# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL FEBRUARY '15 CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS

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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).

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# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

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*The following is a list of networking events in February 2015 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

February 1 - 28, 2015

**Boeing Pre-Employment Training Program**

This accelerated job training program is offered by the Workforce Solutions Group and the Florissant Valley campus of St. Louis Community College in partnership with Boeing. This ten-week, 408-hour program prepares individuals for entry-level employment as an assembly mechanic in the aerospace field. Students who successfully complete the training program will receive an interview with Boeing.

All interested applicants must meet the eligibility requirements including the required scores on five WorkKeys assessment tests. Due to the high demand, individual inquires or calls will not be returned.

Classes start on 2/23/15 and 4/6/15

The first step for any interested applicants is to email or fax a resume to Wcdassemblymechanics@stlcc.edu or 314/539-5022.

Updated program information may also be heard on the program's hotline at 314-539-5921.

February 3, 2015 (weekly)

**Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark Recruitment Event** (multiple PT/FT hospitality openings)

1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102

10am – 11am and 2pm - 3pm

For more information go to www.stlouisballpark.hilton.com or call 314/421-1776

February 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2015

**Staff Management Interviewing Sessions** (warehouse and production associate positions)

Staff Management is scheduling interviews for these positions at

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

8am – 4:30pm (every Friday)

Prior to being scheduled for an interview applicant MUST:

- Apply online at http://apply.smjobs.com and use job code s34 or s33
- Click start to begin the application stage (DO NOT TAKE SKILLS TEST)
- After completing the application stage click RETURN TO JOB APPLICATION HISTORY to schedule an interview on one of the dates listed.

February 7, 2015

**4th Annual St. Louis Education Summit and Job Fair**

Join Teach for America – St. Louis, UMSL, and a broad range of educators to engage in a free day of learning and sharing, connecting with support services in the community and inspiration. The Summit is followed immediately by a job fair. If you are interested in staying in the classroom next year and want to explore all of the teaching opportunities that are available in St. Louis, please plan on joining us at the Job Fair! We will have representatives from dozens of district and charter schools.

University of Missouri – St. Louis, Student Center (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)

Summit 8:30am – 1pm

Job Fair 1pm – 4pm

For more information or to register go to http://tfastl.com/summit/st-louis-education-job-fair/

February 7 and 14, 2015

**Six Flags St. Louis Job Fair**

Six Flags St. Louis plans to fill 3,000 positions before it opens for the 2015 season Friday, April 3. Available jobs include ride operations, culinary services, guest relations, security, costumed characters, performers, retail, finance and more.

Six Flags, human Resources Office (4900 Six Flags Rd., Eureka, MO, 63025)

10am – 4pm

For more information go to https://www.sixflags.com/stlouis/special-events/other-events/2015-job-fair

February 10, 2015

**Valarity Recruitment Event** (client relations specialists, collectors, floor manager, EBO specialist)

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

9am – Noon

For more information call 314/381-6700 or apply online at http://valarity.applicantstack.com/x/openings/

**2015 Education Job Fair**
University of Missouri Baptist (One College Park Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141)
10am – 2pm
For more information or to register for the event go to http://www.mobap.edu/event/ejf/

February 10 and 24, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
East Alton WorkNet Center (612 W St. Louis Ave East Alton, IL 62024)
10am - Noon
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 618/655-1212 or 314/241-9675 for additional information.**

February 11, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
St. Charles Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)
10:30am - Noon
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

February 12, 2015

**Valarity Recruitment Event** (client relations specialists, collectors, floor manager, EBO specialist)
Sheraton Chalet Westport (191 & 900 Westport Plaza, St Louis, Missouri, 63146)
8am – 5pm
For more information call 314/364-3125 or apply online at http://valarity.applicantstack.com/x/openings/

**Scottrade Career Information Session**
Join recruiters from Scottrade to learn what is takes to join the Scottrade team!
UMSL Campus, Dean's Conference Room, 4th Floor SSB (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)
3:00pm-5:00pm
To pre-register go to https://cf.umsl.edu/webapps/ITS/career_workshops/select_date.cfm?event_id=20577
For more information contact Career Services at careerservices@umsl.edu or 314/516-5111.

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
Nichols Community Center (515 East D St., Belleville, IL 62220)
2:30pm – 4:30pm
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

February 12 and 26, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
Holiday Inn Express (3396 Green Mount Crossing, Shiloh, IL 62269)
2:30pm – 4:30pm
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 618/655-1212 or 314/241-9675 for additional information.**

February 17 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
Arnold Missouri Career Center (3675 W. Outer Rd, #102, Arnold, MO 63010)
10am - Noon
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 618/655-1212 or 314/241-9675 for additional information.**

February 18, 2015

**St. Louis University Spring Career and Graduate School Fair**
SLU Campus, Busch Student Center, Wool Ballrooms (Grand and Forest Park, St. Louis, MO)
Noon – 4pm
For more information go to http://www.slu.edu/career-services/career-services-events

**Job Resource Fair (NOT A RECRUITMENT EVENT)**
Representatives from SLATE, the Dram Center, St. Louis Fire Department, MERS/Goodwill, St. Louis Community Credit Union, and Fathers Support Center, among others will be on hand. Participate in practice interviews, and polish your resume with instructors in the computer lab.
Julia Davis Library (4415 Natural Bridge, St. Louis, MO 63121)
1:30pm – 4pm
For more information contact John Newcomer at jnewcomer@slpl.org

February 19, 2015

**CSCMP Supply Chain & Logistics Job Fair**
Crowne Plaza St. Louis – Clayton Hotel (7750 Carondelet Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105)
2pm -5pm
For more information go to http://www.stlouisroundtable.org/february-event.html

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
O'Fallon VFW (223 West 1st St., O'Fallon, IL 62269)
1:30pm – 3:30pm
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

February 19 and 23, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)
Florissant Missouri Career Center (4040 Seven Hills, Florissant, MO 63033)
2pm - 4pm
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at www.extrahelpinc.com and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

February 20, 2015

**Schneider National Open House and Recruitment Event** (OTR drivers, multiple logistics positions)
141 Enterprise Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025
Noon – 7pm
For more information contact harryd@schneider.com

February 25, 2015

**2015 Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Job and Business Fair**
St. Louis City Center Hotel (St. Louis, MO)
1pm – 5pm
For more information go to http://www.hccstl.com/
**CD Systems Recruitment Event** (armed and unarmed security officers)
SLATE American Job Center (1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103)
10am – 2pm
Arrive at 10am sharp for an information sessions, be prepared for a hiring interview
For more information contact Joel Reinert at jreinert@stlworks.com or 314/657-3503

February 26, 2015

**St. Louis Career Fair**
Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire Road, St. Louis, MO 63146
11am – 2pm
For more information go to www.nationalcareerfairs.com

February 27, 2015

**Deer Valley Home Health Services Recruitment Event** (LPN, LVN, NR, CAN, home health aides, personal care att.)
American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
9am – Noon
For more information call 314/381-6700

# JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUPS

February 2, 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

February 3, 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

**St. Charles Missouri Career Center Job Search Group (JSG)**
212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376
9:30am – 11am
For more information or to register call 636/255-6060

