



# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL MAY '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 MAY**

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*The following is a list of networking events in May 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**

### May 1, 2015

#### **St. Charles Community College Job Fair**

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

9am – 1pm

For more information go to [www.stchas.edu/jobfair/](http://www.stchas.edu/jobfair/)

### May 5, 2015

#### **American Staffing Recruitment Event** (multiple production and warehouse positions)

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

10:30am – 3pm

For more information call 314/381-6700

### May 5 and 7, 2015

#### **Sam's Club of Chesterfield Job Fair**

Sam's Club (196 THF Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

9am – 3pm

For more information or to apply online prior to the event go to [www.samsclub.com/careers/](http://www.samsclub.com/careers/) store #6252

### May 5 and 12, 2015

#### **Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Alton WorkNet Center (612 W. St. Louis Ave., East Alton, IL 62024)

2pm – 4pm

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

### May 5, 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](http://www.stlouisballpark.hilton.com) or call 314/421-1776

### May 5 - 7, 2015 (weekly)

#### **St. Louis Staffing Open House Recruitment Events**

St. Louis Staffing (514 Earth City Plaza, Ste. 220, Earth City, MO 63045)

9am – 2pm

For more information contact Rosie Marquez at [rmarquez@stlouis-staffing.com](mailto:rmarquez@stlouis-staffing.com)

### May 6, 2015

#### **2015 STL Diversity Job Fair**

Spazio Westport (12031 Lackland Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

11am – 3pm

For more information call 314/252-0306

#### **Job Corp Career Expo**

4333 Goodfellow Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63120

11am – 2pm

### May 6, 2015 (weekly)

#### **Express Employment Professionals and Keystone Staffing Recruitment Events**

Belleville IDES (4519 W Main St., Belleville IL 62223)

10am – Noon

For more information call 618277-8908

May 6, 2015 (weekly)**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 Wednesday)

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.

May 7, 2015**Staff-Smart Recruiting Event** (temp to hire assembly/material handler positions for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shifts)

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

10am – Noon

For more information call (636) 255-6060 or apply online at [www.staff-smart.com](http://www.staff-smart.com)

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

Holiday Inn Express (3396 Green Mount Crossing, Shiloh, IL 62269)

1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

May 11 and 21, 2015**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

American Job Center – Florissant (4040 Seven Hills, MO 63033)

2pm – 4pm

**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

May 13, 2015**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)

American Job Center of St. Charles (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](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

**Easter Seals Midwest Job Fair**

3221 McKelvey, Ste. 101, Bridgeton, MO 63044

4pm – 7pm

For more information go to [www.esmw.org/jobs/](http://www.esmw.org/jobs/)

**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Career Fair**

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

3pm – 6pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)

May 14, 2015**Helping Hand Healthcare Services Recruitment Event** (CNA's and Home Health Aides)

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

9am – Noon

For more information call 314/381-6700

**Pharma Medica Research Inc. Recruitment Event**

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

10am – Noon

For more information call 636/255-6060 x5260

**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](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walk-ins.**

May 15, 2015**Union Pacific Railroad Career Informational Session**

Represents from UP will talk about commonly posted jobs and how to apply for them. Will also be discussing how to get automated notifications for any future job postings.

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

Pre-register for the event by calling 314/388-9840

May 15 and 19, 2015

**Recruitment Event** (Process Operating Engineers for company in Roxanna, IL)  
 American Job Center – Florissant (4040 Seven Hills, MO 63033)  
 9am – Noon  
 For more information call 314/475-7900

May 19, 2015

**Dassault Falcon Jet Job Fair** (upholstery fabricator, cabinet fabricator, painter, interior installer, bench mechanic, associate engr.)  
 Hilton St. Louis Downtown at the Arch, Executive Boardroom (St. Louis, MO 63102)  
 8am – 5pm  
 For more information go to [www.falconjet.com](http://www.falconjet.com) or call 501/580-8501

May 20, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)  
 Alton WorkNet Center (612 W. St. Louis Ave., East Alton, IL 62024)  
 9am – 11am  
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

May 21, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)  
 O’Fallon VFW (223 W. 1<sup>st</sup> St., O’Fallon, IL 62269)  
 2:30pm – 4:30pm  
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

May 26, 2015

**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)  
 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](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

May 28, 2015

**At Home Care St. Louis Recruitment Event** (Home Care Nurse Liaisons and Home Care Aides)  
 American Job Center – St. Louis County (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121)  
 9am – Noon  
 For more information call 314/381-6700  
**Extra Help Recruitment Event** (General Clerical Support, General Laborers)  
 Holiday Inn Express (3396 Green Mount Crossing, Shiloh, IL 62269)  
 3pm – 5pm  
**Candidates are required to pre-register for the event by applying online at [www.extrahelpinc.com](http://www.extrahelpinc.com) and then call 314/241-9675 for additional information. No walkins.**

May 29, 2015

**Union Pacific Railroad Career Informational Session for Female Candidates**  
 Superintendent of the St. Louis Service Unit will talk about opportunities for non-traditional jobs for females at UP and how to apply for them. Will also be discussing how to get automated notifications for any future job postings.  
 Urban League of Metro St. Louis (8960 Jennings Station Road, Jennings, MO 63136)  
 Pre-register for the event by calling 314/388-9840

June 8, 2015

**Congressional Career Fair**  
 Harris Stowe State University, Emerson Phys. Ed. & Performing Arts Center (3026 Laclede, St. Louis, MO 63103)  
 9:30am – 2:30pm  
 For more information call 314/367-1970 or go to [www.lacyclay.house.gov](http://www.lacyclay.house.gov)

## **JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUPS**

May 4, 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](http://www.bbj.org) or call 636/928-0828

May 5, 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](http://www.beyondnetworking-stl.org) or contact Jon Hild at 314/541-2966 or [jhild1208@yahoo.com](mailto:jhild1208@yahoo.com)

May 5, 2015 (weekly)

**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

May 6, 2015

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org) or contact Jeanne at [jredtman@centurytel.net](mailto:jredtman@centurytel.net)

May 7, 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](http://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](mailto:kathy.frick@mscwired.org)

May 7 and 21, 2015

**New Hope Employment Ministry Meetings**

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

7pm – 9pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend

For more information contact [kirk.burrus@att.net](mailto:kirk.burrus@att.net)

May 11, 2015

**CEN at St. Joseph Job Search Support Group (Cottleville area)**

St. Joseph Catholic Church – Cottleville, MO

7pm – 8:30pm (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

May 11 and 25, 2015

**CEN at Ascension Parish Job Search Support Group (Chesterfield area)**

Ascension Parish (Chesterfield, MO), basement of little church

7pm – 9pm (typically meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month)

To make a reservation or for more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

May 12, 2015

**CEN at St. Monica Job Search Support Group Meeting**

12136 Olive Blvd., Creve, Coeur, MO 63141

7pm – 8:30pm (usually meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)

May 21, 2015

**Networking Happy Hour**

Kreiger's (in Chesterfield on Clarkson Rd.)

