Surgery at Good Samaritan Medical Center, he is the Director of the Good Samaritan Medical Center's Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery Clinical and Research Fellowship Program.

"I am very proud of the surgical team at Good Samaritan Medical Center. Celebrating 3,000 robotic assisted surgeries means that more of our patients have had a minimally invasive option available for their surgery. Bringing this advanced technology to the community is a tribute to the commitment, dedication, and perseverance of the entire team at Good Samaritan." said Dr. Kudsi

Dr. Kudsi is one of seven surgeons at Good Samaritan Medical Center specialize in robotically assisted procedures for gynecology, colorectal, urogynecology, urology, and general surgeries.

The benefits of robotic, minimal invasive surgery include

the ability to perform more complex surgeries, such as abdominal wall reconstruction through small incisions with shorter healing time – all of which contribute to better patient outcomes. Since acquiring the da Vinci Xi® surgical system for the operating room, the entire Good Samaritan Medical Center robotic surgical team has performed over 4400 robotic surgeries.

Dr. Kudsi is an Associate Professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and has served as an Instructor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He is the Director of the Good Samaritan Medical Center's Robotic and Minimally Invasive Surgery Clinical and Research Fellowship Program. He serves as the Co-Chair of robotic committee at the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

Dr. Kudsi also founded the Robotic Surgery Collaboration, a virtual robotic vicarious learning platform



Omar Y. Kudsi, MD

with over 12,000 members worldwide. He has instructed over 1,000 surgeons on robotic and minimally invasive surgical techniques and has helped to develop robotic surgery programs in the United States, Brazil, Europe, and Japan and has over 100 national and international presentations. Dr. Kudsi has been extensively published with over 50 peer reviewed articles and is the editor of three robotic textbooks.

For more information about the robotic surgery program visit [goodsamaritanmedical.org/robotics](http://goodsamaritanmedical.org/robotics).

## Federal, State & Regional COVID-19 Resources



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to providing support for our business community now more than ever - we're here for you. Below, please find an extensive list of federal, state, and regional resources available to you during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Brockton Redevelopment Authority**  
Contact: Robert Jenkins  
(508) 586-3887

**Center for Women & Enterprise**  
Contact: Carla Akalatian  
(617) 532-0244

**Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD)**  
Contact: Margaret Laforest  
(617) 973-8537  
Contact: Susan Whitaker  
(617) 973-8537

**MA Small Business Development Center Network (MSBDC)**  
Contact: Jill Beresford (508) 673-9783

**Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)**  
Contact: John Fitzpatrick  
(617) 720-3300  
**MassDevelopment**  
Contact: Jay Pateakos  
(508) 678-0533

**MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board (MassHire GBWB)**  
Contact: Sheila Sullivan-Jardim  
(508) 584-3234

**MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center (MassHire GBCC)**  
Contact: John Murray  
(508) 513-3400

**SCORE Business Counselors**  
Contact: Rod Clark  
(508) 587-2673

**South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation**  
Contact: Sue Murray  
(508) 822-1020

**U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**  
Contact: Susan Lourie  
(617) 565-5564

## RAFT (Residential Assistance to Families in Transition) Program Offers \$10K Grants for Housing



(Residential Assistance to Families in Transition), provides short-term emergency financial assistance to help eligible homeowners and renters by assisting with mortgage payments, rent, utility bills, and other costs. This special

program targets households facing instability as a result of a COVID-19 (Coronavirus) related housing crisis due to a loss of wages or increase in expenses (e.g., medical expenses). For more info, visit [NHSMass.org](https://www.nhsmass.org).

## Small Business Resource; We Speak Portuguese!



Theresa Lobo-Albin, Small Business Assistance

Theresa Lobo-Albin, has joined the chamber staff this past year and is fluent in Portuguese. She is available to communicate with businesses that may require help in learning about various business assistance programs serving entrepreneurs, businesses and non-profits throughout the region.

Theresa holds a degree in business and accounting and has worked with many small businesses from numerous industries over her career in accounting.

The Chamber (in partnership with many regional, state, and federal resources) operates the Metro South Business Assistance Center and Thomas Edison Business Incubator in support of business development. Many of the BAC resources can be found online and are being offered remotely, including one-on-one coaching through SCORE Counselors.