February 4, 2015

**CEN at St. Clare of Assisi Job Search Support Group (West County area)**
St. Clare of Assisi School Library (15700 Clayton Rd., Ellisville, MO 63011 between Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Rd.)
7pm - 9pm (meets 1st Wednesday of month)
For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

**CEN at Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne Job Search Support Group Meeting**
Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne (7701 Hwy. N, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368)
7pm – 8:30pm (1st Wednesday of month)
For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org or contact Jeanne at jredtman@centurytel.net

February 4, 2015 (weekly)

**Illinois WorkNet Job Club**
Illinois Work Net Center (4519 West Main St., Belleville, IL 62223)
9am – 11am (meets weekly on Wednesday)
For more information contact Vicki at 618/277/8491 or Vicki.Niederhofer@illinois.gov or go to www.ides.illinois.gov

February 5, 2015

**CEN at Incarnate Word Job Search Support Group (West County area)**
Incarnate Word Catholic Church (13416 Olive Rd., Chesterfield, MO east of Hwy. 141 and Olive)
7:30pm–9pm (meets 1st Thursday of every month)
For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

**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

**Networking Happy Hour for Job Seekers**
J. Greene's (10017 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO)
5pm -8pm
No cost to attend
For more information contact Gus at hoel2@aol.com

February 9, 2015

**CEN at St. Joseph Job Search Support Group (Cottleville area)**
St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cottleville, MO
7pm – 8:30pm (meets 2nd Monday of each month)
For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

February 9 and 23, 2015

**CEN at Ascension Parish Job Search Support Group (Chesterfield area)**
Ascension Parish (Chesterfield, MO), basement of little church
7pm – 9pm (typically meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month)
For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

February 10, 2015

**CEN at St. Monica Job Search Support Group Meeting**
12136 Olive Blvd., Creve, Coeur, MO 63141
7pm – 8:30pm (usually meets 2nd Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

February 10, 2015

**CEN at St. Cletus Job Search Support Group Meeting (St. Charles area)**
St. Cletus Parish Hall (2705 Zumbehl Rd., St. Charles, MO 63301)
7pm – 9pm (usually meets 2nd Tuesday of each month)
For more information go to www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org

February 5 and 19, 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)
No cost to attend
For more information contact kirk.burrus@att.net

## JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS, WEBINARS, AND CLASSES

### ReBootU

ReBootU is an intensive coding bootcamp that is intended to train unemployed individuals with skills in computer programming. This will be a 20 week class with students meeting every day (Monday-Friday) in an immersive and intensive learning environment. The class is free of charge for students. Upon successful completion of the course, students will work with the program partners to obtain employment in the IT field. This is a community driven effort, and ReBootU welcomes anyone interested in mentoring or guest speaking opportunities. LaunchCode is partnering with the State of Missouri, St. Louis Community College and SLATE to offer a new program called ReBootU. Classes will be held at the TRex incubator downtown.
For more information or to apply email bootcamp@laundcode.org.

### Building Union Diversity (BUD)

Building Union Diversity (BUD), will provide 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 will consist of comprehensive and intensive eight-week pre-apprenticeship skills training course, taught by nationally certified and industry approved specialists in state-of-the-art facilities. Participants will learn skills required for entering apprenticeship with participating BUD Construction trades. Eligible participants can be provided with work-related equipment, transportation to training sites, and a training stipend (upon completion of the program). The pilot class starts on Monday, **October 6,** 2014, and will be limited to 15 eligible applicants. To enroll, interested individuals must come to SLATE, 1520 Market St., 3rd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63103, Monday–Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to complete an application and assessment.

### St. Patrick Center

At St. Patrick Center, we're one of Missouri's largest providers of housing, employment and health opportunities for people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. We take an action-based approach to service and offer nationally recognized programs that assist more than 8,000 people each year. Our mission, at its core, is to help individuals and families move from homelessness to independence in dignified, cost-effective and permanent ways. This approach transforms our clients as well as our entire community. 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

### Project Xcel

This professional training program designed specifically for young people aging out of foster care to introduce them to meaningful careers with opportunities for advancement. Career-seekers will learn essential universal skills that build on a strong foundation in service excellence, including interpersonal and business communications, critical thinking, diversity, and much more. It also prepares career-seekers to earn employment recognized certificates. Trained community career coaches follow participants in the first 6-12 months of employment to ensure they are on track.
Project Xcel Career-seeker Qualifications: between the ages of 17-21 (who is aging or has aged out of foster care and not on a post-secondary education or career path), has a HS diploma or GED, drug-free, and lives in St. Louis City or County areas.
To learn more about how to get your future started , call 314/746-0872

### SLATE American Job Center Job Search Workshops

SLATE Missouri Career Centers offers several free job search workshops throughout the month at 1520 Market Street, 3rd Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103
For more information on these workshops go to www.stlworks.com or call 314/589-8000

### American Job Center - St. Louis County Job Search Workshops

American Job Center - St. Louis County offers several free job search workshops throughout the month 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 on these locations and workshops go to www.jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/find-a-career-center/
registered job seeker customers of Missouri Career Center. To register for the course meet with a staff member at Missouri Career Center.

### St. Charles County Missouri Career Center Job Search Workshops

St. Charles County Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO)
Hosts free job search workshops throughout the month on several topics
For more information on these workshops call 636/278-1360 or go to http://work.sccmo.org/workforce

### Near Southside Employment Coalition – Employment & Training Services

#### Urban Male Employment & Entrepreneur Program

This program will train young urban males, ages 18-25, in basic carpentry and other construction related skills, as well as the skill sets necessary to start their own business. Professionals from the construction trades and employment industry will conduct the 10 weeks of training. To apply for the program between 8/13 – 9/30/14 contact NSEC (2649 Pestalozzi, St. Louis, MO 63118) at 314/865-443 or oward@nsecworks.org

### MET Center offers FREE career training to qualified candidates in the following areas:

**Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)**
**CNC Manufacturing Program**
**CAD Technician**
**HVAC Service Technician**
**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program**
**Manufacturing Training Alliance (MTA)**
**Diesel Technology (DT)**
**Industrial Certification**

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

## Ameren Pre-Apprentice Lineman Training Program

If you are interested in an exciting career as an Ameren Apprentice Lineman in the St. Louis area, a program is beginning soon to teach you how to climb a utility pole and to help you prepare for the selection process at Ameren. This 5-week pre-employment program will be held at St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. The program will include instruction in climbing a wooden utility pole and the opportunity for participants to improve employment skills to become successful apprentice lineman candidates. Participants will want to have good work boots with a heel. At the end of the five week program, successful participants will apply to Ameren and take the company's CAST test. Participants passing the test will be considered by Ameren for the Apprentice Lineman position. For more information, call 314/549-5988

## 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.

Anyone interested either of these training programs should contact Rene Dulle at rdulle4@stlcc.edu or 314/539-5296.

