



# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL SEPTEMBER '14 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).

Join our LinkedIn Group at [www.linkedin.com/groups/SLATE-Missouri-Career-Center](http://www.linkedin.com/groups/SLATE-Missouri-Career-Center) and connect with us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/slatemcc](http://www.facebook.com/slatemcc) for updates on networking activities throughout the greater St. Louis area.

# ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CALENDAR OF NETWORKING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

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*The following is a list of networking events in September 2014 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

September 2, 2014

**Christopher & Banks Recruitment Event** (sales associates, assistant managers)

St. Charles Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

10:30am – 11am

For more information call 636/255-6060

**IT Symposium and Job Fair**

Lindenwood University, Cultural Center (400 N. Kingshighway, St. Charles, MO)

4:30pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.lindenwood.edu/forms/itSymposium/rsvp.cfm>

September 3, 2014

**Randstadt Staffing Job Fair** (PT/FT administrative support positions)

12647 Olive Blvd., Suite 590, St. Louis, MO 63141)

Candidates need to create an online profile at [www.randstadstaffing.com](http://www.randstadstaffing.com) prior to the event. Please be prepared to be interviewed on site. Must bring a copy of your resume, copy of highest diploma achieved, and two forms of ID. Candidates must supply 3 professional references with phone numbers and emails (previous supervisors or managers only, no co-workers). Dress is Business Formal.

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

**H&R Block Employer Exploration and Education (not a recruitment event)**

Provides future applicants the knowledge necessary to understand your organization's hiring practices.

St. Louis Community College - Meramec, Student Center Rm. 201 (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11am – Noon

To register go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive\\_web&formkey=dHVTMzU4a3Jyd3dmUmdQaDZYZmZxN3c6MA#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dHVTMzU4a3Jyd3dmUmdQaDZYZmZxN3c6MA#gid=0)

September 3 (weekly), 2014

**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

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 above.

September 4, 2014

**St. Louis Career Fair**

Doubletree Hotel Westport (1973 Craigshire Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

10am – 2pm

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

**CD Systems Job Fair** (security officers)

807 Waterfront Crossing Dr., Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Starts at 10am sharp

For more information call (855) 7312 x6

**Express Employment Personnel Job Fair** (PT/FT office support, manufacturing positions)

8039 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63119

4pm – 6pm

For more information go to [www.expresspros.com](http://www.expresspros.com) or contact Rob Tanner at 314/968-2700

September 5, 2014

**Cooperative Home Care Recruitment Event**

St. Louis Community College - Meramec, Student Center Lobby (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

10:30am – 12:30pm

For more information contact [jmeadersbooth@stlcc.edu](mailto:jmeadersbooth@stlcc.edu)

September 8, 2014**Hollywood Casino Recruitment Event**

St. Louis Community College - Meramec, Student Center Lobby (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

10:30am – 12:30pm

For more information contact [jmeadersbooth@stlcc.edu](mailto:jmeadersbooth@stlcc.edu)

September 9, 2014**Missouri Probation and Parole and STAR 2014 Annual Resource Fair**

Come out to meet and network with fellow social service, health, education, substance abuse, mental health, and employment professionals from across the St. Louis City and County, and St. Charles areas.

Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church (5515 Martin Luther King. Dr., St. Louis, MO 63112)

10am – 4pm

For more information contact Cynthia Collier at (314) 340-6999 ext. 238 or by email at [cynthia.collier@doc.mo.gov](mailto:cynthia.collier@doc.mo.gov)

**First Student Recruitment Event (bus drivers)**

St. Charles Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

10am – 2pm

For more information call 636/255-6060

September 12, 2014**Crown Services Inc. Recruitment Event (forklift operators, general labor, housekeeper)**

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

9am – Noon

For more information call 314/381-6700

September 13, 2014**Urban League Community Job and Resource Fair**

St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, Student Center – PDR –A (3400 Pershall Road, St. Louis, MO 63135)

10am - 2pm

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

September 16, 2014**St. Louis Career Fair (business developers, sales, and sales management professionals)**

Holiday Inn St. Louis Airport (4505 Woodson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63134)

Meet face to face with multiple decision makers hiring business development, sales and sales management professionals across many industries. Our events are open to executive level experienced professionals as well as entry level and recent college graduates.

Starts at 6pm sharp!

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

**Youth in Need Employer Exploration and Education (not a recruitment event)**

Provides future applicants the knowledge necessary to understand your organization's hiring practices.

St. Louis Community College - Meramec, Bus. Admin. Rm. 105 (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

10am – 11am

To register go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive\\_web&formkey=dHVTMzU4a3Jyd3dmUmdQaDZYZmZxN3c6MA#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dHVTMzU4a3Jyd3dmUmdQaDZYZmZxN3c6MA#gid=0)

September 16 – 18, 2014**Easters Seals (formerly known as Life Skills) Job Fair Week (PT/FT positions)**

9/16 3221 McKelvey, Ste. 101, Bridgeton, MO 63044 4pm – 7pm

9/17 3701 S. Lindbergh Blvd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr., Sunset Hills, MO 63127 4pm – 7pm

9/18 211 N. Lindbergh, Ste. 130, Creve Coeur, MO 63141 4pm – 7pm

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

September 17, 2014**Kelly Services @ NIKE Recruitment Event (shipping & receiving forklift operator, machine operators, assembly workers)**

St. Charles Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO 63376)

9am – 11am

For more information or to apply contact Jessica Hays @ 636-939-5300 x 241433 or [Jessica.hays@kellyservices.com](mailto:Jessica.hays@kellyservices.com)

**East St. Louis Housing Authority Job and Resource Fair**

Samuel Gompers Community Room (450 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, East St. Louis, IL 62201)

10am - 1pm

Please be prepared with professional resumes. Job seekers should expect to meet with employers from various career fields. Educational, training, health and wellness agencies and opportunities will also be available.

For additional information contact DeLesia Washington at 618/646-7229 or [dWASHINGTON@eslha.org](mailto:dWASHINGTON@eslha.org)

**Washington University Fall Internship and Career Fair**

All WUSTL students and alumni are invited to attend. Professional attire (a suit) is strongly recommended.

Washington U. - Danforth Campus, Mallinckrodt Center

3pm – 7pm

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

September 17 and 18, 2014**Houston Methodist 2-Day Job Fair** (hiring experienced RNs & NPs – All Specialties)

DoubleTree St. Louis – Chesterfield, Ballroom C (16625 Swingley Ridge Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017)

9/17 6:30pm – 8pm

9/18 9am – 3pm

For more information and to ensure your spot at our recruiting event, register today at: [HoustonMethodistNursingCareers.com](http://HoustonMethodistNursingCareers.com)September 18, 2014**Jobs Plus 2014 Job Fair**

Gateway Convention Center (Collinsville, IL 62234)

1pm – 5pm

For more information go to <http://www.mcetd.org/>September 19, 2014**UMSL Internship & Job Fair**

University of Missouri-St. Louis Mark Twain Building

10am - 2pm

Pre-registration is only available for current UMSL students and UMSL alumni - you must present your admission ticket at the door.

Pre-registration deadline is 9/16/14

Admission for UMSL students/alumni who do not pre-register is \$5.00 at the door and for non-UMSL job seekers is \$10.00 at the door.