To learn more about business assistance resources in English and Portuguese contact Theresa Lobo-Albin at [finance@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:finance@metrosouthchamber.com) or call (508) 586-0500 x 230. To learn more about the Business Assistance Center (BAC) and available business resources, visit [www.metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance). Individual counseling is available by appointment.



## SBA Programs Provide Relief to Small Businesses



The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established through the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses,

Nonprofits and Venues Act and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act to provide over \$16 billion in grants to shuttered venues. Visit [svograntportal.sba.gov](https://svograntportal.sba.gov) to learn more.

Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of \$10 million. \$2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees. **Eligible entities include:**

- Live venue operators or promoters
- Theatrical producers
- Live performing arts organization operators
- Museum operators
- Motion picture theater operators (including owners)
- Talent representatives

*Other requirements of note:*

- Must have been in operation as of February 29, 2020
- Venue or promoter who received a PPP loan on or after December 27, 2020, will have the SVOG reduced by the PPP loan amount



**Restaurant Revitalization Fund:** The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open.

This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location. Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023. Visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options/restaurant-revitalization-fund> to learn more. **Eligible entities who have experienced pandemic-related revenue loss include:**

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample, or purchase products

### MORE COVID-19 RELIEF OPTIONS FROM THE SBA:



**Paycheck Protection Program:** This forgivable loan helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis.



**COVID-19 EIDL:** This loan provides economic relief to small businesses and non-profit organizations currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue.



**SBA Debt Relief:** SBA provides a financial reprieve to existing borrowers during the pandemic.



**Cross-Program Eligibility:** A summary of the criteria to meet when considering different funding options.

Visit [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options) to learn more about any of the programs listed above.

# ATHENA Award - Celebrating the Advancement of Women; Open Nominations!

Friday, June 18 | 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Virtual Event via ZOOM | Guest Speaker: Molly McPherson, M.S., APR

## 23rd ATHENA Annual AWARDS

In June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank will present the 23rd Annual ATHENA Award to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

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

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

The ATHENA Leadership Award is presented annually by chambers of commerce, women's organizations and universities. The award is established through local host organizations in partnership with ATHENA International. Learn more about the program at [www.athenainternational.org](http://www.athenainternational.org).

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating the talents and expertise of women into the leadership of our businesses, communities, and government.

To nominate an individual for an ATHENA Award, or for more information please contact Lexi Reinertson at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email at [AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com). Learn more online at [metrosouthchamber.com/events/athena](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events/athena).

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 2018 June Saba-Maguire, Brockton Public Schools  
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 2015 Mary Waldron, BSU  
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 2012 Ruth Bramson, Girl Scouts of Eastern MA  
 2011 Elaine Reiser, Brockton Area Multi-Services  
 2010 Anne DeMinico, St. Joseph Manor  
 2009 Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center  
 2008 Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services  
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 2006 Loretta Degrazio, East Coast Petroleum  
 2005 Marianne Wroble Cox, WXBR 1460AM Radio  
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Molly McPherson, M.S., APR



Molly McPherson, M.S., APR is a nationally recognized expert on crisis public relations management in the age of social media and author of the book, "Indestructible: Reclaim Control and Respond with Confidence in a Media Crisis". Molly combines her knowledge of current communication practices with years of media and crisis management experience to help organizations manage issues -- from emerging to a crisis -- to ensure organizations surface with their reputation intact.

Host of the podcast "Confident Communications with Molly McPherson," she frequently speaks about communication trends, crisis communications, public relations, and social media crisis response to executives and organizations. Through her experience in FEMA's Office of External Affairs during post-Hurricane Katrina efforts and as Director of Communications for the Cruise Line International Association in Arlington, Virginia, Molly created a proven public relations framework for responding to a public backlash both online and in

the press. @mollymcperson on Twitter. Please visit [mollymcperson.com](http://mollymcperson.com) to learn more. Event attendees will have a chance to win a copy of her book, "Indestructible: Reclaim Control and Respond with Confidence in Media Crisis."