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

**St. Louis Aerospace Institute**
**Drinking Water Operator Training**
**Environmental Remediation Training**

## 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.slcl.org/events/.

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

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

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 call 314/539-0302 or 314/539-0377 or go to www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL)

The Workforce Solutions Group of St. Louis Community College, through funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, will train and award industry credentials to 420 individuals for high skill and decent wage jobs in the transportation, distribution and logistics industry sectors. STLCC will create new programs to support St. Louis' thriving transportation and logistics sectors. The STLCC grant program will serve adults who are eligible under the Trade Adjustment Act or who are otherwise unemployed, underemployed or low skilled. The focus will be on innovating the way in which adult workers are engaged and trained in technical curriculum including:

- Accelerated job training programs within the fields of transportation, distribution and logistics providing the opportunity to earn appropriate industry certifications
- A learning framework that provides students with the basic reading, writing and math skills they need to succeed in a college setting through contextualized courses
- Student services, such as pathway and career coaching, to take full advantage of accelerated, flexible and technology-enabled programs

Contact Becky Epps at 314-513-4271 for more information on training and credential opportunities through the MRTDL grant consortium.

## MOManufacturingWINs

Through MoManufacturingWINs, students will earn skill certificates that are recognized and endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers. These certificates show employers that workers have demonstrated skills in specific areas of manufacturing. This program will serve a target population which includes Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) eligible participants, unemployed participants, underemployed participants and low skilled participants, There is flexibility to include a broad spectrum of individuals (as participants) from varied socioeconomic backgrounds for training purposes. To learn more and complete an online application visit www.stlcc.edu/MMW/ or call 314/513-4612.

**Certified Logistics Associate (CLA)**
**Certified Production Technician (CPT)**
**Precision Machining Technician (PMT)**

## Urban League of Metro St. Louis, Inc. offers FREE Financial Education Training

8960 Jennings Station Road, St. Louis, MO 63136

Three session series of classes are offered every other week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday as follows:

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| Monday | 1 - 4 pm | Budgeting |
| Wednesday | 1 – 4pm | Making Your Money Work for You |
| Friday | 1 – 4pm | Financial Recovery |

For more information or to register contact Randen Click at 314/506-5337

## 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 **CU Excel Center** (95 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121). To get more information about the workshops or to register go to https://www.stlouiscommunity.com/community/our-cause/cu-excel-center

February 4, 2015

**CSAC Metro East Information Meeting**

Local social service partners and community leaders are invite to attend this informational meeting about resources available to assist our returning citizens to overcome barriers to re-entry.

REVIVE Assembly of God Church (1105 Belt Line Road, Collinsville, IL 62234)

11:30am

To register or for more information contact Pamela at pamel.hurt-baker@lssi.org

February 4 and 5, 2015 (weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays)

**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

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| 2/4 | Online/Manual Applications |
| 2/5 | Marketing Yourself |
| 2/11 | Resume Writing/Coaching |
| 2/12 | Interviewing Skills |
| 2/13 | MOCK INTERVIEWS |
| 2/18 | Online/Manual Applications |
| 2/19 | Marketing Yourself |
| 2/25 | Resume Writing/Coaching |
| 2/26 | Interviewing Skills |
| 2/27 | MOCK INTERVIEWS |

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

February 5 and 19, 2015

**Entrepreneurial Workshop: Legal Clinic**

The St. Louis Small Business and Technology Development Center has partnered with Legal Resources of Eastern Missouri to offer a Legal Clinic that provides one-on-one 30 minute sessions with a business attorney at no cost.

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

1pm – 3pm

Cost: Free but an appointment is necessary

For more information or to schedule an appointment go to www.missouribusiness.net or call 314/657-3547

February 9 - 12, 2015

**Homeless Employment Program** (HEP)

This bi-weekly, 4-day Job Readiness Training classes focus on basic skills in obtaining and retaining full time, permanent employment. We serve both veterans and civilians.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.stpatrickcenter.org or call 314/802-0700

February 10 - 12, 2015

**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 314/446-4431or go to www.caastlc.org

February 4, 2015 (weekly)

**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.

CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan Ave., St. Louis, MO 63

6pm – 8pm

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

February 11 and 12, 2014

**2-Day Career Workshop**

LDS Employment resource Services (12843 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

The Career Workshop is designed to help you develop the skills you need to achieve your career objectives. You will evaluate your talents, interests, and values. Set goals and develop a plan to achieve them. Identify and develop the resources you need to reach your goals. Learn how to make powerful impressions while networking, during interviews, and in written materials such as resumes and applications. It is a fun and interactive workshop. You will leave knowing how to do better with your presentations, resumes, job search, and interviews.

9am – 4:00pm (usually starts on 2nd Wednesday of each month, but call first as schedule may change)

Advance registration is required.

To register call 314/344-0050

February 16 – March 2, 2015

**Non-Destructive Testing Apprenticeship Program** (2 weeks of PAID classroom training)

The NDT Apprenticeship Program begins wit h2 weeks of PAID classroom training to prepare you for the field environment. Successful apprentices will be offered a full time position – which will include additional training and a career path to develop you into Level II NDE Technicians. Individuals interested in the program must be 18 years or older, hold at least a HS diploma or GED, and be able to pass a urine drug screen as well as a background check. All applicants will be subject to an extensive screening process complete with a series of interviews.

TEAM Industrial Services (South Roxana, IL)

8am – 5pm

For more information or to register contact Vicky.adler@teaminc.com or 618/251-4125

February 19, 2015

**Professional Series Job Search Workshop**

Topics covered includes: Online Application Process, resume Review, Interview Prep, How to use technology to find employers, now to navigate the hidden job market, how to find HR managers/contacts using LinkedIn, how to successfully navigate a career fair, and much more.

SLATE (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 SLATE at 314/589-8000

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**Homeless Employment Program** (HEP)

This bi-weekly, 4-day Job Readiness Training classes focus on basic skills in obtaining and retaining full time, permanent employment. We serve both veterans and civilians.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.stpatrickcenter.org or call 314/802-0700

February 24 - 26, 2015

**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 314/446-4431or go to www.caastlc.org

## VETERANS SUPPORT EVENTS AND RESOURCES

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

**American Job Centers** www.jobs.mo.gov

Dedicated Veterans Outreach staff are stationed at most of the American 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.

**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

**US Dept. of Veterans Affairs** http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/

Provides patient care and other veterans' benefits.

**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.

**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.

**Show Me Heroes/Show Me Heroes OJT Program** www.showmeheroes.mo.gov

In January 2010, Governor Nixon launched the *'Show-Me Heroes'* initiative to help 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 On-the-Job Training Program offers financial to help your business save training costs while preparing new hires for your vital jobs.

**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. Patrick Center Veteran Support Services** www.stpatrickcenter.org

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.

**Webster U. Returning Military Services** www.webster.edu

The **SERVICE** program is designed to help returning veterans adjust and succeed during their college experience. For any returning veterans who would like more information about utilizing the program or classroom accommodations, contact Shelley Stevens at 314-246-8284 or shelleystevens@webster.edu.

**UMSL Veterans Affairs Office** http://www.umsl.edu/veterans/

The Veteran Affairs Office serves 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.

**St. Louis U. Military Outreach** www.slu.edu/military-student-resources-home/veterans-benefits-and-resources

Saint Louis University is proud to help veterans succeed in their educational goals.

**St. Louis Community College Veterans Services** www.stlcc.edu/veterans

St. Louis Community College Veterans Affairs is here to facilitate a more seamless transition from boots to bookbag. We are devoted to assisting our veterans in applying for benefits, registering for courses and facilitating successful program completion.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Veterans for Peace** www.veteransforpeace.org

Veterans for Peace is a global organization of Military Veterans and allies whose collective efforts are to build a culture of peace.