For more information go to [www.umsl.edu](http://www.umsl.edu) or call 314/516-5111September 24, 2014**Job Fair of St. Louis**

Embassy Suites St. Louis – Airport (11237 Lone Eagle Drive, Bridgeton, MO 63044)

10am – 1pm

For more information go to [www.catalystcareergroup.com](http://www.catalystcareergroup.com)**St. Louis University Fall Career and Graduate School Fair**

St. Louis U. Busch Student Center

Noon – 4pm

For more information go to <http://www.slu.edu/career-services/career-services-events#ixzz3B92Cos6T>September 25, 2014**CAASTL Job & Resource Fair**

Overland Community Center (9225 Lackland Ave., Overland, Missouri 63114)

11am – 2pm

For more information contact James Ingram at 314/446-4431 or by email [jingram@caastlc.org](mailto:jingram@caastlc.org)**JOB SEARCH SUPPORT GROUPS**September 1, 2014 (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 636/928-0828September 2, 2014 (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)**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

September 3, 2014**CEN at St. Clare of Assisi Job Search Support Group (West County area)**

St. Clare of Assisi School Library (15700 Clayton Rd., Ellisville, MO 63011 between Clarkson and Kehrs Mill Rd.)

7pm - 9pm (meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of month)For more information go to [www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org](http://www.catholicemploymentnetwork.org)**CEN at Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne Job Search Support Group Meeting**

Immaculate Conception Church of Dardenne (7701 Hwy. N, Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368)

7pm – 8:30pm (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)

September 3, 2014 (weekly)**Illinois WorkNet Job Club**

Illinois Work Net Center (4519 West Main St., Belleville, IL 62223)

9am – 11am (meets weekly on Wednesday)

For more information contact Vicki at 618/277/8491 or [Vicki.Niederhofer@illinois.gov](mailto:Vicki.Niederhofer@illinois.gov) or go to [www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov)

September 4, 2014**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)

September 4 and 18, 2014**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)

September 8, 2014**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)

September 8 and 22, 2014**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)

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

September 9, 2014**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)

September 9, 2014**CEN at St. Cletus Job Search Support Group Meeting (St. Charles area)**

St. Cletus Parish Hall (2705 Zumbahl Rd., St. Charles, MO 63301)

7pm – 9pm (usually meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

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

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

**Project Xcel**

This professional training program designed specifically for young people aging out of foster care to introduce them to meaningful careers with opportunities for advancement. Career-seekers will learn essential universal skills that build on a strong foundation in service excellence, including interpersonal and business communications, critical thinking, diversity, and much more. It also prepares career-seekers to earn employment recognized certificates. Trained community career coaches follow participants in the first 6-12 months of employment to ensure they are on track.

Project Xcel Career-seeker Qualifications: between the ages of 17-21 (who is aging or has aged out of foster care and not on a post-secondary education or career path), has a HS diploma or GED, drug-free, and lives in St. Louis City or County areas.

To learn more about how to get your future started, call 314/746-0872

**SLATE Missouri Career 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.

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

St. Charles County Missouri Career Center (212 Turner Blvd., St. Peters, MO)

Hosts free job search workshops throughout the month on several topics

For more information on these workshops call 636/278-1360 or go to <http://work.sccmo.org/workforce>

## Near Southside Employment Coalition – Employment & Training Services

### Urban Male Employment & Entrepreneur Program

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

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

**Business Office Applications Training (BOAT)**  
**CNC Manufacturing Program**  
**CAD Technician**  
**HVAC Service Technician**

**Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Program**  
**Manufacturing Training Alliance (MTA)**  
**Diesel Technology (DT)**  
**Industrial Certification**

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

### 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>

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

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

Free computer classes are offered at many branches throughout the St. Louis County Library system. Participants are required to register up to 28 days in advance for a class prior to attending. To register contact your local St. Louis County Library branch. For more information about upcoming computer classes call 314/994-3300 or go to [www.scl.org/events/](http://www.scl.org/events/).

### 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 third 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.spl.org/events/calendar.asp](http://www.spl.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 [ppetey@escu.org](mailto:ppetey@escu.org)

### St. Louis Community Credit Union 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 contact [center@stlouiscountry.com](mailto:center@stlouiscountry.com) or go to [www.cuexcelcenter.com](http://www.cuexcelcenter.com)

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

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

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

Contact [Becky Epps](mailto:BeckyEpps) at 314-513-4271 for more information on training and credential opportunities through the MRTDL grant consortium.

### MOManufacturingWINS

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

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

September 3, 2014 (weekly)**Weekly Job Search Workshops/Presentations**

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

11 am – 1pm (weekly workshops held on Wednesdays)

No cost to attend

9/3 Online/Manual Applications

9/10 Marketing Yourself/Dress for Success

9/17 Resume Writing/Coaching

9/24 Interview Skills

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

September 3, 2014**Career Lunch and Learn Workshop: How to Show Up: Effective Strategies for Managing Your Career**

In this session, you will learn:

-What the experts say are the, surprisingly, most essential skills for career success

-What missing the mark in your career looks like

-Tips you can use to help you “show” at your best

Claim (515 Olive Street, Ste. 600, St. Louis, MO 63101)

Noon – 1pm

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

September 4 and 18, 2014**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

September 8, 2014**Entrepreneurial Workshop: Starting a Business in Missouri/ The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

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

9am – 3pm

Cost: \$99 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the Missouri Career Centers (go to <http://jobs.mo.gov>).

September 8 - 11, 2014**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

September 9 - 11, 2014**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)

September 10 and 11, 2014**Career Workshop (2 days)**

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

This Career Workshop focuses on Job Search Techniques, Summary Statements; Power Statements; Selling our Strength; Networking, How to successfully find jobs; Interviewing skills; Staying motivated and focused.

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

Pre-registration is preferred.

To register call 314/344-0050

September 10 and 24, 2014**MO Manufacturing WINS Advanced Manufacturing Accelerated Training Sessions**

St. Louis Community College has developed an accelerated program preparing participants for 3 entry-level positions in advanced manufacturing and related careers – Certified Logistics Associate/Tech, Certified Production Tech, and Precision Machining Tech. The program will serve over 500 adults, 18 years old or older who are eligible under the Trade Adjustment Act, unemployed, underemployed or low skilled. A HS degree or equivalent is required. US military personnel and eligible family members receive priority of service

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

10am – 11am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays)

For additional information contact Carol Johnson at [cjohnson@letc.com](mailto:cjohnson@letc.com) or Sally Sowards at [ssowards@letc.com](mailto:ssowards@letc.com)

September 11, 2014**FREE Job Seeker Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**

10am – 11:30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

In this webinar job seekers will learn about:

- [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview
- Completing registration in jobs.mo.gov
- Creating your profile in jobs.mo.gov
- How to view your resume/profile
- Perform job matching in jobs.mo.gov
- What to do if you receive a qualifications result screen

For more information or to register for the webinar go to <http://jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/find-a-job/get-your-best-job-match>

September 16, 2014**Job Search Workshop: Professionalism: How to Sell Yourself to Employers**

St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley, Student Center – PDR –A (3400 Pershall Road, St. Louis, MO 63135)