5pm -8pm

No cost to attend

For more information contact Gus at [hoel2@aol.com](mailto:hoel2@aol.com)

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

### **SLATE American Job Center Job Search Workshops**

SLATE Missouri Career Centers offers several free job search workshops throughout the month at 1520 Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr., St. Louis, MO 63103  
For more information on these workshops go to [www.stlworks.com](http://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/](http://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.

### **American Job Center of St. Charles County 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>

### **Building Union Diversity (BUD) – Currently recruiting for the next class of 20 eligible applicants**

SLATE (St. Louis agency on Training and Employment) in partnership with the St. Louis Construction Trades Council is launching an innovative program designed to increase diversity within the construction trades.

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).

To be eligible participants must be 18 years of age or older and able to pass a drug test.

To enroll, interested individuals must come to SLATE, 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.

### **Urban Strategies Inc.**

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

For more information on programs and workshops go to <http://urbanstrategiesinc.org/>

### **Urban League Save Our Sons Career Readiness Training Program**

This is a 4-week program held at St. Louis County American job Center (26 North Oaks Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63121) providing career and job readiness training, job coaching, career inventory and assessment, linkages to occupational training, employment opportunities, and more!

For more information or to register go to <https://www.ulstl.com/save-our-sons/>

### **Career Advancement for International Professionals (CAIP)**

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

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

### **Career Pathways Bridge Initiative**

The goal of the program is to find employment for 3,000 unemployed and under-employed young adults in the North St. Louis City and County and connect thousands of area residents with training programs. In addition, this grant-funded program will engage 1,000 participants annually in skills training and 2,400 participants annually in work-readiness training. The program will be funded through a US DOL grant and led by a number of core community organizations, including the St. Louis County Division of Workforce Development, SLATE, MET Center-St. Louis, Family and Workforce Centers of America (FWCA) and the Governor's Office of Community Engagement.

### **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@launchcode.org](mailto:bootcamp@launchcode.org).

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

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

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

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

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

### **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](mailto: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>

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Class A CDL Truck Driver Training

### Now enrolling for Spring classes held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park campus!

The truck driving program is a five-week program which prepares the graduate to enter the commercial driving industry as a over-the-road truck driver.

Students will rotate through a combination of classroom, driving simulator time, and several hours of road driving. The course covers such areas as safety, DOT rules and regulations, proper shifting techniques, pre-trip inspections, map reading, log books, handling of paperwork, cargo handling, highway driving, night driving, and metro driving.

Must be at least 21 years old and must have a good driving record and pass a DOT drug screening and physical.

For more information go to [www.stlcc.edu/truckdriving/](http://www.stlcc.edu/truckdriving/) or contact Becky Epps at 314-513-4271.

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Aviation Job Training

### Now enrolling for Spring classes held at St. Louis Community College – Florissant Valley campus!

These high-value training programs are grant-funded and are offered for a limited period of time at no cost to qualified students.

Avionics (Aviation Electronics) An accelerated 8-week practical, hands-on, non-credit course.

Aviation Maintenance Technology Prepare for Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant certifications

For more information go to [www.stlcc.edu/mrtdl/](http://www.stlcc.edu/mrtdl/) or contact Becky Epps at 314-513-4271.

## Mississippi River Transportation, Distribution & Logistics (MRTDL) Warehouse and Distribution Specialist Training

### Now enrolling for Spring classes held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park campus!

This six-week program prepares you to launch your career in Logistics as a Logistics, Warehouse & Distribution Specialist. This high-value training program is grant-funded and offered for a limited period of time at no cost to qualified students. Prepare for front-line material handling and distribution positions across the supply chain — factory, warehousing, distribution, and transportation. Study with recognized industry experts and discover opportunities where your foundational knowledge, work ethic and commitment to excellence may lead to career advancement in this growing field.

For more information go to [www.stlcc.edu/mrtdl/](http://www.stlcc.edu/mrtdl/) or contact Becky Epps at 314-513-4271.

## MOManufacturingWINS – TUITION FREE TRAINING FOR ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES!

MoManufacturingWINS will focus on preparing workers to earn nationally recognized credentials endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). Participating schools have chosen credentials leading to employment in advanced manufacturing and related careers in production, industrial maintenance, welding, machining and transportation and logistics. St. Louis Community College will award industry recognized certifications endorsed by the National Association of Manufacturers such as the National Career Readiness Certificate, The National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC).

To learn more and complete an online application visit [www.stlcc.edu/MMW/](http://www.stlcc.edu/MMW/) or call 314/513-4612.

## 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.

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](http://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

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

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| <b>Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)</b> | <b>HVAC Service Technician</b>                |
| <b>Bioscience Technology Program</b>                | <b>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program</b> |
| <b>Carpentry/Building Maintenance</b>               | <b>Diesel Technology (DT)</b>                 |
| <b>Precision Machining Technology CNC Program</b>   | <b>Industrial Certification Program</b>       |

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

For more information call 314/746-0750 or go to [www.metcenterstl.com](http://www.metcenterstl.com)

## 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/](http://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](http://www.slpl.org/events/calendar.asp)

### **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:

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](mailto: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.stlouiscountry.com/community/our-cause/cu-excel-center>

#### May 4 - 7, 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](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

#### May 6 and 7, 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

5/6	Online/Manual Applications
5/7	Marketing Yourself
5/13	Resume Writing/Coaching
5/14	Interviewing Skills
5/15	MOCK INTERVIEWS
5/20	Online/Manual Applications
5/21	Marketing Yourself
5/27	Resume Writing/Coaching
5/28	Interviewing Skills
5/29	MOCK INTERVIEWS

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

#### May 6, 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 63103)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to RSVP go to [https://www.launchcode.org/coder\\_girl](https://www.launchcode.org/coder_girl)

#### May 7 and 23, 2015

##### **Professional Series Job Search Workshop**

Topics covered includes: Online Application Process, resume Review, Interview Prep, How to use technology to find employers, how 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., 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### May 12 - 14, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to [www.caastlc.org](http://www.caastlc.org)

May 14 and 15, 2015**2-Day Career Workshop**

LDS Employment resource Services (12843 Penridge 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, but call first as schedule may change)

Advance registration is required.

To register call 314/344-0050

May 14 and 28, 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

May 18 - 21, 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)

For more information or to register go to [www.stpatrickcenter.org](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

May 26 - 28, 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 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month)

For more information or to register contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or go to [www.caastlc.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Veterans Landing**[www.theveteranslanding.com](http://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

**The American Legion**[www.legion.org](http://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

**Scott AFB Airman & Family Readiness Center**[www.scottafrfc.com](http://www.scottafrfc.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](http://www.stlvbn.com)

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

- 4 monthly networking events on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## **Boots to Business Entrepreneurship Training Program** [www.boots2business.org](http://www.boots2business.org)

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

### May 2, 2015

#### **St. Louis Stand Down for Homeless Veterans**

A resource event for Veterans providing information on housing options, VA benefits, vocational resources, employment, legal, medical, and clothing and haircuts

Soldier’s Memorial (1315 Chestnut, St. Louis, MO 73103)

9am – 2pm

Pre-registration can be completed at Hope Recovery Center (515 N. Jefferson) or St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker)

For more information call 314/652-4100 x55460

### May 5, 2015

#### **Coffee/Reveille Networking Event**

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

7:30am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

### May 5 - 6, 2015

#### **Fort Leonard Wood Transition Summit**

Join us for a free hiring fair and transition summit for Service Members, Veterans, and Military Souses. This event features key Federal & State agencies, influential military leaders, innovators in the business and employer community and local community leaders. The two-day Transition Summit will feature informative and interactive panel events, recruiter training, and facilitated discussions on improving competitive employment for Service Members, Veterans, and Souses in addition to a networking reception for employers, senior leaders, and jobs seekers.

