

CHAMBER SCENE

2018 Events Recap



181st Annual Dinner

The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce welcomed over 1,000 business and community leaders and elected officials to the 181st Annual Dinner on January 8, 2018, at the Chase Center on the Riverfront. Attendees and distinguished guests braved icy weather to be at the state's largest business networking event of the year. Former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. gave the keynote address and, along with his wife Dr. Jill Biden, was honored with the Josiah Marvel Cup award.



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Chamber Leadership Series

Held quarterly at the University & Whist Club, our Leadership Series welcomed a variety of speakers with compelling stories in 2018.



Chip Rossi, Bank of America's Delaware Market President, spoke at our October installment, pictured here with DSCC president Mike Quaranta. Chip is on the DSCC Board of Directors and is a past Chairman of the Board.



Former NFL player Kevin Reilly with former DSCC president Rich Heffron and DTCC president Mark Brainard in March. Kevin, once with the Philadelphia Eagles, is now an NFL broadcaster and motivational speaker.



Former Governor Jack Markell and former Cabinet Secretary of the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Rita Landgraf with Ernie Dianastasis of The Precisionists, who shared his leadership story in December.



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Spring Legislative Brunch & Manufacturing Conference

Chamber affiliate, Delaware Manufacturing Association, in partnership with DEMEP and Delaware Technical Community College, hosts this event in Dover each year. The event recognizes the many important contributions manufacturers make to Delaware's economy.



End-of-Session Legislative Brunch

Each June as the General Assembly comes to a close, the End-of-Session Legislative Brunch updates you on important initiatives the Chamber has played a key role in shaping. The event also features remarks from our strategic partners and a legislative wrap-up from the House and Senate leadership. We also present the Small Business Guardian award.



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Developing Delaware

Brand new this year to the Chamber's event calendar, Developing Delaware was designed to recognize the good work being done throughout the state, engage key players and the business community in conversation, and inspire innovation through collaboration to help businesses thrive in Delaware.



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Superstars in Education

Superstars in Education is charged with recognizing outstanding educational programs and individual achievements. This event highlights excellence in science teaching, integrated classroom technology and school-to-career partnerships. It also serves the business community and its investment in the future.



John Hollis, center, received the John H. Taylor Education Leadership award.

*Milford High School, Milford School District,
The Will to Skill*



Delcastle Technical High School, New Castle County Vocational Technical School District, Specialized Transition to Employment Pathway (STEP)



Smyrna Middle School, Smyrna School District, GoBabyGo!



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*Thomas McKean High School,
Red Clay Consolidated School
District, McKean High
AVID Program*



*Office of Curriculum
Instruction, Red Clay
Consolidated School
District, S³ - STEM
Summer Scholars*



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*Promo Victory,
1-24 Employees Category*



*Delaware Humane Association,
Nonprofit Category*



*Cover & Rossiter,
25-59 Employees Category*

Superstars in Business

The Superstars in Business award honors businesses and nonprofits for their outstanding achievements and model approaches to business and management. Established in 1998, the awards are given annually to extraordinary businesses in honor of Marvin S. Gilman, who was a distinguished small business leader in Delaware.



*Kuehne Company,
60-150 Employees Category*

Chamber Chase

Our annual golf tournament is held in September on the Thursday after Labor Day, in Rehoboth Beach at Kings Creek Country Club. Proceeds benefit our Political Action Committee.



Delaware Networking Station

Each year the State Chamber partners with the Better Business Bureau of Delaware to put on one of the largest networking events in Delaware. With more than 130 exhibitors and 600 attendees, the Delaware Networking Station has gained a reputation in the community for bringing businesses together.



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Networking Breakfasts

The Chamber holds multiple networking breakfasts throughout the year that are free to attend for both members and future members. Held at member locations, these are great early morning events for meeting new people, catching up with existing connections and learning about the host member.

NextFab



Christiana Mall



Delaware State University



UD STAR Campus



DYPN: Delaware Young Professionals Network

The DYPN hosts an annual golf outing and several after hours networking events, including community service projects. In the spring of 2018, they hosted, along with the Chamber's economic development committee, an all-star panel discussion covering economic development goals and projects throughout the state.



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