11am – 12:15pm

Cost: Free

For more information contact Antoinette M. Boyd at 314/513-4269 or [aboyn53@stlcc.edu](mailto:aboyn53@stlcc.edu)

September 17, 2014**Toolbox 2 Job Search Workshop (presented by Frank Alaniz)**

Topic: Online Applications/Resume

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

12:30pm – 4:30pm

For more information or to register go to SLATE Missouri Career Center or call 314/589-8000

September 18, 2014**Toolbox 2 Job Search Workshop (presented by Frank Alaniz)**

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12:30pm – 4:30pm

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September 22 - 25, 2014**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

September 22 - 26, 2014**FASTTRAC NewVenture 5-Day Workshop Series**

In FastTrac® NewVenture you will look at all aspects of your proposed company, exploring the feasibility of your business concept and learning how to develop a viable business plan. Participants will learn about start-up issues and learn to address the competition, legal matters, marketing and financial management aspects. FastTrac® participants don't just learn about business, they work on their own business endeavors throughout the course. This program is fast-paced and energizing, using guest speakers and lots of group breakout activities. This is a five day workshop with materials and lunch provided

SLATE - Missouri Career Center (1520 Market Street, Suite 3000, St. Louis, MO 63103)

9am – 4pm each day

Cost: \$795 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the Missouri Career Centers (go to <http://jobs.mo.gov>). Scholarship 50% tuition reduction also available.

For more information or to register call Tiffany at 314/657-3547 or [toddti@missouri.edu](mailto:toddti@missouri.edu)

September 23, 2014**FREE Job Seeker Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**

1:30pm – 3pm (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month)

In this webinar job seekers will learn about:

- [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview
- Completing registration in jobs.mo.gov
- Creating your profile in jobs.mo.gov
- How to view your resume/profile
- Perform job matching in jobs.mo.gov
- What to do if you receive a qualifications result screen

For more information or to register for the webinar go to <http://jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/find-a-job/get-your-best-job-match>

September 23 - 25, 2014**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)

September 24, 2014**Social Media & Networking Bootcamp: Using Social Media to Enhance Your Job Search**

Social media is becoming an influential tool used for job search! Learn how to effectively market yourself and increase your network, all while avoiding important social media pitfalls during this presentation. Find out which Social Media sources are most popular, tips to help you polish your online profiles, and how to use keywords to attract employers who may have a job to offer.

St. Louis Community College - Meramec, Bus. Admin, BA105 (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

10am – 11am

To register go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive\\_web&formkey=dFZSWVYyjdZd3ZmSGQ5UUZadHktYkE6MA#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dFZSWVYyjdZd3ZmSGQ5UUZadHktYkE6MA#gid=0)

September 25, 2014**Social Media & Networking Bootcamp: The Art of Networking**

Whether you are already job searching, just beginning to explore career options or researching graduate school opportunities, this workshop teaches some easy, non-threatening ways to connect with others to meet your networking goals

St. Louis Community College - Meramec, Bus. Admin, BA105 (11333 Big Bend Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

10am – 11am

To register go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive\\_web&formkey=dFZSWVYyjdZd3ZmSGQ5UUZadHktYkE6MA#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dFZSWVYyjdZd3ZmSGQ5UUZadHktYkE6MA#gid=0)

September 29, 2014**Entrepreneurial Workshop: Starting a Business in Missouri**

Thinking about starting your own business, being your own boss and enjoying the life of an entrepreneur? Fantastic! Of course you have a business plan, have secured funding, and have hired an accountant and lawyer, right? Starting a Business in Missouri is a 3-hour workshop created for those considering going into business for themselves. In just 3 hours, you will... · Discover if you have what it takes to be an owner by assessing your strengths and weaknesses. · Learn the importance of having a business plan and what might go wrong if you don't! · Learn how to assess the industry, market and competition. · Discuss legal and regulatory requirements. · Find successful writing techniques that appeal to lenders/investor. · Identify sources of funding. · Receive a Start-up Manual. Workers who have been laid off can attend the workshop at NO COST

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the Missouri Career Centers (go to <http://jobs.mo.gov>).

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

September 30, 2014**Entrepreneurial Workshop: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

Every business needs a business plan to ensure it succeeds. Avoid potential frustration and financial pitfalls by attending this 3-hour workshop. Entrepreneurs of all ages, backgrounds, education, and experience, regardless of the type of business you want to start should attend. Workers who have been laid off can attend the workshop at NO COST

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$49 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the Missouri Career Centers (go to <http://jobs.mo.gov>).

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

## VETERANS SUPPORT EVENTS AND RESOURCES

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

### **Missouri Career Center**

[www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov)

Dedicated Veterans Outreach staff are stationed at most of the Missouri Career 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.

### **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](mailto: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 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.scottafr.com](http://www.scottafr.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.

### **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.

September 2 - 5, 2014

#### **Homeless Veterans Employment Training Program (VET)**

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

September 3, 2014**Hope Summit**

Community Connections: Homeless and Mental Health services for Veterans

VA Hope Recovery Center (515 N. Jefferson, St. Louis, MO 63103)

12:30pm – 4:30pm

No cost to attend

To RSVP call 314/652-4100 x 55460 or email [Beverly.arps@va.gov](mailto:Beverly.arps@va.gov)

September 6, 2014**VA St. Louis Health Care Systems' St. Louis Regional Stand Down and Welcome Home Warrior Summit**

America's Center Convention Complex (701 N. Convention Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63101)

9am – 4pm

For more information go to [www.warriorsummit.org](http://www.warriorsummit.org) or contact Louis Gray at 314/289-7635

September 15 - 19, 2014**Homeless Veterans Employment Training Program (VET)**

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

September 17, 2014**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.

West St. Louis County Chamber of Commerce (15965 Manchester Road, Ste. 102, Ellisville, MO 63011)

8am – 9am

Cost: Free

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

September 18, 2014**Veterans Summit on Entrepreneurship: Making the Command Decisions**

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! Make a decision! Go

VBRC (315 Lemay Ferry Road #116, St. Louis, MO, 63125)

8am – 5pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.vetbiz.com](http://www.vetbiz.com) or contact Alan Rohlring at 314/531-8387 or [outreach@vetbiz.com](mailto:outreach@vetbiz.com)

September 19, 2014**Vet Net**

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

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

9:30am – 10:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)

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

September 29 – October 3, 2014**Homeless Veterans Employment Training Program (VET)**

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

## 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)

### September 2 and 16, 2014

#### **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)

### September 3, 2014

#### **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)

Cost: Free

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

#### **Fenton Area/Eureka Joint Chambers of Commerce Monthly Membership Luncheon**

Andre's West Banquet Center (211 S. Old 141, Fenton, MO 63026)

11am – 1pm

Cost: \$20 for members; \$25 for non-members

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

### September 4, 2014

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

St. Paul's Home & Retirement Apartments (901 West E Street, Belleville, IL 62220)

5pm - 7pm

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

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

Days Inn & Suites (1970 Craig Road, St. Louis, MO 63146)

7:30am – 9am

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

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

Liberty Eyecare (17714 Chesterfield Airport 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)

### September 4, 2014 (weekly)

#### **Northwest Chamber of Commerce Networking Happy Hour**

Lehmann's Landing (12314 Natural Bridge Rd., Bridgeton, MO 63044)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

No cost

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

### September 5, 2014

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

Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Ave, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