5/5 1pm Interactive Forums & Panel Discussions for Employers and Community Leaders

4pm Networking Reception for Employers, Senior Leaders, and Job Seekers

5/6 10am Employment Panels & Workshops for Job Seekers

1pm Hiring Fair and Career Forum

For more information or to register go to [www.hiringourheroes.org](http://www.hiringourheroes.org) or contact [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com)

### May 9, 2015

#### **Veterans Job Search Workshop**

Military personnel who are making the transition from service to civilian life are encouraged to take advantage of a free session planned by Return With Purpose

Southwest Illinois Community College (SWIC), Liberal Arts Complex Room 311 (Belleville, IL)

7:45am – 5pm

For more information or to register contact Gregg at [gregg.ganschaw@returnwithpurpose.org](mailto:gregg.ganschaw@returnwithpurpose.org) or call 314/520-2046

#### **2015 Stand Up! For Women Veterans**

Provides information from community, City, County, State, and federal agencies; intake with attorneys regarding family law, warrants, and discharges; health screenings, blood pressure checks, and oral health screenings by Missouri College; clothing provide by Dress for Success; free haircuts and manicures, free on-site child care, and more.

St. Louis University, Busch Student Center (20 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)

9am – 1pm

For more information contact Catholic Charities, Veteran Advocacy Project at 314/977-3993 or [cstrom1@slu.edu](mailto:cstrom1@slu.edu);

or VA Women’s Clinic at 314/652-4100 x51428 or [Loretta.meekins@va.gov](mailto:Loretta.meekins@va.gov)

### May 9 and 16, 2015

#### **Bootstrap Training Program for Veterans (2 Saturdays)**

Provides qualified veterans with intensive training and educational tools to facilitate entrepreneurial endeavors and promote new business startup and growth in the community. The curriculum includes courses that provide business skills training, marketing, bookkeeping, and financial projections, all geared toward connecting the skill-base of veterans with their aspirations. We will use the Lean Canvas model to guide and instruct the class

Helix Center (1100 Corporate Square Drive, Creve. Coeur, MO 63132)

9am – 4pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to <http://sba-vboc.ecenterdirect.com/conferences.action/>

### May 11, 2015

#### **Chow Hall Lunch Networking**

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

11am – 1pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

May 11 - 15, 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](http://www.stpatrickcenter.org) or call 314/802-0700

May 13, 2015**Annual Veterans Summit on Entrepreneurship**

Join us for an exciting and power packed day of information for Veterans in small business and their partners. Learn how to grow your business through networking. Understand the federal, state, and local contracting process. Gather information from large Prime contractors on how to successfully work with them. Network with other Veteran business owners. Designed to help you get moving!

T-Rex (911 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO63101)

8am – 3pm

For more information or to pre-register go to [www.vetbiz.com](http://www.vetbiz.com) or call 314/531-8387

**Lindbergh High School History Alive Program**

The program sets out to initiate meaningful conversations with various generations through a series of interview between the students of today and American veterans. Student groups of 2 – 5 talk with one person about, not only their experience in the American armed forces, but also about American history, what it means to serve one's country, and life lessons. This is a rewarding experience not only for the students, but also for the veterans who have the opportunity to work with the next generation and share their stories.

For more information about the program contact Brad Durnell at [bdurnell@lindberghschools.ws](mailto:bdurnell@lindberghschools.ws) or 314/489-9326

May 16, 2015**Veterans Reconnection Workshop: Communicating Clearly, Exploring Stress and Trauma, Identifying Depression**

American Red Cross of Eastern Missouri (10195 Corporate Square Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132)

10am – 2pm

For more information or to RSVP contact Tony Arnett at 314/516-2874 or [tony.arnett@redcross.org](mailto:tony.arnett@redcross.org)

May 20, 2015**Early Liberty Call Networking Event**

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

3pm – 6pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://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](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

May 21, 2015**Veterans Job Search Club/Workshop**

Topic: Writing Effective Resumes

American Job Center (612 West St. Louis Ave., East Alton, IL 62024)

10am – 11:30am

For more information or to register contact Lee Russell at [William.russell@illinois.gov](mailto:William.russell@illinois.gov) or 618/259-9500 x360

May 23, 2015**Veteran's Resource Fair**

Bridle Ridge Acres (5 Bridle Ridge Spur, Hillsboro. MO)

1pm – 5pm

For more information contact Liz Meyers at [LMeyers@comtrea.org](mailto:LMeyers@comtrea.org) or 636/232-2338

May 27, 2015**After Hours Networking Event for Vets**

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

5pm – 7pm (4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

For more information go to [www.stlvbn.com](http://www.stlvbn.com) or contact Mike at 314/363-3715

May 28-29, 2015**Boots to Business 2-Day Workshop**

Boots to Business is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The curriculum continuum includes steps for evaluating business concepts, the foundational knowledge required to develop a business plan and information on SBA resources available to help access start-up capital and additional technical assistance.

Ft. Leonard Wood Base (Ft. Leonard Wood, MO)

For more information or to register go to <http://boots2business.org/calendar/two-day-workshop-fort-leonard-wood/>

## 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](http://www.mochamber.com)

### May 1, 2015

#### **Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce First Friday Coffee Networking Event**

St. Louis Community College at Meramec (11333 Big Bend, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)

#### **West County Chamber of Commerce First Friday Networking Event**

H & R Block (467 Lafayette Center, Manchester, MO 63011)

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

### May 5, 2015

#### **Northwest Chamber of Commerce Business Expo**

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

10am – 3pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

#### **West County Chamber of Commerce Social Buzz Club Workshop**

This is a Social Buzz Club Workshop designed for those folks participating in the Social Buzz Club, but needing some help to get up to speed on various social media platforms. For this workshop, we will be setting up Facebook business pages and/or confirming that your business page is set-up correctly and fully. In addition, we will be reviewing some Facebook features that are particularly helpful to businesses and answering any & all questions about how to navigate Facebook for business.

St. Louis Community College – Wildwood Campus (2645 Generations Drive, Wildwood, MO)

8am – 9am

BRING YOUR OWN LAPTOP OR TABLET AND REGISTER BY THE FRIDAY BEFORE IN ORDER TO BE ASSIGNED A WIFI ACCESS CODE! PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS WORKSHOP IS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR SOCIAL BUZZ CLUB MEETINGS.