**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.

**The American Legion** www.legion.org

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization

**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

**Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center** www.scottafrc.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.

**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 o 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

**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 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.

February 2 - 6, 2015

**Homeless Veterans Job Readiness Training Program** (HVRP)

In this intensive employment program, veterans receive the support services they need, including referral for substance-abuse and mental health issues. For veterans to be eligible for this program, they must have served in the US Armed Forces and be willing and able to work at least 20 hours per week.

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.stpatrickcenter.org or call 314/802-0700

February 3, 2015

**Coffee/Reveille Networking Event**

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

7:30am – 9:30am (1st Tuesday of each month)

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

February 9, 2015

**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

February 13, 2014

**VetNet**

Networking for ALL Veterans who have served, are serving, and for those businesses serving our Veterans.

Veterans Home Care (11861 Westline Industrial Dr., #750, St. Louis, MO 63146)

9am – 10am

For more information or to register go to http://northwest.chambermaster.com/events/details/vet-net-12-19-2014-7155

February 16 -20, 2015

**Homeless Veterans Job Readiness Training Program** (HVRP)

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St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to www.stpatrickcenter.org or call 314/802-0700

February 18, 2015

**Early Liberty Call Networking Event**

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

3pm – 6pm (3rd Wednesday of each month)

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

**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

**Seminar: Small Business: How to Start Your Business**

Veterans Business Resource Center (315 Lemay Ferry Road, Ste. 114, St. Louis, MO 63125)

Time TBD

Cost: Free

For more information or to register contact Londa Young at 314/531-8387

February 19, 2015

**Veterans Monthly Job Search Workshop Series**

Topic: Writing Effective Resumes

Disabled Veteran Outreach Center (612 West St. Louis St., East Alton, IL 62024)

10am - 11:30am (3rd Thursday of each month)

For more information contact Lee Russell at William.russell@illinois.gov or 618/259-9500 x360

February 25, 2015

**After Hours Networking Event for Vets**

American Legion Post 101 (2721 Collier Ave., Brentwood, MO 63144)

5pm – 7pm (4th Wednesday of each month)

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

# 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

February 3 and 17, 2015

**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

February 4, 2015

**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Divisions Networking Group Meeting**
TGI Fridays (11228 Lone Eagle Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)
11:30am – 1pm (1st Wednesday of each month)
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

**Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting: Annual Awards Luncheon**
Scott Gallagher Soccer Park (1 Soccer Park Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)
11am – 1pm
Cost: members $18, guests $20
To RSVP or for more information go to www.fentonmochamber.com or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200

February 5, 2015

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event**
Coldwell Banker Gundaker (111 Chesterfield Towne Centre, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: members free, guests $15
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

**Belleville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**
Belleville West Township High School (4063 Frank Scott Parkway, Belleville, IL 62223)
5pm – 7pm
Cost: Members $5 per person; nonmembers $10
For more information go to www.bellevillechamber.org

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**
Dave & Busters (13857 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights MO 63043)
7:30am – 9am
To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Group Networking Meeting**
111 Westport Plaza, Suite 1005, Maryland Heights MO 63043
11:30am – 12:30pm
Cost: Free for members, $5 for future members
To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

February 5, 2015 (weekly)

**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour**
Lehmann's Landing (12314 Natural Bridge Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044)
4:30pm – 6:30pm (Thursdays)
No cost
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

February 6, 2015

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Awards Gala**
Hilton St. Louis Frontenac (1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., Frontenac, MO 63131)
6pm – 10pm
Cost: $70 per person
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

**West County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Networking Event**
Mercy Clinic (15945 Clayton Road, St. Louis, MO), 3rd floor conference room
7:30am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

February 9 and 23, 2015

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group Networking Event**
Webster University in Winghaven (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63368)
Noon – 1:15pm

Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

February 10, 2015

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
11:30am – 1:15pm
Cost: $20 for Chamber members; $25 for non-members
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**
West Community Credit Union (4161 Hwy K , O'Fallon, MO 63368)
4:30pm – 6pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

February 10 and 24, 2015

**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Tuesday Morning Coffee & Networking Group Meeting**
Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport Hotel (4505 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)
7:30am – 8:30am (usually meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays)
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

February 11, 2015

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
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

February 11 and 25, 2015

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Leads Networking Event**
Webster University in Winghaven (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63368)
Noon – 1pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

February 12, 2015

**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting**
Crowne Plaza Hotel-St. Louis Airport (11228 Lone Eagle Dr., Bridgeton, MO)
11am – 1pm
Cost: $25, walkins $30
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

**Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
Royale Orleans Banquet Center (2801Telegraph, St. Louis, MO 63125)
11:15am –1pm
Cost: members $15, non-members $20
For more information go to www.afftonchamber.com

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business Over Breakfast Networking Event**
Chesterfield City Hall (690 Chesterfield Pkwy West, Chesterfield, MO 63017)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: members free, guests $15
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

February 13 and 27, 2015

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Networking Event**
Webster University in Winghaven (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63368)
Noon – 1:30pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

February 16, 2015

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Networking at the Rail**
The Brass Rail (4601 Hwy. K, O'Fallon, MO 63368)
4:30pm – 6:30pm
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

February 17, 2015

**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
Location TBD (3rd Tuesday of each month)

11am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to www.ourchamber.com

February 18, 2015

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
St. Louis Family Church (17458 Chesterfield Airport Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: members $25, guests $30
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

February 19, 2015

**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**
Maryville University, Donius Center (650 Maryville University Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141)
5pm – 7pm
Cost: members free, guests $15
To RSVP or for more information go to www.chesterfieldmochamber.com

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**
The Falls Golf Club (1170 Turtle Creek, O'Fallon, MO 63366)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce All Membership Breakfast Networking Event**
Red Robin Gourmet Burgers-Des Peres (13001 Manchester Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131)
7:30am – 9am
Cost: FREE
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

**West County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Networking Event**
Walnut Grill (1386 Clarkson-Clayton Shopping Center, Ellisville, MO 63011)
5:30pm - 7:30pm
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon**
Location TBD
11:30am –1:30pm
Cost: $18 members, $20 non-members
To RSVP or for more information go to www.webstershrewsburychamber.com

**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**
Wingate By Wyndham (13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)
7:30am – 9am
To RSVP or for more information go to www.mhcc.com

**South County Chamber of Commerce Awards Networking and Dinner**
Royale Orleans Banquet Center (2801Telegraph, St. Louis, MO 63125)
5pm -7pm
For more information go to www.southcountychamber.org

February 23, 2015

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Business Seminar**
Topic: Cutting Edge Marketing
Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO)
1pm – 2pm
Cost: FREE for members, $30 for non-members
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

February 24, 2015

**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
Christy Banquet Center (9000 Veterans Memorial Pkwy., O'Fallon, MO 63366)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: $15 in advance, $20 at the door
For more information or to register go to www.ofallonchamber.org

February 26, 2015

**West County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**
Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)
11am – 1pm

Cost: members $25, non-members $30 per person
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

February 26, 2015

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**
Great Southern Bank (11698 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131)
5pm – 7pm
Cost: FREE
For more information or to register go to www.kirkwooddesperes.com