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

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

Gambrill Gardens (One Strecker Rd., Ellisville, MO 63011)

7:30am – 9am

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

### September 9, 2014

#### **Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

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

12:30pm – 2:15pm

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 Area Chamber of Commerce Coffee Cup Connections Networking Event**

Children First Foundation (1909 Dublin Blvd., Ste. B, Belleville, IL 62221)

8:15am – 9:15am

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

September 9, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

Delmar Gardens of O'Fallon (7068 S. Outer 364, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)September 9 and 23, 2014**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)September 10, 2014**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Monthly Luncheon**

Hollywood Casino &amp; Hotel (777 Casino Center Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043)

11:30am – 1pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)September 10 and 24, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Masters of Business Leads Group**

Webster University WingHaven Campus (2299 Technology Dr., Ste. 300, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)September 11, 2014**Affton Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Orlando Gardens Banquet Center (4300 Hoffmeister, St. Louis, MO 63125)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members \$15, non-members \$20

For more information go to [www.afftonchamber.com](http://www.afftonchamber.com)**Northwest Chamber of Commerce Monthly Membership Meeting**

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

11 am – 1pm

Cost: \$20, walkins \$25

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.northwestchamber.com](http://www.northwestchamber.com)**West County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Networking Event**

HealthSource of Ellisville (Clarkson Road, Ellisville, MO 63011)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cost: \$15 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Networking Event**

Location TBA

5pm – 7:30pm

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)September 12 and 26, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Leads 2 Success Leads Group**

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)September 15, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Networking at the Rail**

The Brass Rail (4601 Hwy. K, O'Fallon, MO 63366)

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Clayton Chamber of Commerce 2014 Corporate Challenge Informational Meeting**

Corporate Challenge is a fun competitive morning scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> at Shaw Park featuring seven events enabling local businesses both large and small to compete and network with other professionals. The Challenge benefits the entire community with friendly competition, team building, networking and just plain old fun. It generates spirit and unity among employees of those businesses that participate. Participants also get to use the workout facilities of the Center of Clayton complimentary for 30 days in preparation of the Challenge.

Center of Clayton (50 Gay Avenue, Clayton, MO 63105)

4pm – 5:30pm

For more information contact the Clayton Chamber at 314/726-3033

September 17, 2014**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

St. Louis Marriott West (660 Maryville Center Dr., Chesterfield, MO 63141)

11 am – 1pm

Cost: \$25

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)September 18, 2014**Maryland Heights Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Club Networking Event**

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

7:30am – 9am

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.mhcc.com](http://www.mhcc.com)**West County Young Professionals Networking Event**

Tucker's Place (14282 Manchester, Manchester, MO 63021)

11:30am – 1:30pm

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)**Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Delmar Gardens (14855 N. Outer 40 Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017)

5pm – 7pm

Cost: members free, non-members \$15

To RSVP or for more information go to [www.chesterfieldmochamber.com](http://www.chesterfieldmochamber.com)**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Morning Schmooze Networking Event**

Mozingo Music (4689 Hwy. K , O'Fallon, MO 63366)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce Networking Luncheon**

The Edge of Webster (359 Marshall Ave., 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)September 22, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Elite Leads Group**

Summit Community Church (927 E. Terra Ln., O'Fallon, MO 63366)

Noon – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)September 23, 2014**O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

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

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.ofallonchamber.org](http://www.ofallonchamber.org)**Clayton Chamber of Commerce Power Hour Networking Event**

Crowne Plaza Hotel Clayton (7750 Carondelet, Clayton, MO 63105)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members \$25, non-members \$35 per person (includes lunch and complimentary parking)

For more information or to register go to [www.claytoncommerce.com](http://www.claytoncommerce.com) or call 314/726-3033September 24, 2014**West County Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting**

Forest Hills Country Club (36 Forest Club Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11 am – 1pm

Cost: members \$21, non-members \$25 per person

For more information or to register go to [www.westcountychamber.com](http://www.westcountychamber.com)September 25, 2014**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Frontenac Bank-Kirkwood (301 N. Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 7pm

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

September 25, 2014

**Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Lunch N Learn Business Seminar**

Topic: Google Ad Words

Lindenwood University- Belleville, Rm. A214 (2600 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220)

11:45am – 1pm

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

September 26, 2014

**Fenton Area Chamber of Commerce Connect Over Coffee Networking Event**

On Target Bookkeeping Services, LLC (1592 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049)

8am – 9am

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

September 29, 2014

**Kirkwood-Des Peres Chamber of Commerce Marketing Monday Seminar**

Kirkwood Public Library (140 E. Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

Topic: Changing Dynamics in the Workplace

Cost: Free

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

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

September 1, 2014 (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/>

September 2, 2014

**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)

September 2, 2014

**Public Policy Speaker Series: Gov. Jay Nixon**

St. Louis Regional Chamber Regional Collaboration Center (211 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO, 63102)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$40 for Chamber members and guests

To register call Sherri Bailey at (314) 444-1134 or [sbailey@stlregionalchamber.com](mailto:sbailey@stlregionalchamber.com).

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

September 2, 2014 (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/>

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Roundtable Discussion**

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

4pm – 5pm

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or 314/664-4432

**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 see the note for BNI at the end of this section or contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or [Tmorrisim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorrisim@bnistl.com) for additional information.

September 2 and 16, 2014**Yellow Tie Networking Event – Breakfast Club**

Meeting location is in and around the St. Louis area

8am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

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

September 3, 2014**St. Louis Professional Women's Alliance Women of Distinction Speaker Series**

Ritz Carlton Hotel (Clayton, MO 63105)

11am – 1pm

Cost: members \$38, non-members \$48

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

September 3, 2014 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting every Wednesday. Visitors are welcome, refer to [www.bnistl.com](http://www.bnistl.com), contact the listed chapter president to confirm your visit. For additional information see the note for BNI at the end of this section or contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or [Tmorrissim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorrissim@bnistl.com) for additional information.

**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/>

September 3 and 17, 2014**Chameleon Club Networking Events**

Barnett on Washington (3207 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103)

4pm – 8pm

For more information contact Jeff Kelley @ [rkelly@chameleonis.com](mailto:rkelly@chameleonis.com)

September 4, 2014**2014 St. Louis Economic Development Partnership Annual Meeting**

Chase Park Plaza Hotel, Khorassan Ballroom (212 N. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63108)

11am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$90 per person; \$50 for non-profit organization representative

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

**Women 2.0 City Monthly Meetup**

A networking event to promote new networks among the entire technology ecosystem in innovative cities around the world. This event is open to those who work, start, and fund tech companies. Both women and men are invited to attend.

Claim St. Louis (515 Olive St. #600, St. Louis MO 63101)

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/>

September 4, 2014 (weekly)**BNI Chapter Meetings**

BNI Business Network International has 30 area chapters meeting every Thursday. Visitors are welcome, refer to [www.bnistl.com](http://www.bnistl.com), contact the listed chapter president to confirm your visit.

For additional information see the note for BNI at the end of this section or contact Teresa Morris-Simon at 314/822-1030 or [Tmorrissim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorrissim@bnistl.com) for additional information.

