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Weekly Newsletter



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Congratulations to the Mexico Independence Day parade and festival in celebration for the high attendance!



[Your Bottom Line: What Healthcare Reform Means for Illinois Small Businesses](#)

This meeting will focus on what the healthcare law, the Affordable Care Act, means for Illinois small businesses. It will focus on both federal and state

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First National Bank invites you to [Profit Mastery](#) on September 20-21st at i wireless center. This two day seminar is designed to enhance the financial management skills of business people. Business owners, business advisors, key managers, entrepreneurs, and those who make decisions on your company's financial performance should attend.

MRA invites you to [Pay Trends Briefing](#) on Friday, September 21st from 8-9:30 a.m. at MRA Conference Center, 3800 Avenue of the Cities, Suite 100, Moline. Discover how to tailor your rewards strategy to maximize your capability to attract, retain and engage employees. This event is FREE but registration is need.

provisions to help local small businesses understand how the law will affect them. A question and answer period will follow.

Thursday, September 27th

7:30 am: Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:00

am-9:30 am: Program

Featuring

- Joel Youngs, BHC Small Business Development Center
- Mary Timmel, Small Business Majority
- Jim Duffett, Campaign for Better Health Care

Location: Community Health Care, 2750 11 Street, Rock Island, IL

Cost: \$10 members, \$15 future members

RSVP

by September 25th

Questions? [Contact us!](#)

Illinois Candidates Forum

Sunday, September 30, 2012

5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Black Hawk College - QC Campus, 6600 34th Avenue, Building #4, Moline. Parking available in Lots 1 & 3

Co-Sponsored by Black Hawk College & GQCHCC

Iowa Candidates Forum

Sunday, October 7, 2012

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Ambrose University, Rogalski Center, 518 W. Locust Street, Davenport

Sponsored by Scott Community College, St. Ambrose University and GQCHCC

[Click here to view the complete list of invited candidates.](#)

Remember last day to register to vote is October 9, 2012. You can now register online from [GQCHCC's website](#).

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Brown Mackie College Quad Cities invites you to their [Open House](#) on Saturday, September 22nd from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 2119 East Kimberly Road in Bettendorf. There will be campus tours, refreshments and activities.

Next Week

QC Interfaith invites you to [Prayer Vigil for Jobs and Jobs Equity: A call to Action for Social, Racial and Economic Justice](#) on Sunday, September 23rd from 6-7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 1826 16 Street, Moline. All faiths are welcome as local faith leaders discuss equitable access to jobs and social inclusion for the proposed QC Passenger Rail Project.

St. Ambrose University invites you to [Graduate Business Program Informative Session](#) on Tuesday, September 25th from 4-6 p.m. at West Hall, room 105. Learn about the graduate business programs and ask questions. This is one of many sessions held throughout the Fall.

IL PTAC @ BHC invites you to [How to Put a Successful Service Bid Package Together](#) for Government Contracting on Friday, September 28th from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at ILPTAC offices, 4703 16 Street, Suite G, Moline. This training session will teach you how to increase your opportunities to sell to the federal government.

Augustana College invites you to [Fall Visit Days](#) starting on Saturday, September 29th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. This is a great opportunity to experience what Augustana has to offer and introduce you to the admission process, academics and campus life.

St. Ambrose University invites you to participate in the [Killer Bee 5k and the Children's Bumble Rumble](#) during Homecoming festivities on Saturday, September 29th. The adult race will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the children's at 9 a.m. Registration is \$25 through Sept. 19th and \$30 after the 26th.

Public Service Announcements

[Hispanic Heritage Month](#) or [Mes de la Herencia Hispana](#) is September 15th-October 15th. Learn more about the significance and origin.

October Events

Multicultural Speaker Series Featuring Marisa Rivera, President of Mpowerment Works
Friday, October 5, 2012
Location: Metro Link Centre Station Banquet Room, Moline

Presented by Eastern Iowa Community College District

Small Business Development and Finance: Opportunities in the Quad Cities with the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank
Thursday, October 25th
Location: Radisson Hotel, 111 2nd Avenue, Davenport, Iowa

[View complete details on both events.](#)

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Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is happy to sponsor and invite you to the [26th Annual WBDC Entrepreneurial Woman's Conference](#) on Thursday, September 20th at McCormick Place West-Chicago, IL. This year's conference offers women business owners solutions to the current problems they are facing and the opportunity to increase the profitability of their businesses by building relationships with corporate and government buyers, business experts, and other women business owners.

[2012 Iowa African American Women's Leadership Conference](#) will occur September 27-28th. The conference will kick off with a gala on Thursday and the conference will be on Friday at the Cedar Rapids Marriott located at 1200 Collins Rd. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Tickets are now available. This year's theme will be "I Am My Sister's Keeper" and will honor the accomplishments of Iowa's African American women.

[The Golden Circle College Fair](#) will occur on Sunday, September 30th from 12:30-3 p.m. at Hy Vee Hall Des Moines. This is the largest college fair in Iowa, with approximately 150 colleges and universities from within the state of Iowa and across the United States attending.

MillerCoors is now accepting applications for the [Urban Entrepreneurs Series Business Plan Competition](#). Applications are being accepted now until October 26th. MillerCoors has invested more than \$1.7 million in the dreams of entrepreneurs since 1999 through the MillerCoors Urban Entrepreneurs Series (MUES) Business Plan Competition.

Don't forget to [register to vote](#)! You can do so conveniently online from [GQCHCC's website](#). Remember **October 9th** is the last day to register.

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