## Bridgewater State University Virtual Career Fair



During Spring 2021, Bridgewater State University's Career Services will be hosting all career fairs and recruiting events in a virtual format through our Handshake platform.

### Virtual Education Career Fair | Wednesday, June 9th

The BSU Virtual Education Career Fair is a recruiting opportunity for educational organizations including public school districts, charter schools, private and independent schools, and non-profits. This fair allows school hiring personnel to network with top-caliber teacher, counselor, and administrator candidates from Bridgewater State University. With dozens of school districts and 100+ students and alumni in attendance, this is a can't miss recruiting event!

Please note that registration for all interviews and events will be on BSU's Handshake platform, where you will be able to post your opportunities and submit interview and/or event requests. If you have questions about these events or need assistance with setting up a Handshake account, contact BSU Career Services at (508) 531-1328.

## Chamber Bids Kayla May Farewell



Kayla May

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce bids farewell to Kayla May. Kayla began working with the Chamber more than five years ago while she was completing a summer work and learning program. She went on to work for the Brockton 21st Century Corporation and then began working for the Metro South Chamber of Commerce directly. "Kayla developed a great understanding of the community and various organizations in the city and the region. She was a big help during a time of transition including the most recent pivot to remote work and programming.

We wish her the very best as she pursues her interests and plans for the future." said Chamber CEO, Chris Cooney.

## Webinars, Virtual Workshops & Expos, Endless Ways to Grow & Maintain Your Business From Home

To learn more about any of these workshops or to register, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar) unless otherwise stated.

Throughout the year, SEED holds and participates in events geared toward educating, preparing, and empowering small business owners as well as all those who serve budding and seasoned entrepreneurs. All upcoming small business workshops, lender trainings, and annual networking events are listed below. Due to COVID-19, all workshops and events will be offered virtually until further notice. To participate in one of these events, click on the event link and fill out the reservation form. Contact [jmello@seedcorp.com](mailto:jmello@seedcorp.com) with any questions regarding upcoming events.



### Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals with BankFive

Tuesday, May 4 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

SEED Corporation and BankFive in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration, One Southcoast Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, & SCORE provide this free, virtual entrepreneurial workshop in which participants will learn the fundamentals of planning, preparing for and financing a small business. The workshop is open to anyone currently in business, starting a business, or thinking about someday owning a business, as well as business assistance professionals who would like to learn more about SEED's technical assistance programming.



### Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Understanding Business Financials with BankFive

Thursday, May 6 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

SEED Corporation and BankFive in cooperation with the U.S. Small Business Administration, One Southcoast Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Small Business Development Center, & SCORE provide this free, virtual entrepreneurial workshop in which participants will learn how to read and a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, and keep on top of their business finances. The workshop also explains how a small business owner can anticipate financial needs in order to operate the business more efficiently through a deeper understanding of their financial picture. The workshop is open to anyone currently in business, starting a business, or thinking about someday owning a business, as well as business assistance professionals who would like to learn more about SEED's technical assistance programming.



### Is Entrepreneurship Right for You?

Wednesday, May 12 | 6:00PM

Thinking of owning your own business? Join us for an interactive workshop as we discuss the principles of entrepreneurship and what it takes to go into business for yourself. Whether you are considering small business ownership or are already in the process of starting your company, this workshop is an opportunity to hone your strengths, identify weaknesses, and begin thinking entrepreneurially. All attendees will be provided with a powerpoint presentation, SEED's business plan booklet, and other supplemental materials following the workshop.



### COVID Now & Later - Navigating the COVID-Related Issues Today and Preparing for the Changed Workplace

Tuesday, May 18 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

This presentation will discuss the latest COVID-19 developments affecting employers, including the latest regulatory developments regarding unemployment insurance, COBRA, reasonable accommodation and vaccination issues. We will also examine the changing workplace which will include best practices for work from home policies,

hybrid work places, and top wage and hour issues to consider in a work from home or hybrid environment. Ongoing workplace safety concerns will also be discussed, including employee reluctance to return to work and employer vaccination policies. The 60-minute presentation will be conducted by Nan O'Neill and Kier Wachterhauser. There will be opportunity for questions during the course of the presentation.