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

### May 5 and 19, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays)

Cost: \$12

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

### May 6, 2015

#### **Northwest Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Divisions Networking Group Meeting**

TGI Fridays (11228 Lone Eagle Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

11:30am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month)

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

#### **Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting**

Andre's Banquet Center – West (211 South Old Highway 141, Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$18, guests \$20

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.fentonmochamber.com](http://www.fentonmochamber.com) or call Jeannie Braun at 636-717-0200

### May 7, 2015

#### **Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce First Thursday Networking Event**

Med Resources Retail (1688 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield, MO. 63017)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)

#### **Belleville Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Eckert's Garden Center (951 South Green Mount Road, Belleville, IL 62220)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: Members \$5 per person; nonmembers \$10

For more information go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)

#### **Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

Electro Saving Credit Union (1805 Craigshire Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)

May 7, 2015**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Group Networking Meeting**

Wingate By Wyndham (13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

3:30pm – 5:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)May 7, 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](http://www.northwestchamber.com)May 8 and 22, 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](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)May 9, 2015**Affton Chamber of Commerce BBQ Meet n Greeting Networking Event**

Schnucks Parking Lot (10070 Gravois, St. Louis, MO 63123)

11am – 6pm

Cost: \$9 per dinner

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)May 11 and 25, 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](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)May 12, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Leads Networking Event**

Baile Properties (100 Main St., St. Peters, MO 63376)

4:30pm – 6pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**West County Chamber of Commerce Social Buzz Club**

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

St. Louis Community College – Wildwood Campus (2645 Generations Drive, Wildwood, MO)

2pm – 3pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Greenbriar Hills Country Club (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](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)**Belleville Chamber of Commerce Coffee Cup Connections Networking Event**

The BASIC Initiative (512 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220)

8:15am – 9:15am

For more information go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)May 12 and 26, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays)To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)

May 13, 2015**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Spazio's (12031 Lackland Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)May 13 and 27, 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](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)May 14, 2015**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting**

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

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$25, walkins \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Lunch N Learn Seminar: Social Media**

STL VentureWorks (743 Spirit 40 Park Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, guests \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)**Belleville Chamber of Commerce 65th Annual Belle-Scott Enlisted Dinner**

In honor of the Enlisted Military Men &amp; Women of Scott Air Force Base you are cordially invited to attend.

Fischer's Banquet Center (2100 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois)

6pm – 10pm

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information go to [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org)**West County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Walnut Grill (Manchester, MO)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Genesis Banquet Center (2651 Telegraph, St. Louis, MO 63125)

11:15am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 for members, \$20 for guests

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)May 18, 2015**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Business Seminar**

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

Noon - 1pm

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

For more information or to register go to [www.kirkwooddesperes.com](http://www.kirkwooddesperes.com)May 19, 2015**Crestwood - Sunset Hills Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Smugala's

11am – 1pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)For more information or to register go to [www.ourchamber.com](http://www.ourchamber.com)May 20, 2015**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Wings of Hope (18370 Wings of Hope Blvd., Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, guests \$30

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)May 21, 2015**West County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Networking Event**

Pasta House (15601 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO)

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)

May 21, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**

Living Word Christian School (1145 Tom Ginnever, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Meeting**

Wingate By Wyndham (13615 Riverport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free for members, \$5 for guests

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon**

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

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$18 members, \$20 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.webstershrewsburychamber.com](http://www.webstershrewsburychamber.com)**South County Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon**

Location to TBA

11:15am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to <http://soco-chamber.org/>May 22, 2015**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.westcounty-chamber.com](http://www.westcounty-chamber.com)May 26, 2015**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

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

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$17 in advance, \$22 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)May 28, 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.westcounty-chamber.com](http://www.westcounty-chamber.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Business After Hours Networking Event**

Lindell Bank (3059 Clarkson Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: members free, guests \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)May 29, 2015**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Women in Networking (WIN) Meeting**

GC (Granite City Brewery) (11411 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO 63141)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://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.westcounty-chamber.com](http://www.westcounty-chamber.com)**Jefferson County Growth Association Legislative Forum**

Jefferson College (Hillsboro, MO 63070)

7am – 9am

For more information or to register go to <http://jcgamo.org/events> or contact [jcga@gmail.com](mailto:jcga@gmail.com) or call 314/210-0211

## **BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

May 1, 2015

**Adelante Awards – Taking Charge of Change**

DoubleTree by Hilton (1973 Craigshire Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63146)

6pm – 9pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.hccstl.com/>

May 1, 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/](http://www.meetup.com/coffee-and-contacts-ballwin/)

May 1 and 15, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday)

3pm – 5pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday)

For more information go to [www.forebiz.com](http://www.forebiz.com)

May 4, 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/>

May 5, 2015

**O’Fallon-Shiloh People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

8:30am - 9:30am (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**St. Louis Networking Geniuses Monthly Meeting**

Duffy’s Bar & Restaurant (124 West Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:brian@brianhicks.com)

**Tapestry Business Women’s Monthly Networking Meeting**

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Sunset Hills Community Center (3915 S. Lindbergh Blvd., Sunset Hills, MO 63127)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday)

Cost: \$25 for guests; \$35 for late registration

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouistapestry.com](http://www.stlouistapestry.com)

May 5, 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](http://www.bnistl.com), contact the listed chapter president to confirm your visit.

For additional information contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or [Tmorrissim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorrissim@bnistl.com)

May 5, 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 [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or 314/664-4432

May 6, 2015**St. Louis Professional Women's Alliance: Women of Distinction Speaker Series**

Frontenac Hilton (1335 South Lindbergh Boulevard, Frontenac, MO 63131)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$22, non-members \$40

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.stlpwa.org](http://www.stlpwa.org)

May 6, 2015 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

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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/>

May 7, 2015**Business Forum: Top 150 Privately-held Companies Dinner**

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

6pm – 9pm

Cost: \$150 per person

To RSVP contact [stlevents@bizjournals.com](mailto:stlevents@bizjournals.com) or call 314/421-6200

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Agile LINC User Group Networking Event**

Savvis Headquarters

6pm – 8pm (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information contact Jim at [jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com](mailto:jim.haftarczyk@savvis.com)

May 7, 2015**Wildwood Business Association Meeting**

Living Word Church (Wildwood, MO 63040)

7pm – 9pm

For more information go to <http://www.wildwoodba.org/>

May 7, 2015**Washington U. Boeing Center for Technology, Information & Manufacturing Operational Excellence Speaker Series**

Washington University – Knight Hall

4:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information or to register contact Cindy Minor at [cminor@wustl.edu](mailto:cminor@wustl.edu) or 314/935-5577

**Untapped Business Networking Event**

Budweiser Brewhouse, Ballpark Village, St. Louis, MO 63102

5pm – 8pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

No cost to participate

For more information go to <http://www.stlballparkvillage.com/entertainment/event/3606>

**Electro Savings Credit Union Business Before Hours Networking Event**

Electro Savings Credit Union (Maryland Heights, MO)

7:30am – 9am

For more information contact Pat Pettey at [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@escu.org) or 314434-6470 x1406

May 7, 2015 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

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For additional information contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or [Tmorissim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorissim@bnistl.com)

**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](mailto:Richard@accoladekb.com) or 314/458-3397

May 8, 2015**AGC Estimators Forum**

AGC of St. Louis, Boardroom (6330 Knox Industrial Dr., St. Louis, MO 63139)

7:30am – 8:30am

For more information or to register go to [www.agcmo.org](http://www.agcmo.org)

May 9, 2015**Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Monthly Chapter Meeting**

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

8am – 10am (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month)

Open to members and partners only

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

May 11, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

To RSVP call 314/388-1457

May 12, 2015**2015 AAIM Leadership Conference**

Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel

7:30am – 5pm

Cost: member \$249, non-member \$349 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.aaim.org/AAIM-Leadership-Conference.aspx>

**Network After Work**

Network After Work events are for professionals of all industries and career levels interested in expanding their professional network.