February 27, 2015

**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting**
Syberg's Restaurant (2430 Old Dorsett Rd., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)
11:30am – 1pm
To RSVP or for more information go to www.northwestchamber.com

**West County Chamber of Commerce Coffee Talk Networking Event**
Lucky's Market (15830 Fountain Plaza Drive, Ellisville, MO 63017)
7:30am – 9am
For more information or to register go to www.westcountychamber.com

## BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS

February 2, 2015 (weekly)

**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts Kirkwood Weekly Meeting**
Hacienda (9748 Manchester Rd, St. Louis, MO)
6pm – 8pm (meets weekly on Mondays)
For more information or to register go to http://www.meetup.com/Coffee-and-Contacts-Kirkwood/

February 3, 2015

**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: $5 for attendance
For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

**St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting**
Duffy's Bar & Restaurant (124 West Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)
11:30am – 1pm (1st Tuesday of each month)
No cost to attend
For more information go to http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Networking-Geniuses/

**St. Louis Python Group Meeting**
This group is for people interested in Python. Whether you're a seasoned dev or just someone curious about the language.
T-REX 3rd Floor Conference Room (911 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101)
7pm – 9pm
For more information contact Brian Hicks at brian@brianhicks.com

**Tapestry Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting**
Have you ever wanted to ask other business women how they handled a situation in their business? Do you work alone and need some friendly advice that works? This month's event is all about you and getting you the help you need. The entire event will be spent networking and masterminding so that you leave equipped to face the challenges you may be experiencing in your business. As Christian businesswomen, we need to work together and support one another in life and in business.
Sunset Hills Community Center (3915 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO 63127)
6:30pm – 8:30pm (1st Tuesday)
Cost: $25 for guests; $35 for late registration
For more information or to register go to www.stlouistapestry.com

February 3, 2015 (weekly)

**Women's Power Networking: Coffee and Contacts St. Charles Weekly Meeting**
Rib City (3891 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Saint Peters, 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/

**BNI Chapter Meetings**
BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting every Tuesday. Visitors are welcome, refer to

www.bnistl.com, contact the listed chapter president to confirm your visit.
For additional information see the note for BNI at the end of this section or contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or Tmorrissim@bnistl.com for additional information.

February 4, 2015

**St. Louis Professional Women's Alliance Powering Up Your Productivity Series**
Hilton St. Louis Frontenac (1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., Frontenac, MO 63131)
11am – 1pm
Cost: members $32, non-members $40
To RSVP or for more information go to www.stlpwa.org

February 4, 2015 (weekly)

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business Roundtable**
Join every Tuesday where business owners and entrepreneurs come to make connections and find new outlets for their services. This weekly event provides an opportunity for networking and is also a great way to exchange ideas and experiences.
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 go to http://www.hccstl.com/ or 314/664-4432

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**Business Frontline of St. Louis Business Networking Group**
Chris' Pancake House (5980 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139)
8am – 9am (Meet weekly on Wednesday)
No cost to attend. For more information go to http://www.bflstl.com/

February 5, 2015

**St. Louis Regional Transportation Forum**
Interact with the area's top leaders on the plans for the regions' new freight district and the promising future of regional freight-related economic development
Doubletree Hotel (1000 Eastport Plaza, Collinsville, IL 62234)
7:15am – 9:30am
For more information or to register go to www.ewgateway.org/freightforum/
Hide Away Restaurant & Piano Bar (5900 Arsenal, St. Louis, MO 63139)
5pm – 9pm
Cost $25 per person
For more information contact Brad Reinhardt at 618/806-4411 or breinhardt@giltner.com

**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.
Whitebox Eatery (176 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105)
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/

**Network After Work**
Network After Work events are for professionals of all industries and career levels interested in expanding their professional network.
360 Rooftop at The Hilton (1 S. Broadway, St Louis, MO 63102)
6pm – 9pm
For more information or to RSVP go to http://stlouis.networkafterwork.com/city/st-louis

**St. Louis Agile LINC User Group Networking Event**
Savvis Headquarters
6pm – 8pm (meet 2nd Thursday of each month)
For more information contact Jim at jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com

**Wildwood Business Association Meeting**
Living Word Church (Wildwood, MO 63040)
7pm – 9pm
For more information go to http://www.wildwoodba.org/

February 5, 2015 (weekly)

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**Christian Business Connectors Networking Meeting**
Chameleon's Catering
11:30am – 1pm (meets every Thursday)
Cost: $12 per person
To RSVP contact Dennis Wagner at 314/481-7337 x102
For more information or to register contact Richard at Richard@accoladekb.com or 314/458-3397

February 6, 2015 (weekly)

**Women's Power Networking Meeting: Coffee and Contacts Fenton Weekly Meeting**
The Hive @ 44 (1710 Fenpark Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)
10:30am – Noon (meets every Friday)
For more information go to www.meetup.com/coffee-and-contacts-ballwin/

February 6 and 20, 2015

**FORE Business Lunch and Learn Networking Event**
The Highlands Golf and Tennis Center at Forest Park (5163 Clayton Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110)
11:30am – 2pm (1st Friday)
3pm – 5pm (3rd Friday)
For more information go to www.forebiz.com

February 7, 2015

**4th Annual St. Louis Education Summit**
Join Teach for America – St. Louis, UMSL and a broad range of educators from across the St. Louis region to engage in a free, energizing, informative, and exciting day of learning and sharing, At the Summit, educators will showcase and learn from best practices, connect with support services in the community, and be inspired by the work we are seeing in the St. Louis region. The Ed Summit will be immediately followed by the Education job Fair.
UMSL Campus
8:30am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to http://tfastl.com/summit/

February 9, 2015

**American Business Women's Association – Renaissance Chapter Monthly Meeting**
St. Louis County - Natural Bridge Library (7606 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO)
6pm – 7:30pm (Meets 2nd Monday of each month)
To RSVP call 314/388-1457

February 10, 2015

**Yellow Tie Coffee & Connections Networking Event**
St. Louis Outlet Mall (formerly St. Louis Mills) (5555 St. Louis Mills Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63042)
7:30am – 9am
No cost to attend
For more information go to www.yellow-tie.org

February 11, 2015

**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**
Holiday Inn Express (20 Central Blvd, Highland, IL)
8:30am – 9:30am (meets 2nd Wednesday of each month)
Cost: $8 for attendance
For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

**Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) St. Louis Breakfast Seminar**
Washington University Knight Center
7am – 9am
Cost: members free, non-members $50
For more information or to register go to http://www.acg.org/stlouis/events/default.aspx

**Panel Discussion: Missouri Exports, The Future of Business in Japan**
St. Louis University, John Cook School of Business, Anheuser-Busch Auditorium
6pm – 8pm
No cost to attend
To register contact bib@slu.edu or call 314/977-3898

February 12, 2015

**Belleville People in Business Networking Meeting**
Pie Pantry (Belleville, IL)
Noon – 1pm (meets 2nd Thursday of each month)
Cost: $8 for attendance

For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

February 12 and 26, 2015

**The Chameleon Club Networking Events**
Barnett of Washington (3207 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)
For more information or to register go to barnettonwashington@gmail.com