**Mr. Wachterhauser** is a partner at MHTL. Mr. Wachterhauser represents private and public sector clients in all areas of labor and employment law and maintains a general litigation practice. Mr. Wachterhauser regularly counsels clients on employment matters, including wage and hour, leave entitlements, and discrimination and harassment matters, as well as the drafting of employment policies and contracts, and represents clients in employment-related litigation before state and federal courts and administrative bodies, such as the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Mr. Wachterhauser also maintains an extensive labor practice, representing public and private clients in the collective bargaining process, arbitration hearings, and proceedings in front of administrative agencies such as the National Labor Relations Board, the Civil Service Commission, and the Department of Labor Relations. Mr. Wachterhauser's clients include health care agencies, financial institutions, food service entities, local housing authorities and other State and local governmental entities.

**Ms. O'Neill** is a Partner at the firm with 30 years of experience counseling and representing employers in all aspects of traditional labor law and employment. She has extensive experience in labor arbitration and litigation of employment-related disputes, including discrimination, sexual harassment and wrongful termination matters, before state and federal courts and administrative agencies such as the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Ms. O'Neill's experience as a traditional labor lawyer includes negotiating collective bargaining agreements and representing employers in labor arbitrations, unfair labor practice proceedings, and union election and decertification proceedings, with a concentration on acute care hospitals. Ms. O'Neill's labor arbitration experience in the acute care hospital arena amounts to 50 or more labor arbitrations. In addition to grievance and arbitration proceedings, Ms. O'Neill has advised companies regarding corporate campaigns, strike and contingency planning, bargaining strategies, interpreting collective bargaining agreements and obligations under the National Labor Relations Act.



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<b>Back Bay Bagel</b> 1280 Belmont Street Brockton, MA (508) 580-6565	<b>Crown Fried Chicken</b> 1012 Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 580-5222	<b>Hill's Home Market</b> 413 River Road Hudson, MA (978) 567-1402	<b>McDonald's</b> 908 N. Montello Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-9920	<b>Peppercorns Café</b> 445 Central Street Stoughton, MA (781) 341-0006	<b>Stoughton House of Brews</b> 28 Porter Street Stoughton, MA (781) 436-8435
<b>Barrett's Alehouse</b> 674 W. Center Street West Bridgewater, MA (508) 510-4204	<b>D'Angelo Grilled Sandwiches</b> 648 Pleasant Street Brockton, MA (508) 427-9395	<b>Home Cafe</b> 677 N. Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 583-9768	<b>McDonald's</b> 664 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 586-4594	<b>The Peruvian Place</b> 55 City Hall Plaza Brockton, MA (508) 580-0147	<b>Sunset Cafe</b> 1110 Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 857-2289
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<b>Brack's Grille &amp; Tap</b> 1280 Belmont Street Brockton, MA (508) 271-7777	<b>Domino's Pizza</b> 1085 N. Montello Street Brockton, MA (508) 587-1299	<b>JJ's Caffe</b> 610 N Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 510-4227	<b>Mee King Garden</b> 187 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-1311	<b>Pizza Palace</b> 350 Oak Street Brockton, MA (508) 559-0707	<b>Teen Challenge Catering</b> 20 Clifton Avenue Brockton, MA (508) 510-7674
<b>Buena Vista Restaurant</b> 526A Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 580-7745	<b>El Rincon Del Sabor</b> 330 N. Main Street Brockton, MA (617) 301-0289	<b>Jo's Best Diner</b> 1050 Pearl Street Brockton, MA (508) 584-8334	<b>Mike Shea's Coffee Roasting</b> 30 First Street Bridgewater, MA (508) 807-5754	<b>Press It Juicery</b> 3 Roche Brothers Way North Easton, MA (508) 297-2585	<b>Terra Nossa</b> 1030 N. Montello Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 580-4463
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<b>Cape Cod Cafe, Inc.</b> 979 Main Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 583-9420	<b>Five Star Pizza &amp; More</b> 739 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 427-5555	<b>Just Desserts Bakery</b> 1 Main Street Bridgewater, MA (508) 807-0387	<b>Monikka Collection by MBJ Wines</b> <a href="http://mbjwine.com">mbjwine.com</a>	<b>Rod's Pizza</b> 567 N. Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 583-8500	<b>Tinrays Family</b> 9 Winter Street Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 584-8900
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<b>Chinatown</b> 51 Oak Street Ext Brockton, MA (508) 580-2885	<b>Frank's Restaurant</b> 265 N. Pearl Street Brockton, MA (508) 588 9604	<b>Leal's Kitchen</b> 707 Warren Avenue Brockton, MA (508) 588-5955	<b>Nagoya Fusion</b> 739 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-8388	<b>Somewhere Else Tavern</b> 65 School Street Pembroke, MA (339) 933-8300	<b>Westside Pizza</b> 35 Torrey Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-1331
<b>Chipotle Mexican Grill</b> 500 Westgate Drive Brockton, MA (508) 586-0102	<b>George's Cafe</b> 228 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 588-4231	<b>Little Sami's</b> 1145 W. Chestnut Street Brockton, MA (508) 436-4766	<b>Only One Jamaican Restaurant II</b> 192 Warren Avenue Brockton, MA (617) 833-5872	<b>Stelios Pizza House</b> 25 Pearl Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 894-8160	<b>White's Bakery &amp; Cafe</b> 1041 Pearl Street Brockton, MA (508) 584-5100