The Wheelhouse (15 N Central Ave. Clayton, MO 63105)

6pm – 9pm

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://stlouis.networkafterwork.com/city/st-louis>

May 13, 2015**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Workshop: Women Owned Business Certification**

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

7:30am – 9am

For more information or to register go to <http://www.hccstl.com/>

**Highland People in Business Networking Meeting**

Holiday Inn Express (20 Central Blvd, Highland, IL)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Happy Hour Networking Event**

Maggiano's Little Italy (Across the Street from the Galleria), St. Louis, MO

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: \$5 per person

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

May 14, 2015**FranNet Business Seminar: EntrepreneurRevolution: Now! – Exploring Business Ownership**

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 N. Warson, Rd., St. Louis, MO 63132)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to [www.yourfanchisnow.com](http://www.yourfanchisnow.com) or contact Chris Coleman at [ccoleman@franneet.com](mailto:ccoleman@franneet.com)

May 14, 2015**Urban League Guild General Body Meeting**

Urban League HQ (3701 Grandel Square, St. Louis, MO 63108)

6pm – 7pm

For more information contact [specialevents@urbanleague-stl.org](mailto:specialevents@urbanleague-stl.org) or [WWW.ULSTL.ORG](http://WWW.ULSTL.ORG)

**Belleville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Pie Pantry (Belleville, IL)

Noon – 1pm (meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

Cost: \$8 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

May 14 and 28, 2015**The Chameleon Club Networking Event**

Barnett of Washington (3207 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

For more information or to register go to [barnettonwashington@gmail.com](mailto:barnettonwashington@gmail.com)

May 15, 2015**Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) St. Louis Monthly Breakfast Meeting**

Washington University Knight Center

7am – 9am

Cost: members free, non-members \$35

For more information or to register go to <http://www.acg.org/stlouis/events/default.aspx>

**The Healing Arts Center Spring Meetup – Shameless Networking Event**

The Healing Arts Center (10073 Manchester Rd., Ste. 100, St. Louis, MO 63122)

5pm – 7:30pm

For more information go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/1431659317149547/>

May 19, 2015**Tapestry Business Women's Monthly Networking Meeting**

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

9am - 11:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

Cost: \$25 for guests; \$35 for late registration

For more information or to register go to [www.stlouistapestry.com](http://www.stlouistapestry.com)

**Collinsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

Oatman House (501 E. Main St., Collinsville, IL 62234)

8:30am – 9:30am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$7 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**Business Seminar: Managing the Cost of Commercial Litigation**

Missouri Botanical Garden (4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110)

7:30am – 9am

Admission is free

To RSVP contact [stlevents@bizjournals.com](mailto:stlevents@bizjournals.com) or call 314/421-6200

May 20 2015**National Association for Professional Women St. Louis Chapter Meeting**

Squires Restaurant in Lafayette Square (1415 South 18th St, St. Louis MO 63104)

6:30pm – 8pm

No charge to attend

For more information go to <http://www.napw.com/chapter/59/st-louis/>

**International Trade Night**

Washington University, Knight Center

5:30pm – 9pm

Cost: \$65 per person (includes dinner, open bar, and exhibitor forum)

For more information or to register go to [www.transporationclubofstlouis.com](http://www.transporationclubofstlouis.com)

May 21, 2015**St. Louis Business Journal: CFO of the Year Awards Reception**

Starlight Roof, Chase Park Plaza (212 N. Kingshighway Blvd. St. Louis MO 63108)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information go to [www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/](http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/) or contact Kelly Rowland at 314/421-8307 or [stlevents@bizjournals.com](mailto:stlevents@bizjournals.com)

**Granite City People in Business Networking Meeting**

Six Mile Library (2001 Delmar Ave., Granite City, IL)

8am – 9am (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: \$5 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Thompson Coburn at One US Bank Plaza, Coburn Room (35<sup>th</sup> Floor), St. Louis, MO 63108

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.hccstl.com/> or 314/664-4432

May 27, 2015**Edwardsville People in Business Networking Meeting**

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

11:45am – 1pm (meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month)

Cost: \$10 for attendance

For more information go to [www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com](http://www.peopleinbusiness.ning.com)

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**May 7, 2015**Inventors Association of St. Louis (IASL) Monthly General Meeting**

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

5pm - 8pm (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)

For more information go to [www.inventorsconnection.org](http://www.inventorsconnection.org)

May 12 2015**Computer Consultants of St. Louis Monthly Meeting**

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

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

For more information call 314/995-4652 or go to [www.ccsll.org](http://www.ccsll.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](http://www.csprc.org)

May 13, 2015**St. Louis Publishers Association Monthly Meeting**

Brentwood Community Center (2505 S. Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, MO 63144)

6:30pm - 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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/>

**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Dinner Meeting**

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](http://www.stlpmi.org)

May 20, 2015**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA)****Committee Fair & Pre-Dinner Happy Hour, and Dinner Meeting**

Renaissance Hotel St. Louis Airport (9801 Natural Bridge Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: members free; non-members \$60

To RSVP or for more information go [www.hrmastl.org](http://www.hrmastl.org)**Accounting & Financial Women's Alliance St. Louis Chapter Monthly Meeting**

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

5:30pm – 8:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month Sept. – June)

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

For more information or to register go to <http://afwastlouis.org/>May 21, 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](http://www.ama-stl.org)**St. Louis Quality Assurance Association (STLQAA) Monthly Meeting**

635 Maryville Centre Drive (Apex), Town and Country, MO 63143

5pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisqaa.org/>**National Human Resources Association Monthly Meeting****2nd Annual Legal Update**

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac (1335 S. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63131)

8am - Noon

Cost: members free, non-members \$75

For more information or to register go [www.humanresources.org](http://www.humanresources.org)May 26, 2015**St. Louis Coaches Monthly Meeting**

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

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

Cost: \$5 members, \$20 non-members

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.stlcoaches.org](http://www.stlcoaches.org)May 27, 2015**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Business After Hours Networking Event**

Jefferson Grill (127 W Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)May 29, 2015**Illinois PMI (Project Management Institute) Monthly Lunch Meeting**

Bella Milano (455 Regency Park Drive, O'Fallon, IL 62269)

11:15am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to [www.stlpmi.org](http://www.stlpmi.org)

## **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK OF EASTERN MISSOURI – MAY 4 – 9, 2015**

Widely recognized as one of the most robust Small Business week celebration in the nation. With nearly 20 events scheduled throughout the week at various locations throughout the St. Louis area, there's something on the calendar you'll find beneficial in your efforts to start, run or support a small business.