**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

September 4 and 18, 2014**Yellow Tie Networking Event - Breakfast Club Lead-Sharing Group**

Meeting location is in the St. Louis area

8am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

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

September 4 and 18, 2014**Yellow Tie Networking Event – St. Louis Connectors Lead-Sharing Group**

Meeting location is in the Sunset Hills area

8am – 9:30am (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

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

September 5, 2014**2014 Green Business Challenge Expo**

Sheet Metal Workers Local 36 Training Center (2319 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

8am – Noon

Seminar 8am – 9:30am

Expo 9:30am – Noon

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

September 5, 2014 (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/)

September 5 - 6, 2014**ArchCON Conference**

ArchCON is a premiere IT Security Conference held with 3 tracks: Defend It, Exploit It, and Lead It. The focus of the event is on quality and not quantity, as the information security community doesn't need another mega conference filled with silver bullets and snake oil. You can expect a small, casual atmosphere with great networking, industry leading speakers, and a most excellent after party.

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch (315 Chestnut St., St Louis, MO 63102)

8am – 4pm

Cost: \$100 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://www.archc0n.org>

September 5 and 19, 2014**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 or to register contact Richard at [Richard@accoladekb.com](mailto:Richard@accoladekb.com) or 314/458-3397

**Wise Women Connect St. Louis Luncheon**

We are a professional organization of women with the established purpose of support and encouragement of women in business

Villa Farotto (17417 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, MO 63005)

11am – 1pm (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month)

Cost: \$21 per event - lunch is included, \$25 at the door

For more information or to register go to [www.wwcstlunch.com](http://www.wwcstlunch.com) or call 314/494-7187

September 8, 2014**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

September 8 – 10, 2014**AG Innovation Showcase**

The Ag Innovation Showcase features panels and presentations that address important topics including the development of biofuels and biomaterials, advances in biotechnology, progress in animal health, and, more recently the capture of data for myriad scientific and technological applications. As the premier event where Ag's biggest names, brightest innovators & most influential investors connect, we encourage the convergence of diverse technology solutions around platforms to help bring the industry to the next level of productivity and sustainability

The Donald Danforth Plant Science Center (975 North Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63132)

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

September 9, 2014**River Bend People in Business Networking Meeting**

Holiday Inn (3800 Homer Adams Parkway, Alton IL)

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

Cost: \$10 for attendance

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

September 9 – 10, 2014**Community Development Block Grant Administrative Two-Day Workshop**

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) offers grants to small Missouri communities to improve local facilities, address critical health and safety concerns, and develop a greater capacity for growth. Projects can range from housing and street repairs to industrial loans and job training. The CDBG will be hosting a 2-day workshop that will offer attendees a comprehensive overview of the requirements of managing a CDBG grant. The training is designed to meet the needs of both newcomers to the program as well as experienced grantees and administrators.

Harry S. Truman State Office Building, Rooms 490-492, Jefferson City, MO

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ded.mo.gov/BCS%20Programs/BCSProgramDetails.aspx?BCSProgramID=10>

September 10, 2014**State of St. Louis STEM Workforce Summit**

St. Louis Community College – Forest Park, Bastian Theatre (5600 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

7:30am – 9:30am

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

**Quarterly Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Forum**

The Lodge of Des Peres (1050 Des Peres Rd., Des Peres, MO 63131)

Speaker: Dougan Sherwood, Manager & Co-Founder of the Cambridge Innovation Center

7:30am – 9am

Open to general public

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

**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)

September 11, 2014**Yellow Tie Networking Event – Business-Building Alliance (Patty Cook's Yellow-Tie referral network)**

Location TBA in the Westport area

11:30am – 1pm (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list. To become a member of the group contact Patty Cook at [patty@lifebydesign.biz](mailto:patty@lifebydesign.biz) or 636/861-9100

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

**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)

**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)

**Network After Work**

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

St. Louis at Bar Louie (14 Maryland Plaza, St Louis, MO 63108)

6pm – 9pm

Free

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

September 11 and 25, 2014**Yellow Tie Networking Event – South County Business Neighbors Business-Building Alliance**

Meeting location is in the South County area

7:30am – 9am (typically 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month)

No cost to attend, but you must be a member or be invited to attend

To get invited to this referral network meeting you must contact a member of the group, explain your business and learn whether you are a fit for this network. If that member believes you are a fit, he or she will invite you to attend and take care of getting you on the invitation list.

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

September 12, 2014**REJIS Commission 40th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner**

Honoring REJIS' Partners past and present. Celebrating St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department for 50 years of Integrative Law Enforcement Chase Park Plaza Hotel, Khorassan Ballroom (212 N. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Cost: FREE

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

September 12, 2104**Diverse Business Leaders Awards Banquet**

Renaissance Grand Hotel, Majestic Ballroom (800 Washington, Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101)

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: \$80 per person

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

September 13, 2014**Financial Executives Networking Group (FENG) Monthly Member Meeting**

UHY Advisors Office (15 Sunnen Drive, Suite 100, Maplewood, MO 63143)

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

Open to members and partners only

Cost: \$5 donation

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

**PixelPop Festival**

A one-day festival bringing together the gaming, game development, and music scenes into a unified event that shares everyone's passions

Webster University East Academic Building (545 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

10am – 9pm

Cost: \$30/person at the door

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

September 16, 2014**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)

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

Have you ever wanted to ask other business women how they handled a situation in their business? Do you work alone and need some friendly advice that works? This month's event is all about you and getting you the help you need. The entire event will be spent networking and masterminding so that you leave equipped to face the challenges you may be experiencing in your business. As Christian businesswomen, we need to work together and support one another in life and in business.

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

9am - 11:30am

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

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

**Public Policy Speaker Series: Missouri State Auditor tom Schweich**

St. Louis Regional Chamber Regional Collaboration Center (211 N. Broadway, St. Louis, MO, 63102)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: \$40 for Chamber members and guests

To register call Sherri Bailey at (314) 444-1134 or [sbailey@stlregionalchamber.com](mailto:sbailey@stlregionalchamber.com).

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

September 17, 2014**Business Seminar: An Updated on the Missouri Legislative Session and a Look to the Future**

Armstrong Teasdale LLP (7700 Forsyth Blvd., Clayton, MO 63105)

7:45am – 9:15am

For more information or to RSVP by 9/10/14 contact Mary Rodell at [mrodell@armstrongteasdale.com](mailto:mrodell@armstrongteasdale.com) or 314/621-5070 x7489

**ExecLink Speaker Session: Ron Present from Brown Smith Wallace**

Topic: "The Multifaceted Impacts of Health Care Reform"

Offices of Brown Smith Wallace (City Place Six, Creve Coeur, MO)

3pm – 5pm

Cost: \$10 per person

For more information or to register go to <http://execlinksept17.eventbrite.com/>

September 17 – 19, 2014**StrangeLoop Conference**

Strange Loop is a multi-disciplinary conference that aims to bring together the developers and thinkers building tomorrow's technology in fields such as emerging languages, alternative databases, concurrency, distributed systems, mobile development, and the web.