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## Business Relationships Thrive, Connect Online!



Take time to reconnect with your Metro South community; your opportunity to network is here! Join us for a chance to catch up and make new connections with live virtual Zoom networking.

- Wednesday, May 5 @ 1:00PM • Thursday, May 13 @ 5:30PM
- Wednesday, May 19 @ 1:00PM • Thursday, June 3 @ 10:30AM
- Wednesday, June 9 @ 1:00PM • Thursday, June 17 @ 10:30AM
- Wednesday, June 30 @ 1:00PM

We want all of our members to know that we're here for you. Connect with potential customers, existing chamber members and friends in the Metro South community from the comfort and safety of your homes/work spaces. Every member attending will be asked to give a 60-second pitch (who you are, and what you do) and then we will have an open discussion with the group.

Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance. For more information, contact Lexi at [AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com) Visit our online calendar for details, [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration).

## Mega Networking with 8 Chambers! May 13





# Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer

MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5:30 PM TO 7 PM.

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We're partnering with the Cape Cod Canal, Cranberry Country, One SouthCoast, Plymouth Area, The United Regional, Taunton Area, and Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce for this Mega Mixer. This will be an interactive and entertaining event with breakout rooms, games, and of course prizes! Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance. You will receive a personal email from Lexi Reinertson the morning of the networking with the Zoom link. Please make sure to register with your correct email address.

For more information on this event or to register, contact Lexi Reinertson at [areinertson@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:areinertson@metrosouthchamber.com) or register online at [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar). We are looking forward to seeing you!

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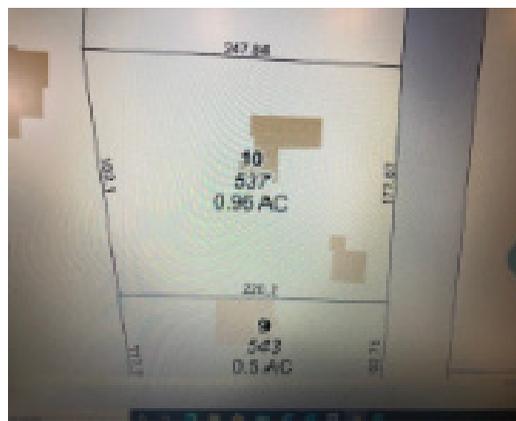


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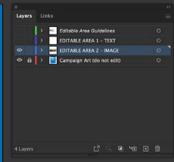
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## Robert Kraft Helps Bring Health Care 'To the People' of Brockton with Mobile Addiction Unit<sup>1</sup>



Brockton Neighborhood Health Center recovery coach Andrew McCall hands Robert Kraft scissors to cut the ribbon on the Community Care in Reach mobile addiction unit which was unveiled on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 42 Crescent Street in Brockton. PC: Alyssa Stone/The Enterprise

The coronavirus pandemic was not the only epidemic affecting patients of the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center since March 2020.