For more information or to register for any of these events go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org) or call 314/746-9335

### May 4- 7, 2015

#### **SBA Business Webinars**

5/4	Do I Have to Pay My Employees for That?	3pm – 4pm
	Common and Not-So-Common Workplace Scenarios	
5/4	The Secrets to Crafting a Digital Footprint	4pm – 5pm
5/5	What Small Business Owners Need to Know	2pm -3pm
	about Liability for Counterfeit Fraud on Chip Card Accounts	
5/6	Voluntary Benefits: Not Just for the Big Guys	3pm – 4pm
5/7	Payments as a Trigger for Small Business Growth	1:30pm – 2:30pm

For more information about these free webinars and how to participate go to [www.sba.gov/nsbw/webinars/](http://www.sba.gov/nsbw/webinars/)

### May 4, 2015

#### **Lenders Awards Luncheon**

Hilton St. Louis Frontenac (1335 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

11 am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

#### **BIG DATA Monday: Regional Labor Statistics for the Workweek and Beyond**

Justine PETERSEN (1023 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63106)

3pm – 5pm

#### **Business Seminar: Integrating Social Media with Your Business & It's Culture**

SCORE Kirkwood Office (PNC Bank Building, 1st Floor, 333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

### May 5, 2015

#### **Yellow Tie Coffee & Connections Networking Event**

Vessel Architecture & Design (600 Emerson Rd., Suite 400, St. Louis, MO 63141)

7:30am – 9am

No cost to attend

For more information go to [www.yellow-tie.org](http://www.yellow-tie.org)

#### **Matchmaking Event**

This event allows small businesses the opportunity to hear from federal agencies and prime contractors to learn about potential contracting and subcontracting opportunities

ITenterprises/UMSL Center (4633 World Parkway Circle, Berkeley, MO 63104)

9:30am – Noon

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

#### **Business Seminar: Every Door Direct Mail**

The U.S. Postal Service recently introduced Every Door Direct Mail, a simple, low-cost service that allows local businesses to market to every address in their neighborhoods without the need to rent mailing lists. This class will provide you a demonstration of the online tool and detailed steps to get started.

St. Louis County Library – HQ Branch (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

1pm – 3pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

#### **Business Seminar: SBA Loans: Financing Your Small Business**

St. Louis County Library – HQ Branch (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

2pm – 4pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

### May 6, 2015

#### **Business Seminar: International Economic Market Analysis**

World Trade Center (7733 Forsyth Blvd., Ste. 2200, St. Louis, MO 63105)

8:30am – 11am

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

May 6, 2015**Business Seminar: How Win Government Contracts Through the 8(a) Program**

Designed for socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses that have been in business for at least 2 years and have the ability to be successful and compete for federal contracts

Robert Young Federal Building (1222 Spruce St., Ste. 10.103, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 10:30am

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

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KETC Nine Network (3655 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63108)

9am – 10am

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

**Advance St. Louis: Raising Capital – The Investor’s Perspective**

CIC@CET – Showroom (20 S. Sarah Street, St. Louis, MO 63108)

2:30pm – 5:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

**Small Business Monthly: Leaders in Technology Awards**

Join us as we honor technology innovators, who are actively working to develop new technology and technology implementers who are using existing technology to enhance service offerings.

Clayton Sheraton (7730 Bonhomme Ave., St. Louis, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: \$30 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

**National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) Reception to Honor the Winners**

Network with women business owners and friends. Enjoy an evening of food and fun as we honor the Small Business Week winners.

Cantina Laredo (7710 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, MO 63105)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: \$40 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

May 7, 2015**Business Seminar: Email Marketing: Simple Strategies for Success**

Response! Targeted Marketing (1800 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

10am – Noon

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

**Veterans Business Resource Center Meet and Greet**

VBRC Offices (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO 63125)

11am – 12:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

**Annual SBA Exhibit Gala and Networking Event**

Norwood Hills Country Club (1 Norwood Hills Country Club Drive, St. Louis, MO 63121)

5pm - 6:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

**SBA Awards Dinner**

Norwood Hills Country Club (1 Norwood Hills Country Club Drive, St. Louis, MO 63121)

6:30pm – 8pm

Cost: \$60 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

May 8, 2015**Indie Biz Happy Hour Networking Event**

Independent small businesses are vital to the health and micro-economies of neighborhoods. Come mingle with Cherokee Street small business owners, residents and community stakeholders as they share their stories about their collective effort to build business and community.

STL Stylehouse (3159 Cherokee St., St. Louis, MO 63118)

5pm – 7pm

For more information or to register go to [www.sbwem.org](http://www.sbwem.org)

May 9, 2015**SCORE Business Workshop: Website Evaluations**

A one-day seminar to acquaint prospective and active business owners with the planning needed to start and manage their own business.

SCORE Kirkwood Office (PNC Bank Building, 1st Floor, 333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

9:30am – Noon

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

## SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS

### **BALSA Foundation Entry Fund Program Application Due by May 1, 2015**

The Balsa Foundation provides business support and grant funding of up to \$5,000 to individuals wanting to pursue their business idea through the Entry Fund Program.

Submit a one-page application by Friday 5/1/15 at 5pm. You will receive in-depth feedback on your business idea and application.

Then submit your Grant Application by Monday 6/1/15 at 5pm

For more information and to submit an application go to [www.thebalsafoundation.org](http://www.thebalsafoundation.org)

### **MOBEC Funding Application Due by May 1, 2015**

#### **Missouri Building Entrepreneurial Capacity (MOBEC) Funding Due Date**

The Missouri Technology Corporation (MTC) is now accepting applications for all commercialization programs under the Missouri IDEA funds.

Through the MOBEC program, MTC will make strategic investments that expand the support system for entrepreneurs that are commercializing new technologies or that enhance the capacity of Missouri to grow its innovation economy.

The request for financial support should be specifically and narrowly tailored to the plan outlined in the application submitted to MTC by 5/1/15, but individual grant awards will not exceed \$500,000.

For more information or to access the application forms go to [www.missouritechnology.com/missouri-building-entrepreneurial-capacity/](http://www.missouritechnology.com/missouri-building-entrepreneurial-capacity/)

### **IDEA Funding Applications Due by May 13, 2015**

#### **IDEA (Innovation, Development, and Entrepreneurship Advancement) Funds**

The IDEA Funds promote the formation and growth of businesses that engage in the transfer of science and technology into job creation. The funds provide financing to eligible businesses through four components that correspond to the four stages of growth for investment-grade, high-growth enterprises. Applications are currently being accepted for the following IDEA Funds programs:

- Missouri TechLaunch
- Seed Capital Co-Investment Program
- Venture Capital Co-Investment Program
- High-Tech Industrial Expansion Program

For more information on these programs or to access the application forms go to [www.missouritechnology.com](http://www.missouritechnology.com)

### **Micro-Enterprise Competition Application Due by May 11, 2015**

#### **Micro-Enterprise Competition**

Want to become St. Louis' next top entrepreneur? Enter the Micro-Enterprise Competition for your chance to win \$1,000. Also refine your business concept and get referrals to our many partners who specialize in micro-lending, gain access to critical tools for business stability and growth.