Pre-conference 9/17 Union Station DoubleTree Hotel (downtown St. Louis)

Conference 9/18-19 Peabody Opera House (downtown St. Louis)

For more information about the conference agenda, cost, and registration process go to <https://the strangeloop.com/about>

September 18, 2014**FREE Business Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**10am – 11:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

In this webinar businesses will learn about:

[www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview

- Creating a business account
- Setting up worksites
- Writing a job order
- Getting immediate job matches
- Copying a job order
- Optimizing your job candidate search

For more information or to register for the webinar call 573/522-3017 or email [dwdtraining@ded.mo.gov](mailto:dwdtraining@ded.mo.gov)**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours**

Facilitec (11550 Page Service Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or call 314/664-4432September 19, 2014**Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) St. Louis Breakfast Seminar**

Washington University Knight Center

7am – 9am

Cost: members free, non-members \$50

For more information or to register go to <http://www.acg.org/stlouis/events/default.aspx>September 24, 2014**St. Louis School-Business Partnership**

Network with educators, local businesses and administrators; review the 2014-2015 Calendar of events; unveil and demonstrate new web-based tool to connect your business and school; learn ways to get local business involved with schools in your community; review new membership application

St. Louis Sheet Metal Workers, Local 36 Hall (2319 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103)

11am – 1pm

Cost: FREE

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

**St. Louis Business Club** is an online business community devoted to providing business development resources and innovative training for our members. For more information or to register go to [www.stlouisbusinessclub.com](http://www.stlouisbusinessclub.com)

**BNI (Business Network International)** is the world's largest professional networking organization with over 120,000 members in 40 countries. Regionally, BNI has over 75 groups in Missouri and 15 in Illinois whose 2000 members helped each other generate over \$320,000,000 in business for each other in 2009 through the exchange of qualified business referrals. BNI Chapters welcome visitors to participate in their meetings, offering the opportunity to network with 15-75 business people. Please refer to [WWW.BNISTL.COM](http://WWW.BNISTL.COM) to locate a chapter near you; contact the President of the Chapter to confirm your visit and "See how missing breakfast or lunch one day a week may be hazardous to your wealth!" For additional information contact Teresa Morris-Simon 314/822-1030 or [Tmorrisim@bnistl.com](mailto:Tmorrisim@bnistl.com).

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**September 9, 2014**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.ccsf.org](http://www.ccsf.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)**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) – St. Charles Monthly Lunch Meeting**

Webster University – Winghaven Campus (2299 Technology Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368)

11:15am – 12:45pm

Cost: \$16 w/lunch, \$10 w/out lunch

For more information go to <http://www.stlpmi.org/meetinginfo.php>

September 10, 2014**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/>

September 16, 2014**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) –Monthly Meeting**

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

5:30pm – 8:30pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: members \$30 at the door; non-members \$35 at the door

For more information go to <http://www.stlpmi.org/meetinginfo.php>

September 17, 2014**Accounting & Financial Women’s Alliance St. Louis Chapter Monthly Meeting**

Topic: Workforce and Succession Planning

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/>

September 17, 2014**Human Resources Management Association (HRMA) Networking Happy Hour and Monthly Dinner Meeting**

Topic: Lean HR: Applying Process Excellence to Your Practice

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

5pm – 8pm

Cost: members free; non-members \$60

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

September 18, 2014**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)

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

St. Louis County's Library Headquarters (1640 South Lindbergh Blvd., Frontenac, MO), Library Auditorium

6pm - 9pm (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

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

**Council of Supply Chain Management (CSCMP) Roundtable Meeting: The State of Logistics**

Crowne Plaza - Clayton, MO

11am - 1 pm

For more information nor to register go to [www.stlouisroundtable.org](http://www.stlouisroundtable.org)

**Association of IT Professionals (AITP) Monthly Meeting (NO LOCAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER)**

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

September 23, 2014**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, \$15 non-members

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

September 24, 2014**St. Louis PMI (Project Management Institute) Business After Hours Networking Event**

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

5pm – 7:30pm

Cost: members \$10; non-members \$15

For more information go to <http://www.stlpmi.org/meetinginfo.php>

September 25, 2014

**National Human Resources Association Monthly Meeting**

Ces & Judy's Catering (10405 Clayton Rd., St Louis, MO 63131)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: members free, non-members \$50

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

**SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND EVENTS**

September 1 – 5, 2014

**Fall 2014 Square One (SQ1) Program Online Registration Deadline**

The program consists of 10 weeks of FREE classes, one night each week (5:30pm – 8pm) at the Center for Emerging Technologies (CET), starting on 9/16/14. Provides hands-on training designed to assist entrepreneurs in the creation and development of their bioscience or advanced technology business in the Bio, IT or Product Manufacturing industries.

For more information or to register go to [www.SQ1Program.com](http://www.SQ1Program.com) or contact Mary Louise Helbig at [sq1programinfo@gmail.com](mailto:sq1programinfo@gmail.com)

September 1 – 12, 2014

**StartUp Challenge Competition Registration Deadline**

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 more information go to <https://main.stlpartnership.com/startupchallenge.html>

September 2, 2014

**FREE Business Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**

1:30pm – 3pm (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month)

In this webinar businesses will learn about:

- [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview
- Creating a business account
- Setting up worksites
- Writing a job order
- Getting immediate job matches
- Copying a job order
- Optimizing you job candidate search

For more information or to register for the webinar go to <http://jobs.mo.gov/employer/recruitment-assistance/get-the-best-candidates>

September 2 and 4, 2014 (every Tuesday and Thursday)

**HUBZone Eligibility Assistance Webinar**

The HUBZone office offers eligibility assistance on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm - 2pm

This is an interactive conference call where HUBZone staff will present a specific eligibility topic followed by a general question session. Firms seeking specific status of its application or answers about the supporting documentation requested, need to E-mail the SBA HUBZone Business Opportunity Specialist working on the application because that person would be in the best position to provide individual assistance.

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

September 3, 2014 (weekly)

**ITEN One Million Cups**

Every week, two entrepreneurs present their ventures and ask advice and assistance from the community. All are welcome to come see some of the newest ventures getting started around town, and join in the lively discussions and networking to follow.

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

9am – 10am (every Wednesday morning)

No cost to attend

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

September 4, 2014

**Sharp & On Point Speaker Series: Maximize Your Financial Statement**

How do you control costs and optimize cash flow? At the core of your business is a maze of digits and dollar signs. Those numbers matter. Understanding how to make those numbers work for you matters even more. Learn the strategies used to understand profit improvement, cost containment, strategic tax planning and financial forecasting. Put plans in place now that can optimize the financial future of your business

CIC@CET (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)

7:30am – 9am

Cost: Free

For more information go [www.emergingtech.org](http://www.emergingtech.org) or contact Nancy Morgan at [nmorgan@emergingtech.org](mailto:nmorgan@emergingtech.org)

**Chameleon Club Networking Event**

Barnett on Washington (3207 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103)

4pm – 8pm

For more information contact Jeff Kelley @ [rkelly@chameleonis.com](mailto:rkelly@chameleonis.com)

September 4, 2014**Skandalaris 2014-2015 Kickoff**

Skandalaris Center Managing Director Emre Toker will kick off this year's Skandalaris programming, including the Olin Cup and YouthBridge Social Enterprise and Innovation Competitions. Plan to attend to meet Emre and learn more about the coming year.