Amid a global pandemic, BHC has evolved their services, needing to provide care in the most dire circumstances, according to Sue Joss, CEO of Brockton Neighborhood Health Center.

"We have literally had to meet people where they are at," Joss said alluding to the free vaccine clinics, COVID-19 testing trailers and now a mobile addiction health care unit.

On Friday morning, Mayor Robert Sullivan was joined by New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft for the unveiling of the Brockton Neighborhood

Health Center's mobile addiction services unit as a part of their Community Care in Reach initiative at the James Adams Parking Garage on Crescent Street in Brockton.

The mobile unit comes equipped with services for examination, blood draws and wound care, as well as addiction services like Narcan, a medication that reverses opioid overdoses.

The goal is that once the state license for the van is approved, it will be up and running providing services in Brockton for four-hour intervals four days a week in areas where research would suggest the most people struggle with addiction within the city, according to Allyson Pinkhover, substance use services program manager at BNHC.

The mobile unit is a donation from Kraft Family Philanthropies and will be operating in partnership with the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center as well as The Kraft Center for Community Health.

"This will save lives," Sullivan said ahead of the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Sullivan described the opioid crisis as a "demon" within Brockton, and across the nation.

<sup>1</sup>Chery, Darvence. "Robert Kraft Helps Bring Health Care 'to the People' of Brockton with Mobile Addiction Unit." Enterprise News, The Enterprise, 30 Apr. 2021, 3:22pm, www.enterpriseneews.com/story/news/drugs/opioid-crisis/2021/04/30/brockton-robert-kraft-health-center-mobile-addiction-van/7412750002/.

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 Woodward's Auto Parts & Spring Shop  
 Yamato Japanese Steak House

## BOARD Profile - North Easton Savings Bank



Rich Spencer, CPA, President & CEO, North Easton Savings Bank

## North Easton Savings Bank

North Easton Savings Bank  
 20 Eastman Street  
 South Easton, MA 02375  
 (508) 219-5700  
[www.northeastonsavings.com](http://www.northeastonsavings.com)

Year Established: 1864

**Products or Services:** Premium financial services delivered at a community level to local businesses, non-profit organizations, and families as well as individuals.

**Number of Employees:** 210

**What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer?** We are mutually owned. This means our profits are reinvested locally; in things like loans to area businesses, mortgages to families, and donations to non-profit organizations. We also have what many consider to be the best personal checking account available in Massachusetts.

**What is your market area?** South Eastern Massachusetts with full-service locations in Easton, Brockton, Whitman, Hanson, Mansfield, Middleborough, Plymouth, Halifax, Norton, and Carver.

**What markets do you serve?** ? All families, individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations who want a great financial partner that is genuinely focused on their best interests.

**What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community?** Our mission is to make investments that improve the quality of living, working, and raising a family in the communities we serve. We accomplish this by deploying our capital in the form of loans and mortgages, supporting the efforts of area non-profit organizations, and reinvesting earnings locally.

**Anything additional we should know about your company?** As a mutual bank with over \$1 billion in assets, we are ideally situated to deliver upper-echelon financial services to area businesses and families while maintaining the personal level of care we have built our reputation on.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

### Reinvesting in Our Community

Exceptional Care  
 Esther Odamttén  
 325 Rockdale Avenue  
 New Bedford, MA 02740  
 (209) 407-0304  
[www.exceptional-homecare.com](http://www.exceptional-homecare.com)  
 Human Service Organization

Grand Flourish Collective  
 Derek Jesus  
 826 Crescent Street  
 Brockton, MA 02301  
 (508) 933-0345  
[www.facebook.com/GrandFlourishCoArt](http://www.facebook.com/GrandFlourishCoArt)

For membership, contact Marcy Venezia

(508) 586-0500 x 229 • [MVenezia@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:MVenezia@metrosouthchamber.com)

# Networking Group USA Partners with Chamber



The Metro South Chamber and Networking Group USA have formed a partnership to engage emerging businesses and help them grow. This is a low cost way to network, and in combination with Chamber membership, is great way to grow your

business. Visitors are always welcome. Networking Meetings:

**Lakeside Chapter** - Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month from 8:30-9:30 AM at Grille 58, 284 Monponsett Street in Halifax.