Step 1: Create an Account on [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov). For assistance visit SLATE (1520 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

Step 2: After creating an account, come to SLATE for an interview with SLATE's Small business Advisor, who will determine if you're eligible to participate and provide your next steps

Step 3: Email a copy of your resume by 5/11/15 to [specialprojects@stlworks.com](mailto:specialprojects@stlworks.com)

### **Powerful Answers Award Applications Period through 6/18/15**

The Powerful Answers Award is a multi-million dollar challenge from Verizon for entrepreneurs, companies and innovators worldwide to provide innovative solutions in the areas of Transportation, Emergency Response, and Internet of Things.

We are currently accepting submissions for the chance to win up to \$1 million in prizes.

For more information go to [www.verizon.com/powerfulanswers/](http://www.verizon.com/powerfulanswers/)

### **May 1, 2015**

#### **Missouri Venture Forum Breakfast Meeting**

Moto Museum/Triumph Grill (3441 Olive St., St. Louis, MO 63103)

7:15am – 9am (typically meets 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month)

Cost: members free, guests \$49

For more information or to register go to [www.missouriventureforum.org](http://www.missouriventureforum.org)

#### **Self-Employed St. Louis (SESTL) Monthly Meetup Network Event**

Kirkwood Station Brewing Company (105 East Jefferson Avenue, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$20 per person

For more information go to <http://www.meetup.com/Self-Employed-St-Louis/>

### **May 2, 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>

May 4, 6, 13, and 22, 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>

May 5, 2015

**STL Python Meet Up Group Monthly Meeting – Hack Night/Lightning Talks**

If you've never been to one of our hack nights, it's a time to bring your latest pet problem to work on or just talk shop. This doesn't even necessarily have to involve Python, we've had good times with topics like category theory and robotics at past hack nights.

T-Rex Lammert Building (911 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101)

7pm – 9pm

For more information and to RSVP <http://www.meetup.com/STL-Python/events/219717304/>

May 6, 2015

**Women Business Owners Conference**

This full-day conference and expo empowers women through motivational speakers, business development strategies, and personal and professional products designed to increase productivity.

Four Points Sheraton (319 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights, IL 62208)

8am – 3:30pm

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.signaturevirtualassistance.com](http://www.signaturevirtualassistance.com)

**Business Seminar: Fundamentals of Government Contracting, the Bidding Process**

St. Charles SBTDC (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**ExtraHelp Business Webinar:**

**Your Business Breakthrough: Solidify your foundation with your dream team & your ideal target audience**

9:30am-10:30am

For more information or to register for the webinar go to

<http://www.extrahelpinc.com/your-business-breakthrough-solidify-your-foundation-with-your-dream-team-and-your-ideal-target-audience/>

**Business Webinar Series (1 of 3): Transitioning out of 8a – Establish an Excellent Recruiting System**

This series of webinars is designed to address the steps necessary for a transitioning 8a firm to position and prepare itself for continued success through government contracting. Register for this webinar to learn whether or not to recruit staff internally, or utilize external staffing organizations, or a combination of both.

1pm – 2pm

Register for this webinar at <http://www.wipp.org/events/>

May 6, 2015 (weekly)

**Small Business Workshop Series: Business Plan Development (4 part series)**

An intensive, four-session, individually customized course designed to provide new aspiring entrepreneurs with the tools and resources to create a solid business plan.

St. Louis Community College - Meramec - Social Science Bldg. Room 206 (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

6pm – 9pm

Cost: \$99 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

**ITEN One Million Cups**

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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>

May 7, 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.

Doubletree Chesterfield Hotel (16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

6:30pm – 8:30pm (1<sup>st</sup> 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/>

May 7, 2015**St. Louis Product Management Group Monthly Meeting**

Topic: People Only Buy What They Want, Not What They Need  
 The Venture Café at CIC (4240 Duncan Road, St. Louis, MO 63107)  
 5:30pm – 8pm

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

May 7, 2015 (weekly)**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.

Café Ventana (3919 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108)  
 10am – Noon

Cost: FREE

For more information or to register go to [www.prosperstl.com](http://www.prosperstl.com)

**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](http://www.vencafstl.org)

May 7 and 21, 2015**Missouri Networking Event**

Old Spaghetti Factory (Chesterfield, MO)  
 11:30am – 1:30pm (Meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays)

For more information contact Joel at [joelkirk@ymail.com](mailto:joelkirk@ymail.com) or Denise at 636.265.2440 or [Denise@abouttheclimb.com](mailto:Denise@abouttheclimb.com)

May 11, 2015**SCORE Business Workshop: Writing a Professional Business & Financial Plan**

e3 Wealth (10825 Watson Road, Suite 100, Sunset Hills, MO 63127)  
 5pm – 8pm

Cost: \$35 per person; \$45 at the door

For more information or to register go to <http://stlouis.score.org/localworkshops>

May 12, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/StartLouis/>

**MWDBE Workshop: MRCC Certification (NEXT Workshop in JUNE)**

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.mwdbbe.org](http://www.mwdbbe.org)

**IRS Conference for Small & Medium-Sized 501(c)3 Organizations**

Attend this workshop to hear directly from the IRS about the benefits and responsibilities of tax exemption under 501(c)3, and actions that may jeopardize the exempt status of an organization.

UMSL, JC Penney Conference Center, Summit Lunge (1 University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121)  
 9am – 4pm

Cost: \$45 per person (\$70 at the door)

For more information or to register go to [www.mosourcelink.com/calendar/](http://www.mosourcelink.com/calendar/)

May 13, 2015**Illinois Innovators & Inventors Monthly Meeting**

Madison Mutual Insurance Company (Mutual Ct., Edwardsville, IL)  
 7pm – 9pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month)

Cost: free

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

May 14, 2015**Prosper MasterMind Group**

Have you ever wondered "what the heck is a mastermind?" Join us at Venture Cafe to explore how peer advisory groups can help you understand challenges and identify solid action items - in life, work and play!

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

5pm – 6pm

For more information or to register go to [www.prosperstl.com](http://www.prosperstl.com)

**Business Seminar: Selling to the Government: The First Steps**

St. Louis County Extension Office (10650 Gateway Blvd., Creve Coeur, MO)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

For more information go to [www.itenstl.org](http://www.itenstl.org)

**Center of Creative Arts (COCA) BizSession**

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](http://www.cocabiz.com)

May 14 and 28, 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

**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.

1pm – 2pm

Also, available en espanol on 5/19/15 at 3pm

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

May 18, 2015**Small Business Workshop: Starting and Managing a Business in Missouri – The First Steps**

This is a 3-hour workshop created for those considering going into business for themselves.

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99, Free for dislocated workers, but an appointment is necessary

For more information or to register go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

May 19, 2015**Capital Innovators' DEMO DAY 2015**

Whether you're an investor, a potential customer, or you just want to learn more about the technology startup scene in St. Louis, we invite you to come take a look at why St. Louis is being called the next Silicon Valley. Our companies have been focusing hard on developing next-generation solutions for a variety of industries. Now is your chance to see what all the hp is about.

The Pageant (6161 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112)

1pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to [www.capitalinnovators.com](http://www.capitalinnovators.com)

**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/>

May 20, 2015**Small Business Workshop: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

This is a 3-hour workshop created for those considering going into business for themselves.