Washington U. in St. Louis, Danforth Campus, Whitaker Hall

5pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/events>

September 4 and 18, 2014**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

**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)

September 5, 2014**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

September 6, 2014**SCORE Business Workshop: How to Start and Manage Your Own Business**

PNC Bank Building (333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

8:15am – 3pm

Cost: \$60 per person

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

September 8, 2014**Start30 Meetup Networking Event**

This group is a networking opportunity for anyone that is interested in startups, entrepreneurship, new technology, business development, social enterprise, art, culture or any other topic the group decides to talk about.

Three Kings Public House (6307 Delmar Boulevard, University City, MO)

5:30pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/start30/>

September 9, 2014**Prosper Women Entrepreneurs Quarterly Accomplish! Series Event**

Topic: Women Mean Business

Join us for an evening of networking with St. Louis women entrepreneurs and an entrepreneur Resource Organization leaders panel eager to provide you insider knowledge to engage service providers and support organizations as solid partners in your venture idea, startup or growth business.

Rubin Brown (1 N Brentwood Blvd., Clayton, MO, 63105)

4pm – 6pm

Cost: FREE

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

**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/>

**SCORE Business Workshop: Buying or Franchising a Business**

PNC Bank Building (333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 8pm

Cost: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door

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

September 10, 2014

**Small Business Workshop: Legal Guidance on Employment Issues to Help Protect and Grow Your Business**

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

3pm – 5pm

Cost: Free

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

**Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Café with Business**

Topic: Windows 8.1 Enterprise, Helping Small Businesses Learn and Grow with the Latest Technology

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Centene Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

7:30am – 9am

\*\*Streaming capabilities are now available! Contact Vianey Beltran at [vbeltran@hccstl.com](mailto:vbeltran@hccstl.com) if you would like to stream this seminar from the comfort of your office or home

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or 314/664-4432

**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>

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

Whether you're a product manager, business owner, salesperson or job seeker, you're selling. LinkedIn can help you dramatically increase the number of inquiries you get AND make those inquiries more relevant and valuable.

CIC@CET (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)

5:30pm – 7:30pm

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

**FREE Business Webinar: How to Woo an Angel: Tips & Strategies for Funding Your Business**

Who should attend: Anyone who's launching a business, searching for additional funding options or promoting the availability of funding opportunities.

In this 30-minute presentation, we'll touch on several funding options but we'll talk in detail about Angel investors. We'll walk you through the sometimes-complex Angel funding process and help you get to understand what you need to do to position your company for investment.

1pm – 1:45pm

To register for the event go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-woo-an-angel-tips-strategies-for-funding-your-business-tickets-12376720103>

**Business Seminar Series: Social Media Marketing Made Simple**

Edwardsville Library (112 S. Kansas St., Edwardsville, IL 62025)

9am – 10am

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

**Business Seminar Series: Direct Mail Goes Social**

Join the USPS and Constant Contact for a special series of seminars and learn how to make your direct mail go social for more customers!

St. Louis County Library (1640 South Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

September 11, 2014

**Information Technology Entrepreneur Network (ITEN) 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Monthly Networking Event**

Washington University, Simon Hall, Room 106, University City, MO

4pm – 6pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

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

**Skandalaris Brown Bag Meeting**

Learn more about Skandalaris programs and resources available to entrepreneurs, including business plan competitions awarding more than \$200K.

Washington U. in St. Louis, Danforth Campus, Simon Hall, Room 106

11:30am – 1pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/events>

**The Hive44 Business Coworking Monthly Meetup Event: The Generosity Generation in Action**

Each meeting will focus on a discussion topic followed by breakout workgroups to focus on implementation and accountability to implement the concepts of Michael Maher's The 7 Levels of Communication

The Hive @ 44 Coworking Center (1710 Fenpark Drive, Fenton, MO 63026)

10am – 11:30am (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month)

Free to participate

For more information or to register go to <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Business-Coworking/>

**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)

September 15, 2014**Business Seminar: Look South – Looking to Diversify Your Business and Enter New Markets?**

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Centene Technology Center (3611 S. Grand Blvd., Ste. 105, St. Louis, MO 63118)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to [www.hccstl.com](http://www.hccstl.com) or call 314/664-4432

September 16, 2014**Missouri Venture Forum Conversation for Entrepreneurial Growth Series**

Topic: "Raising Money from Friends, Family and Fools"

Pierre Laclede Building, 2nd Flr. Conf. Center Room A (7733 Forsyth, Clayton, MO 63105)

4pm-6pm.

Cost: \$20 for nonmembers, \$15 for MVF members

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

September 16, 2014**Donald Danforth Plant Science Center Seeds of Change 2014**

Topic: Reinventing Fire: Bold Business Solutions for the New Energy Era

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

7:30am – 9am

No cost to attend but reservation is required

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

**Business Seminar: Starting a Business in Illinois**

Starting a Business in Illinois workshop will educate you on the process and requirements for starting a for-profit business in the state.

The workshop is led by trained counselors of the Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Edwardsville and East St. Louis.

SIUE, E. St. Louis Campus (601 James R. Thompson, Bldg. D, Rm. 2009, E. St. Louis, IL 62201)

5pm – 6:30pm

Cost: \$10

For more information or to register go to [www.siu.edu/business/sbdc/](http://www.siu.edu/business/sbdc/)

**Business Seminar: Traffic University Monthly Class Series – Startup Marketing Roundtable**

CIC@CET (4041 Forest Park Ave., St. Louis, MO 63108)

9am – 10:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

Cost: free for members of Arch Grants, ITEN, and T-Rex

For more information or to register go to [www.traffic-prm.com/traffic-university/](http://www.traffic-prm.com/traffic-university/)

**Business Seminar Series: Direct Mail Goes Social**

Join the USPS and Constant Contact for a special series of seminars and learn how to make your direct mail go social for more customers!

St. Louis County Library (915 Utz Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042 )

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

**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/>

September 17, 2014**Business Seminar: Fundamentals of Government Contracting - The Bidding Process**

St. Charles Economic Development Center SSM Conference Room (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304)

9am - Noon

Cost: \$50 per person

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

**Business Seminar: Social Media Marketing Made Simple**

Missouri History Museum (5700 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112)

8:30am – 10:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

**NAWBO St. Louis Monthly Membership Meeting (NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER)**

Old Warson Country Club (9841 Old Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124)

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: members \$35, guests \$40 per person

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

September 18, 2014

**Skandalaris Skills Series: Intro to Entrepreneurship**

Plan to attend to get an introduction to entrepreneurship and the Skandalaris Center from the Center's Managing Director Emre Toker  
Washington U. School of Medicine (520 S. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

4pm – 6pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/events>

**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)

**Business Seminar: Start Up Your Startup: Smart Strategies for New Business Success**

This free event will shed new light on tools and tactics SMBs and entrepreneurs can use to transform their bright ideas into successful business strategies.

Jim Edmonds's Space 15 (1900 Locust Street, St. Louis, MO 63103)

4pm – 8pm

No cost to attend

For more information or to register call 314/446-3393 x119

**Business Seminar: Marketing Basics for the Aspiring and New Business Owner**

St. Louis County Library Headquarters (1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131)

8:30am – Noon

Cost: FREE

For more information or to register contact Lynette Watson at [watsonly@missouri.edu](mailto:watsonly@missouri.edu) or 314/241-1511

**StLVentureWorks Growth Seminar Series: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

This workshop will provide you with step-by-step instructions for writing each major section of your business plan, including the Business Description, Marketing Plan, Operations Plan and Financial Plan. You will learn how to access and use our Financial Projections Excel Spreadsheet to produce 3-year projections of your income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement. You will also receive guidance on overall style and appearance. Following this workshop, it is recommended that you register for "Financing Your Business" if you plan to seek financing from a lender.