**Easton Area Networking Group USA** - Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 AM at StoneForge Grill 10 Roosevelt Circle in South Easton.

**Waters Networking Group** - Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays 8:30-9:30 AM at the Canoe Club Ball Room in West Bridgewater.

To learn more about Networking Group USA and Additional chapters visit [networkinggroupusa.com/our-story](http://networkinggroupusa.com/our-story). For more information about Chamber Membership and Networking Groups contact Marcy at [MVenezia@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:MVenezia@metrosouthchamber.com). Please contact each group for updates on their meetings during COVID-19.

## Chamber Affiliation News & Events

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



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

The **Stoughton Chamber of Commerce** helps to preserve the community's overall interests and needs. As an advocacy for the business community, the SCC promotes wellness of the entire community through charitable donations, fundraising and scholarship programs for our graduating students. Visit [stoughtonma.com](http://stoughtonma.com) for more information.



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



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



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



**Randolph Chamber of Commerce** is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1986 representing businesses in Randolph and the surrounding communities. The chamber provides leadership in fostering business success, growth and development. Visit [www.randolphchamberofcommerce.com](http://www.randolphchamberofcommerce.com) for more information



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



# Join the Chamber Now, \$1,000 in Incentives

Becoming a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce provides your business opportunities to accelerate its growth. When you join the Chamber, you become a leader within the business community and a member of the region's most dynamic advocacy organization. Membership means potential new business prospects, new savings, access to valuable resources and information, a variety of marketing opportunities, and more, for you and your business. Chamber membership is affordable no matter how small your business, and it provides your business with tremendous opportunity.



### Join to Receive OVER \$1,000.00 IN PROMOTIONAL BENEFITS

- FREE** Member Listing in the Action Report newsletter (distributed to over 20,000)
- FREE** Member Profile in Action Report newsletter, distributed through *the Enterprise*
- 2 FREE** Listings in the 2022 Book for Business
- FREE** 2021 Book for Business
- FREE** Chamber Business List in Excel or mailing labels, \$150 value
- FREE** Enhanced member listing on the Chamber website with hotlink to website
- FREE** access to members-only page of website to post discounts, events, and more
- FREE** opportunity to promote company at event share tables and at the Chamber
- FREE** opportunity to promote company in the Action Report
- FREE** business workshops

Health Insurance Opportunities, Energy Power Purchasing Program, **And More!!** (Base Rate is \$325 + \$5 per full time employee)

For more info or to set up an appointment contact Marcy for Membership! Call (508) 586-0500 x 229 or email [MVenezia@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:MVenezia@metrosouthchamber.com).

## SEED Corp. Offers Brockton Business Loan Program

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation focuses on job creation by financing small business in Massachusetts and Rhode Island through:

- **Micro & Small Loans** up to \$250,000 available at 5-6%
- **SBA 504 rate at ALL-TIME LOW 3.12% Fixed for 20 years for Commercial Real Estate and Fixed Assets**
- Working Capital, equipment, inventory, furniture and fixtures, and leasehold improvements
- **No pre-payment penalties**
- **Technical Assistance**



For more information call (508) 822-1020 x 312 or visit [www.seedcorp.com](http://www.seedcorp.com)

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

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



Already own a business? Our volunteer mentors can help identify ways to increase profit, improve employee and customer satisfaction, and achieve work/life balance. With SCORE, you can have the honest, confidential and sometimes tough conversations about raising money, motivating your team, marketing your business, and other topics.



Take advantage of their **free** live webinar series! Learn more by visiting [www.sema.score.org](http://www.sema.score.org) or by calling (508) 587-2673. Ahead for the month...