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$49, Free for dislocated workers, but an appointment is necessary

For more information or to register go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net) or call 314/657-3547

May 21, 2015**Business Seminar: Profile of a Successful Exporter**

St. Charles SBTDC (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Charles, MO 63304)

9am - Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.Missouribusiness.net](http://www.Missouribusiness.net)

**Small Business Workshop: Starting a Small Business in Missouri – The First Steps**

Missouri Small Business & Technology Development Center (260 Brown Rd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$99 per person (no cost to Dislocated Workers)

For more information or to register go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net)

**Quarterly Conversation Series: From the Clean Water Act to Everglades Restoration: 40 Years of Conversations**

Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, AT&T Auditorium (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

5:15pm – 7:30pm

No cost to attend but reservation is required

For more information or to register go to <http://www.danforthcenter.org/events>

**Biotech Meetup Group**

CIC@CET (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

5:30pm – 6:30pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/saint-louis-biotechnology-meetup/>

**Gateway Business Networking (formerly St. Louis Business Networking) Breakfast**

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

7am – 9am (Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month)

Cost: \$14 per person

For more information or to RSVP contact Andrea at [andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com](mailto:andrea.johnson@techguardsecurity.com)

May 22 – 24, 2015**PetHack St. Louis**

Be part of the winning team and be awarded stock in a start-up company that will dramatically impact the pet food industry. Your team will help build solutions that will change the way pet parents buy pet food with patent pending technology.

T-Rex (911 Washington Ave. St. Louis, MO 63101)

Doors open on Friday at 5pm

Cost: \$10 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://pethackstlouis.splashthat.com/>

May 27, 2015**Business Webinar Series (2 of 3): Transitioning out of 8a – Make Teaming Your Business Culture**

This series of webinars is designed to address the steps necessary for a transitioning 8a firm to position and prepare itself for continued success through government contracting. Register for this webinar to learn how to recruit other businesses, both small and large, as a teaming partner.

1pm – 2pm

Register for this webinar at <http://www.wipp.org/events/>

May 28, 2015**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/>

May 29, 2015**Business Seminar: Starting a Business: The First Steps**

St. Louis County Library – HQ Branch (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

8:30am – Noon

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.missouribusiness.net](http://www.missouribusiness.net)

## 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](http://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 data base 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.cultivationcapital.com)

### **RiverVest Venture Partners**

Established in 2000. RiverVest Venture Partners focuses exclusively on innovations in life sciences, a field in which our team has significant research, clinical, operational and investment expertise. The group identifies, funds and actively incubates promising life science companies, particularly in the medical device and biopharmaceutical industries. Provides practical advice and strategic leadership to help entrepreneurs drive early-stage companies forward. RiverVest also invests in select later-stage life science companies to diversify risk and maximize portfolio returns. In every case, takes a hands-on investment approach, preferring to be represented on the boards of our portfolio companies. RiverVest has funded 30 innovative life science companies and currently has assets under management of more than \$280 million. For more information go to <http://rivervest.com/>

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### **Bodley Group**

Bodley Group invests in seed or growth opportunities with compelling teams and a clear potential for out-performance. We seek to invest in companies with new proprietary technology, concept durability, clearly defined customer acquisition strategies, network effects and the potential for rapid growth.

Most importantly, we target inspirational founders who are convinced of their plan for a different future and possess the fortitude to make their vision a reality.

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

### **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](http://www.STLStartupChallenge.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](http://www.theyieldlab.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](http://www.techli.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](mailto:katzja@slu.edu) or go to [www.billikenangels.com](http://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](http://www.stlouisarchangels.com)

### **LINC (Leveraging Information and Networks to access Capital)**

This is a new initiative by the SBA. It is an online business matchmaking service to help entrepreneurs get connected with lenders. Phase 1 was rolled out in February to assist with connecting small business owners with nonprofit lenders that offer free financial advice and specialize in microlending, smaller loans, and real estate financing. Phase 2 will add more traditional banks that offer an even wider array of financial products, in the longer term, LINC could be modified to facilitate government contracting by connecting eligible small businesses with procurement officers, prime contractors and federal buyers.

For more information go to <https://www.sba.gov/tools/linc?herobox>

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.lab1500.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>

**AAIM Employers' Association** provides cutting-edge resources which help its members manage their people and processes. AAIM partners with company leadership and management in human resources by providing topical research and information, technical guidance, training and HR consulting, pre-employment services, small business training courses, seminars, roundtable discussions, and webinars on a variety of topics including computer skills, negotiating skills, customer service, interpersonal communication, PowerPoint presentations, and more. For a complete schedule of upcoming programs or to register for any of the programs go to [www.aaima.org](http://www.aaima.org) or call 314/968-5360

### **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](http://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](http://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/>

### **Hispanic Leadership Institute**

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis Foundation has established the Hispanic Leadership Institute as a select program for 15-20 individuals consisting of nine, day-long seminars or experiences held monthly. Class IV commenced in October 2014 and graduates in June 2015. The HLI will train professionals on for-profit and non-profit leadership skills and network development. Program fee of \$1,000. For more information or to apply go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or contact Karlos Ramirez and [kramirez@hccstl.com](mailto:kramirez@hccstl.com) or 314/644-4432

### **St. Louis Minority Business Development Center**

The MBDA Business Center located in St. Louis, MO is operated by the Chicago Minority Business Development Council, Incorporated. The center is part of a national network of funded centers located in major cities throughout the United States. The center works with minority business enterprises to generate increased financing and contract opportunities and to create and retain jobs. The mission of the center is to strengthen the US economy by helping ethnic minority businesses create or retain jobs, and build economically vibrant socially responsible entrepreneurs, businesses, and communities.

For more information go to <http://www.mbda.gov/businesscenters/stlouis>

**St. Louis Small Business 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.slmhc.org](http://www.slmhc.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/>

### **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](http://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>

### **The BALSAs Foundation**

The BALSAs 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 BALSAs Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The BALSAs 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.innovatestl.org)

### **Gateway Venture Mentoring Service (VMS)**

Gateway Venture Mentoring Service is an entrepreneur support organization whose primary goal is to "facilitate a successful environment for entrepreneurship in the Greater St. Louis region." We do this in one of two ways:

- Through networking and team based volunteer mentoring
- Through referrals to the most appropriate Entrepreneur Support Organization (ESO)

For more information go to [www.gatewayvms.org](http://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/>

### **MOKAN Capacity Building 6-Week Institution: Skills Training for Minorities and Women Contractors**

The St. Louis Business Institute in conjunction with the St. Louis Develop Corporation are excited to announce the new technical training course program that assist minority and women owned construction companies with capacity building through hands on technical assistance, skilled workshops and course trainings designed specifically to address business development needs. Minority and women owned contractors will be able to participate in a 6-week training program specifically designed to advance management and operational skills. Contractors will also have an option to participate in monthly technical assistance courses as well as individualized one-on-one business enhancement sessions with industry experts to address specific business development concerns.

For more information or to register go to <http://www.stlouisbusinessinstitute.com/capacity-building-course-schedules.html>

**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](mailto:center@stlouiscommunity.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://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](http://www.enterprisebank.com) and click on the icon for Enterprise University. Or you can send an email to [enterpriseuniversity@enterprisebank.com](mailto: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 [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@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](http://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](http://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>