February 14 2015

**Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Monthly Member Meeting**
UHY Advisors Office (15 Sunnen Drive, Suite 100, Maplewood, MO 63143)
8am – 10am (usually the 2nd Saturday of month)
Open to members and partners only
Cost: $5 donation
For more information go to http://thefengstl.org/

February 17, 2015

**Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting**
Oatman House (501 E. Main St., Collinsville, IL 62234)
8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3rd Tuesday of each month)
Cost: $7 for attendance
For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

**Tapestry Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting**
Have you ever wanted to ask other business women how they handled a situation in their business? Do you work alone and need some friendly advice that works? This month's event is all about you and getting you the help you need. The entire event will be spent networking and masterminding so that you leave equipped to face the challenges you may be experiencing in your business. As Christian businesswomen, we need to work together and support one another in life and in business.
Greenbriar Hills Country Club (12665 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
9am - 11:30am (3rd Tuesday)
Cost: $25 for guests; $35 for late registration
For more information or to register go to www.stlouistapestry.com

February 18, 2015

**Top Women Business Owner Luncheon**
Hilton Frontenac (Lindbergh and Clayton, Frontenac, MO)
11am – 1pm
Cost: $50 per person
For more information or to register go to www.sbmon.com

February 19, 2015

**St. Louis Business Journal: 40 Under 40 Awards Event**
America's Center (701 Convention Plaza, St. Louis MO 63101)
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Cost: $100 per person
For more information or to register go to www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/event/

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce business After Hours: State of the Chamber**
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)
6pm – 8pm
For more information or to register go to http://www.hccstl.com/ or 314/664-4432

February 25, 2015

**Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting**
Edison's Entertainment Center (2477 South State Road 157, Edwardsville, IL)
11:45am – 1pm (meets 4th Wednesday of each month)
Cost: $10 for attendance
For more information go to www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

February 5, 2015

**Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting**

CIC@4240 (4240 Duncan, St. Louis, MO 63108)
5pm - 8pm (usually 3rd Thursday of the month)
For more information go to www.inventorsconnection.org

February 10, 2015

**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.ccsl.org

**Community Service and Public Relations Council (CSPR) Monthly Meeting**
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

February 11, 2015

**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**
Brentwood Community Center (2505 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, MO 63144)
6:30pm - 9pm (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

**Lewis and Clark SHRM Chapter Membership Meeting**
Community Commons at Spencer Road Library (427 Spencer Road, St. Peters, MO 63376)
7:45am – 9:30am
Cost: Free to members, $5 first time guests
To RSVP or for more information go to http://lewisandclark.shrm.org/

February 12, 2015

**American Marketing Association Monthly Meeting**
Maggiano's Little Italy (2 The Blvd., Richmond Heights, MO 63117)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: members $35; Non-members $45
For more information go to www.ama-stl.org

**St. Louis Quality Assurance Association (STLQAA) Monthly Meeting**
Westview (12312 Olive Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63146), Conference Room #5 (6th floor-Suite 650)
5pm – 8pm
For more information or to register go to http://www.stlouisqaa.org/

**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Meeting**
Sqwires Restaurant in Lafayette Square (1415 South 18th St, St. Louis MO 63104)
6:30pm – 8pm
No charge to attend (Suggested donation of $10 for American Heart Association)
For more information go to http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/

February 18, 2015

**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Annual Business Meeting and Membership Tutorial**
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Clayton (7750 Carondelet Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)
5:30pm – 8:30pm
Cost: members $25 in advance/$30 at the door; non-members, $30 in advance/$35 at the door
For more information or to register go to www.stlpmi.org

**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Monthly Meeting: Annual Legal Update**
Renaissance Hotel St. Louis Airport (9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)
7:30am –11am
Cost: members free; non-members $75
To RSVP or for more information go www.hrmastl.org

**Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance St. Louis Chapter Monthly Meeting (NEXT MEETING IN MARCH)**
Sheraton Clayton Plaza Hotel (7730 Bonhomme Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)
5:30pm – 8:30pm (3rd Wednesday of each month Sept. – June)
Cost: members $30, non-member $35
For more information or to register go to http://afwastlouis.org/

February 19, 2015

**St. Louis Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP) Luncheon and Job Fair**
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Clayton (7750 Carondelet Ave., Clayton, MO 63105)
10:30am – 2pm
Cost: members $36, non-members $45

For more information or to register go to http://www.stlouisroundtable.org/

February 26, 2015

**National Human Resources Association Monthly Meeting**
Ces & Judy's Catering (10405 Clayton Rd., St Louis, MO 63131)
11:30am – 1pm
Cost: members free, non-members $40
For more information or to register go www.humanresources.org

February 24, 2015

**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.org

## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS

February 2 – March 31, 2015

**Arch Grants Global Competition Now Accepting Applications**
Arch Grants provides $50,000 equity-free cash and pro bono support services to innovative startups willing to locate their business in St. Louis. Do you have a startup that needs early-stage funding, mentorship, or legal advice? Do you want to be a part of a thriving community of entrepreneurs? Do you want all of this without giving up any equity in your business? If so, apply to our competition.
For more information or to apply go to http://archgrants.org/competition/ or contact Ben at 314/305.0392 or info@archgrants.org

February 2 – February 6, 2015

**SixThirty Spring Cohort Applications Now Open!**
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 or http://www.f6s.com/profile/436929

February 2 – February 8, 2015

**Grace Hill Women's Business Center: Build your business while earning a mini-MBA**
This 16-week workshop has a nationally recognized curriculum with a track record of success. Participants must be in a business or have a start-up idea
County Classes begin 2/9/15 at Webster University 6pm – 9pm
City Classes begin on 2/10/15 at Helix Center 6pm – 9pm
To enroll now contact Alyce Wilson at 314/584-6841 or awilson@gracehillsettlement.org

February 2, 2015

**Small Business Lunch n Learn Seminar: Integrated Approaches to Business management: Preserving Wealth**
Justine Petersen (1023 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106)
Noon – 1:30pm
For more information or to register call 314/533-2411 X113or email Chonda at cdeboise@justinepetersen.org

February 3, 2015

**STL Python Meet Up Group Monthly Meeting**
T-Rex Lammert Building (911 Washington Ave, Saint Louis, MO 63101)
7pm – 9pm
For more information and to RSVP http://www.meetup.com/STL-Python/events/219717304/

February 4, 2015

**Workplace Xcellence Small Business Webinar: Sales Tax: What You Don't Know CAN Hurt You!**
9:30am – 10:30am
For more information or to register go to http://www.extrahelpinc.com/sales-tax-dont-know-can-hurt/

February 4, 12, 18, and 25, 2015

**Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Weekly Seminar Series**
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, AT&T Auditorium (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)
3:45pm – 5:30pm
No cost to attend but reservation is required
For more information or to register go to http://www.danforthcenter.org/events

February 4, 2015 (weekly)

**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.
KETC Nine Network (3655 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63108)
9am – 10am (every Wednesday morning)
No cost to attend

For more information go to http://stlouis.sites.1millioncups.com/#ancSchedule

February 5, 2015

**Twitter Flock STL**

**Twitter on the Road: Introduction to Fabric**

We'll chat about why we built Fabric, show you demos of how it can help you build your apps, and share some things we learned while building the Crashlytics, Twitter, and MoPub SDKs. With a team goal of connecting with every single developer around the world, we realized we could, and should, hit the road to meet developers one mile at a time. With that, Twitter Flock 2015 was born. We are coming to St. Louis, and you better believe we are bringing a bus.