**May 06:** *Generational Marketing - Reach & Acquire 4 Generations of Customers in Today's Business Landscape*

**May 13:** *Lower Your Cost of Doing Business with a Solid Supply Chain Mgmt. Strategy*

**May 18:** *What Business Owners MUST Know About the Mental Health Outcomes from COVID*

**May 20:** *From Solopreneur to Wealth and Freedom - How to Avoid the Solopreneur's Trap*

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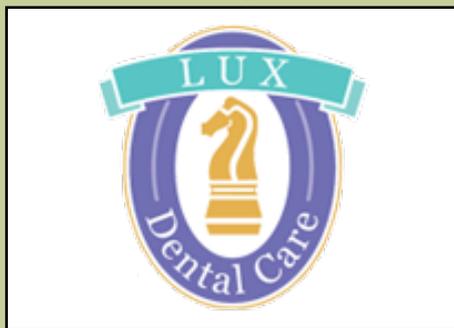
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The fight to provide, improve, and advocate for dental care started in the clinics, but has extended far beyond. For over a decade, our team has advocated for legislature both on Beacon Hill and Capitol Hill. We have educated the populous on oral health by partnering with community organizations. Together, we can make a change. Thank you for believing in us. We can't wait to help share your smile with the world."

**Join the Chamber!**

**YOUR BUSINESS PROFILE HERE...**  
...When You Join the Chamber.  
Call us at (508) 586-0500,  
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Join the Chamber and network your business to success! The Chamber hosts informative meetings, networking events, and puts you in touch with your legislators. We also offer marketing and advertising opportunities, referrals, publicity and exposure. In addition, we offer Health Insurance packages and more. Call to learn more today!

## Starting a Business?

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

The Metro South Business Assistance Center Can Help!

**Major Sponsors:**

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

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

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

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

(508) 586-0500 metrosouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance.

## When Metro South is Home, Everything's Within Reach

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

The Metro South region offers the best of all worlds; cultural and corporate advantages, natural beauty, and the serenity of historic New England.

The region features **top notch education**, including three institutes of higher education, **exceptional health care** facilities, including four major hospitals. **Rich in culture**, the region is also home to symphonies, a craft museum, children's museum, and various historic museums. It also contains many **recreational activities**, including baseball outings, golfing and many parks and lakes for walking, biking, and fishing. With over 500 hotel rooms, the Metro South region is a **great place to stay** and competitive housing costs offer affordable and varied living opportunities.

Whether for Business or Pleasure, The Metro South region provides exceptional value in the heart of Eastern Massachusetts, centrally located between Boston, Providence, Plymouth and Cape Cod. *Ride the rail to Boston in only 35 minutes!* Call 508.586.0500 for your free map.

**METRO SOUTH**  
Regional Economic Development Organization

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# BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Wednesday, May 05</p> <p><b>Live Virtual Networking</b> 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm <b>Zoom Meeting</b> Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Thursday, May 13</p> <p><b>Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer</b> 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm <b>Zoom Meeting</b> Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free joint networking session with the Cape Cod Canal, Cranberry Country, One SouthCoast, Plymouth Area, United Regional, Taunton Area, and Tri-Town Chambers of Commerce. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Friday, May 14</p> <p><b>30th Annual Small Business &amp; Entrepreneur of the Year Awards</b> 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm <b>ZOOM Meeting</b></p> <p>Join the Chamber for a live awards ceremony ft. guest speaker director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel &amp; Tourism, Keiko Matsudo Orrall. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Wednesday, May 19</p> <p><b>Live Virtual Networking</b> 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm <b>Zoom Meeting</b> Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>
<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Thursday, June 03</p> <p><b>Live Virtual Networking</b> 10:30 am - 1:30 am <b>Zoom Meeting</b> Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Friday, June 04</p> <p><b>Business Assistance Zoom Call: Recovery &amp; Resilience Resources for COVID-19 Relief</b> 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm <b>ZOOM Meeting</b></p> <p>Join the Chamber for a live COVID-19 update call with local, state, and federal resources. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Wednesday, June 09</p> <p><b>Live Virtual Networking</b> 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm <b>Zoom Meeting</b> Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>	<p style="color: green; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Thursday, June 17</p> <p><b>Live Virtual Networking</b> 10:30 am - 11:30 am <b>Zoom Meeting</b> Live Virtual Event.</p> <p>Stay connected; join us for a free networking session. Cost: Free! Register online: <a href="https://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar">metrosouthchamber.com/calendar</a></p>