STLVentureWorks South County (315 Lemay Ferry Road, St. Louis, MO, 63125)

1pm – 4pm

Cost: \$50 per person

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

**Women Entrepreneurs of St. Louis (WEST) Networking Event**

WEST encourages female entrepreneurs in St. Louis, founders or a top female leader of a business in St. Louis (think, CMO, CFO) for a growing business, business owners from any industry (tech, retail, restaurants, etc) but we are specifically targeting women driving unique business concepts (no MLM, franchises, or business opportunities please!).

Spry Digital (2710 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, MO 63104)

6pm – 8pm

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

**IdeaBounce**

IdeaBounce is an opportunity for pre-selected bouncers to pitch their idea and win \$100. All are welcome to hear pitches, provide feedback, make connections, and pitch during the open mic portion of the evening.

Washington U. School of Medicine (520 S. Euclid Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110)

6pm – 8pm

For more information or to register go to <http://www.ideabounce.com/skandalaris/events>

**FREE Business Webinar: Getting Started with Jobs.MO.gov**

10am – 11:30am (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)

In this webinar businesses will learn about:

- [www.jobs.mo.gov](http://www.jobs.mo.gov) overview
- Creating a business account
- Setting up worksites
- Writing a job order
- Getting immediate job matches
- Copying a job order
- Optimizing you job candidate search

For more information or to register for the webinar go to <http://jobs.mo.gov/employer/recruitment-assistance/get-the-best-candidates>

September 19, 2014

**Business Seminar: Financing Your Business: Tips to the Loan You Need!**

Electro Savings Credit Union (1805 Craigshire Road, Maryland Heights, MO 63146)

11:30am – 1pm

Cost: FREE

For more information or to register contact Pat Pettey at 314/434-6470 X1406 or [ppettey@escu.org](mailto:ppettey@escu.org)

September 20, 2014**SCORE Business Workshop: Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights**

Economic Development Center St. Charles County, SSM Room (5988 Mid Rivers Mall Dr., St. Charles, MO 63304)

9:15am – 11:45am

Cost: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door

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

September 20 and 27, 2014**Business Seminar: Starting and Managing a Small Business – Parts 1 and 2**

Designed for individuals who are considering starting a business, have made the decision to start or who have been in business for less than two years, this program will discuss: the basics of business ownership, planning for success, organizational forms of business, legal and regulatory environment, recordkeeping and information management, marketing, financing and resources.

St. Louis Community College – Meramec Campus (11333 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO)

9am – Noon

Cost: \$59

For more information or to register go to [www.stlcc.edu/continuing-education](http://www.stlcc.edu/continuing-education), 2014 Fall Semester at Meramec, Course Registration Number = 201425 70582

September 24, 2014**TEDxGatewayArch Event**

TEDxGatewayArch will again provide the ideal forum to learn, mingle and expand your mind. Entrepreneurs, philanthropists, physicians, musicians and more will expand our views of how to achieve results and blaze new paths for others. Networking will interlace the presentations to produce a relaxed yet stimulating event.

Washington University in St. Louis – Emerson Auditorium, Knight Hall (1 Brookings Dr., St. Louis, MO 63130)

5pm – 9pm

Cost: \$35 per person

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

**Business Seminar Series: Direct Mail Goes Social**

Join the USPS and Constant Contact for a special series of seminars and learn how to make your direct mail go social for more customers!

Kirkwood Public Library (140 East Jefferson Ave., Kirkwood, MO 63122)

11:30am – 1:30pm

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

September 25, 2014**Startup Voo Doo Conference**

Startup VooDoo brings together thought leaders in the startup entrepreneurship space together in the center of it all – in St. Louis – to uncover the voodoo behind successful startups, exchange best practices and ideas, as well as to create connections between the Midwest and coastal startup ecosystems.

Ballpark Village (downtown St. Louis, MO)

8:30am – 6:30pm

Cost: \$69 per person

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

**St. Louis Entrepreneurs Monthly Meetup**

Ami's of Rock Hill (9824 Manchester Rd., Webster Groves, MO 63119)

11:30am – 1pm

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

September 29, 2014**Small Business Seminar: Starting a Business in Missouri**

Thinking about starting your own business, being your own boss and enjoying the life of an entrepreneur? Fantastic! Of course you have a business plan, have secured funding, and have hired an accountant and lawyer, right? Starting a Business in Missouri is a 3-hour workshop created for those considering going into business for themselves. In just 3 hours, you will... · Discover if you have what it takes to be an owner by assessing your strengths and weaknesses. · Learn the importance of having a business plan and what might go wrong if you don't! · Learn how to assess the industry, market and competition. · Discuss legal and regulatory requirements. · Find successful writing techniques that appeal to lenders/investor. · Identify sources of funding. · Receive a Start-up Manual. Workers who have been laid off can attend the workshop at NO COST

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$99 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the Missouri Career Centers (go to <http://jobs.mo.gov>).

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

September 30, 2014**SCORE Business Workshop: Developing Financial Projections for Your Business**

PNC Bank Building (333 S. Kirkwood Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122)

5pm – 8pm

Cost: \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door

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

September 30, 2014

### **Small Business Seminar: The Basics of Writing a Business Plan**

Every business needs a business plan to ensure it succeeds. Avoid potential frustration and financial pitfalls by attending this 3-hour workshop. Entrepreneurs of all ages, backgrounds, education, and experience, regardless of the type of business you want to start should attend. Workers who have been laid off can attend the workshop at NO COST

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

9am - Noon

Cost: \$49 per person; no cost to dislocated workers currently unemployed and registered in the WIA Program at one of the Missouri Career Centers (go to <http://jobs.mo.gov>).

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

### **Business Seminar Series: Direct Mail Goes Social**

Join the USPS and Constant Contact for a special series of seminars and learn how to make your direct mail go social for more customers!

St. Louis County Library (9920 Lin Ferry Dr., Affton, MO 63123)

9:30am - 11:30am

Cost: Free

For more information or to RSVP go to <http://www.constantcontactstl.com/constant-contact-seminars/>

## **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 database of local resources to meet the needs of small businesses in the community. The Resource Navigator allows you to create a customized personal search for the resources you need from our network of nonprofit organizations statewide and is provided to patrons at no cost. For more information go to [www.stlsourcelink.com](http://www.stlsourcelink.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)

### **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)

### **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>

### **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)

**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)

## 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)

## 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.com). 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)

## 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 its 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)

## 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.

## 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)

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

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

## 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)

**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>

**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/>

## 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 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 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)

## 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>

## 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**

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/>

**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.aamea.org](http://www.aamea.org) or call 314/968-5360

**St. Louis Community Credit Union** offers FREE small business training workshops through **CU Excel Center**. To get more information about the workshops or to register contact [center@stlouisccommunity.com](mailto:center@stlouisccommunity.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 [pptetty@escu.org](mailto:pptetty@escu.org) or 314/4343-6470 x1406

### **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>