CIC @ 4240 (4240 Duncan Avenue 2nd Floor, St. Louis, MO 63110)

6pm – 9pm

For more information or to register go to https://twitterflockstl.splashthat.com/

**Missouri Venture Forum Ask the Experts**

CIC@4240, Ste. 200 (420 Duncan, St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:15pm – 6:15pm (part of Venture Café)

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

February 5, 2015

**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.

Whitebox Eatery (176 Carondelet Plaza, Clayton, MO 63105)

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/

**St. Louis Product Management Group Monthly Meeting**

Topic: Developing Product Requirements – Tools and Processes

Helix Center Biotech Incubator (1100 Corporate Square, St. Louis, MO 63132)

5:30pm – 8pm

For more information go to http://www.stlpm.org/

February 5, 2015 (weekly)

**Venture Café Networking Events**

Each Thursday at The Venture Cafe, we invite members of the community interested in innovation to join us for a few hours of connections and conversations.

CIC @4240 (4240 Duncan Avenue, #200, St. Louis, MO 63108)

3pm – 8pm (every Thursday evening)

For more information go to www.vencafstl.org

February 5 and 19, 2015

**Small Business Workshop: Legal Clinic**

The St. Louis Small Business and Technology Development Center has partnered with Legal Resources of Eastern Missouri to offer a Legal Clinic that provides one-on-one 30 minute sessions with a business attorney at no cost.

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

1pm – 3pm

Cost: Free but an appointment is necessary

For more information or to schedule an appointment go to www.missouribusiness.net or call 314/657-3547

**Missouri Networking Event**

Old Spaghetti Factory (Chesterfield, MO)

11:30am – 1:30pm (Meet 1st and 3rd Thursdays)

For more information contact Joel at joelkirk@ymail.com or Denise at 636.265.2440 or Denise@abouttheclimb.com

February 5, 12, and 19, 2015

**Prosper 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.

3919 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108

10am – Noon

Cost: FREE

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

February 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2015

**SBA Affordable Care Act Webinars for Small Businesses**

SBA, the Department of Health Human and Services, and Small Business Majority have teamed up for a free weekly webinar series where small employers can learn the basics of the Affordable Care Act and what it means for their organization and employees. Topics covered include cost containment, the Small Business Health Care Tax Credit, the new Health Insurance Marketplace, and Employer Shared Responsibility.

2pm – 3pm

For more information or to register go to https://www.sba.gov/healthcare

February 6, 2015

**Missouri Venture Forum Breakfast Meeting**
Moto Museum/Triumph Grill (3441 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)
7:15am – 9am (typically meets 1st Friday of each month)
Cost: members free, guests $49
For more information or to register go to www.missouriventureforum.org

**Skandalaris Skills Series: Funding "How to Get Your New Venture Off the Ground"**
Washington University, Brauer Hall
1:30pm – 3pm (1st Friday of the month)
For more information or to register go to http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/events

**IdeaBounce**
Ideabounce is an opportunity for pre-selected bouncers to pitch their idea and win $100. All are welcome to hear the pitches, provide feedback, make connections, and pitch during the open mic portion of the evening.
Washington University, Brauer Hall
3:30pm – 5pm (1st Friday of the month)
For more information or to register go to http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/events

February 6, 2015

**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/

February 6 - 8, 2015

**Startup Weekend: Health Bio St. Louis**
Startup Weekend: HEALTHbio St. Louis is the region's first Startup Weekend specifically focused on healthcare, life science, and related technologies and services. Some of the area's top thinkers, creators and innovators — fueled by St. Louis' thriving science and healthcare business ecosystem — will be attracted to HEALTHbio, making this one of the most exciting Startup Weekend experiences yet.
CIC @4240 (4240 Duncan Ave., #200, St. Louis, MO 63110)
Starts 2/6 at 6:30pm and concludes on 2/8 at 9pm
Cost: $99 per person
For more information go to http://www.up.co/communities/usa/st-louis/startup-weekend/4853

February 7, 2015

**SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business**
St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus, Social Science Bldg, Rm. 108 (11333 Big Bend Road Kirkwood, MO 63122)
8:15am – 3pm
Cost: $60 per person; $70 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops

February 9, 2015

**SCORE Business Workshop: Fundamentals of Social Media**
SCORE Kirkwood Office (PNC Bank Building, 1st Floor, 333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
5pm – 8pm
Cost: $35 per person; $45 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops

February 10, 2015

**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 with an accomplished St. Louis CEO.
T-Rex (911 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63101)
6:30pm – 9pm (2nd Tuesday of the month)
For more information or to register go to http://www.meetup.com/StartLouis/

February 11, 2015

**Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting**
Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)
7pm – 9pm (2nd Wednesday each month)
Cost: free
For more information go to http://ilinventor.tripod.com

**MWDBE Workshop: MRCC Certification**
The purpose of this workshop is to provide potential DBE/ACDBE firms with information pertaining to the various programs, including the DBE certification processes.
Harris Stowe State University, Telecommunity Room (- Library (3026 Laclede Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 11:30am
For more information or to register go to www.mwdbe.org
**Business Seminar: Grow Your Business with Google**
Changescape Web (One Westbury Drive, Suite 420, St. Charles, MO 63301)
11am – Noon
Cost: Free
For more information or to register go to http://changescapeweb.com/grow-your-business-with-google/

February 12, 2015

**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps**
St. Louis County Extension Office (10650 Gateway Blvd., Creve Couer, MO)
9am - Noon
Cost: $50 per person
For more information or to register go to www.Missouribusiness.net
**Business Seminar: Why Export?**
St. Charles SBTDC (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304)
9am - Noon
Cost: $75 per person
For more information or to register go to www.Missouribusiness.net

February 12, 2015

**Business Seminar: Fill Your Pipeline with Ease**
You are about to discover how to completely AVOID the very mistakes most networkers make that keep them overworked, overwhelmed and stuck on the revenue roller coaster!
Commerce Bank (300 North Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)
1pm – 4pm
Cost: FREE
For more information or to register go to http://www.eventbrite.com/e/fill-your-pipeline-with-ease-tickets-15344071531
**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)
ITEN Mentors available by appointment:
Michelle Murray 3pm – 4pm
Dan Klotzer 6pm – 7pm
3pm – 8pm (2nd Thursday of each month)
For more information go to www.itenstl.org
**2015 Emerging Leaders Recruitment Event**
This training is not for businesses in the start-up phase. Join us for an information session on SBA's Emerging Leaders Initiative. We will provide an overview of the curriculum and what is expected of the participants. You will hear from past participants and be able to meet the instructor and our cosponsors. Emerging Leaders is an intensive executive-level training initiative to accelerate the growth of high-potential small businesses located in America's cities. Developed by the U.S. Small Business Administration, and drawing on the experiences of advisors and business leaders in the community, this comprehensive curriculum provides the tools to catapult your company to the next level and help it emerge as a force in your community. The Emerging Leaders advanced training series is open to small business owners and executives located in the St. Louis area that: • Have annual revenues between $400,000 and $10 million • Have been in business for at least three years. • Have at least one employee other than themselves
Webster University, East Academic Building (545 Garden Ave., Room 253/262, Webster Groves, MO, 63119)
2pm – 4pm
Cost: FREE
For more information or to register go to https://www.sba.gov/tools/events?field_event_date_value%5Bvalue%5D%5Bdate%5D=2015-02-02&field_event_date_value2%5Bvalue%5D%5Bdate%5D=2015-05-03&field_event_affiliation_tid%5B%5D=22102

February 14, 2015

**Small Business Workshop: Starting and Managing a Business, Part 1of 2**
St. Louis Community College- Meramec (11333 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO)
9am - Noon
Cost: $59 per person
For more information or to schedule an appointment go to www.missouribusiness.net

February 17, 2015

**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/

February 18, 2015

**NAWBO Monthly Speaker Series: Expanding Your Brand Through Informed Marketing**
Sunset Country Club (9555 South Geyer Road, St Louis, MO 63127)

4:30pm – 7pm
Cost: members $75, non-members $100 per person
For more information or to register go to www.nawbostl.org

**SCORE Business Workshop: Developing Financial Projections for your Business**
Economic Development Center St. Charles County (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304)
5pm – 8pm
Cost: $35 in advance, $45 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops

February 19, 2015

**Small Business Workshop: Third Party Contracts and Commercial Leases**
SLATE American Job Center, 3rd Floor (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)
3:30pm – 5:30pm
Cost: FREE
For more information or to schedule an appointment go to www.missouribusiness.net or call 314/657-3547

**St. Louis Entrepreneurs Monthly Meetup**
Ami's of Rock Hill Inc. (9824 Manchester Road, Webster Groves, MO 63119)
11:30am – 1pm
For more information or to register go to http://www.meetup.com/stlouis-entrepreneurs/

February 19, 2015

**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

**Center of Creative Arts (COCA) BizSession: Principals of Agility**
This seminar looks at how agility contributes to success in complex and uncertain environments.
COCA (524 Trinity Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130)
7:30-10:00am
Cost: $55
For more information or to register call 314/725-6555 or go to www.cocabiz.com

February 21 – 22, 2015

**Student Hackathon: Military Open Source Software (Mil-OSS)**
Develop the best defense-themed web mapping applications and win cash prizes. Prizes will be awarded within age groups, which will include high school (under 18) and college-aged (18-23). With industry sponsors, Department of Defense and industry senior executives, academic thought leaders, and technical mentors from some of the Midwest's fastest-growing startups attending, the event is a unique opportunity to network with the industry's best existing and emerging talents.
TRex Building (911 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101)
10am – 9pm each day
No cost to participate
For more information or to register go to http://mil-oss.org/student-hackathon/

February 23, 2015

**SCORE Business Workshop: Writing a Professional Business & Financial Plan**
SCORE Kirkwood Office (PNC Bank Building, 333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)
5pm – 8pm
Cost: $35 in advance, $45 at the door
For more information or to register go to http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops

February 24, 2015

**Small Business Workshop: Starting and Managing a Business**
St. Louis County American Job Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
9am - Noon
Cost: $99
For more information or to schedule an appointment go to www.missouribusiness.net or call 314/657-3547

**Small Business Workshop: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**
St. Louis County American Job Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)
9am - Noon
Cost: $49
For more information or to schedule an appointment go to www.missouribusiness.net or call 314/657-3547

February 25, 2015

**Small Business Seminar: Starting a Small Business in Illinois**
SIUE –E. St. Louis Campus (East St. Louis, Illinois 62201)

3:30pm – 5pm
For more information or to register go to http://www.siue.edu/business/sbdc/

February 26, 2015

**Commerce Bank Small Business Networking Series: Winning Strategies of Negotiations and Contract Basics**
Commerce Bank, St. Charles Banking Center (1101 1st Capital Drive, St. Charles, MO 63303)
7:30am – 8:45am
FREE to attend
For more information or to register go to http://commercebanksbn.eventbrite.com

**The Boeing Center for Technology, Information & Manufacturing Operational Excellence Speaker Series**
Speaker: JoAnne Levy, VP, Integrated Sourcing Solutions
Washington University, Knight Hall
4:30pm – 6:30pm
Free
For more information or to register contact cminor@wustl.edu or call 314935-5577

**Donald Danforth Plant Science Center: State of the Center**
Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, AT&T Auditorium **(**975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)
7:30am – 9am
No cost to attend but reservation is required
For more information or to register go to http://www.danforthcenter.org/events

## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES AND TRAINING

### 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

### St. Louis SourceLink

St. Louis SourceLink connects a network of nonprofit resource organizations that provide services for small businesses. This organization facilitates the linking of these resource organizations to one another and to established, emerging and start-up small businesses in the region. Areas of assistance include: marketing; financial planning; loans; technical; education; government contracts; sales; product development; and operations. SourceLink also provides users with access to the resource navigator- an online database of local resources to meet the needs of small businesses in the community. The Resource Navigator allows you to create a customized personal search for the resources you need from our network of nonprofit organizations statewide and is provided to patrons at no cost. For more information go to www.stlsourcelink.com

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

### 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

**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

### 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

### Missouri Technology Corp

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

### 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.prosperstl.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

### 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.

### 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

### 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 http://stl.cic.us/

### 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/

### 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/

### 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

### 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

### Claim St. Louis Co-Working and Startup Hub

Intended as an entrepreneurial hub located in the Millennium Center (515 Olive Street, downtown St. Louis). Claim provides office space for startups, small businesses and entrepreneurs. In addition to desks, server space and other office amenities, Claim provides members with a reception area and a receptionist to greet clients and guests as well as to direct incoming phone calls. The Millennium Center also includes loft apartments, so Claim members could live and work in the same building. For more information go to http://workatclaim.com/

### 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

### St. Louis Small Business Development Center

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/sldc/economic-development/business-services/Missouri-Small-Business-Development-Center.cfm

### 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

### 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

### 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/

### 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 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 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

**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.slmbc.org

**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/

**The 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

**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

**St. Louis Community College Corporate College** The Corporate College is the newest addition to St. Louis Community College's growing network of facilities and programs bringing demand-driven workforce training to the region. Renovated in 2011 to have nearly 30,000 square feet of new space to serve the needs of corporate St. Louis, it is the first facility solely dedicated to corporate education and professional development, unlike any other asset the college owns. The Corporate College also is home to the Workforce Solutions Group, the entrepreneurial workforce development division of the college that offers a robust menu of programs and solutions designed to advance people, businesses and communities.
For more information go to http://www.stlcc.edu/corporatecollege/Index.html

**Missouri Venture Forum**

Missouri Venture Forum is a non-profit organization formed in 1985 that serves as a catalyst bringing together the people genuinely interested in helping entrepreneurs. The mission of Missouri Venture Forum is to serve entrepreneurs – those leading the growth of earlier stage businesses – through peer networking, topical education and access to capital resources. Entrepreneurial activity and access to capital is facilitated through networking, education, and information exchange. For more information go to www.missouriventureforum.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

**Gateway Venture Mentoring Service**

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

**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/

**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.aaimea.org or call 314/968-5360

**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

**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 ppettey@escu.org or 314/4343-6470 x1406

**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

### 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 www.justinpetersen.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