

2024 EVENT CALENDAR

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**SMART
BUSINESS**
E·V·E·N·T·S

JANUARY 18, 2024
CINCINNATI, OH



DUKE ENERGY CENTER
Nominations Due: Oct. 20, 2023
Contact: Lisa Dore

JANUARY 31, 2024
COLUMBUS, OH



OHIO STATEHOUSE
Nominations Due: Oct. 20, 2023
Contact: Suzi Linn

FEBRUARY 8, 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



ALLIANCE INDUSTRIAL SOLUTIONS
Nominations Due: Dec. 8, 2023
Contact: Suzi Linn

FEBRUARY 15, 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



COPPORATE COLLEGE EAST
Nominations Due: Dec. 8, 2023
Contact: Suzi Linn

FEBRUARY 22, 2024
NASHVILLE, TN

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Meredith Rankin

FEBRUARY 29, 2024
PITTSBURGH, PA

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

WYNDHAM GRAND PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN
Contact: Danielle Catteau

MARCH 7, 2024
BOSTON, MA

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

THE WESTIN COPLEY PLACE
Contact: Danielle Catteau

MARCH 14, 2024
ST. LOUIS, MO

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Suzi Linn

MARCH 21, 2024
DALLAS, TX

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Meredith Rankin

APRIL 18, 2024
DETROIT, MI

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

THE TOWNSEND HOTEL
Contact: Danielle Catteau

APRIL 25, 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



THE WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN
Nominations Due: Feb. 23, 2024
Contact: Lisa Dore

APRIL 25, 2024
BALTIMORE, MD

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

WOODHOLME COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Meredith Rankin

MAY 2, 2024
MILWAUKEE, WI

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

MILWAUKEE ATHLETIC CLUB
Contact: Suzi Linn

MAY 16, 2024
ATLANTA, GA

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ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB
Contact: Meredith Rankin

MAY 30, 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



THE WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN
Nominations Due: Jan. 15, 2024
Contact: Suzi Linn

JUNE 6, 2024
NEW YORK, NY

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

THE YALE CLUB
Contact: Danielle Catteau

JUNE 13, 2024
NORTHEAST, OH

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL
Contact: Danielle Catteau

JULY 18, 2024
COLUMBUS, OH



VIRTUAL
Nominations Due: May 17, 2024
Contact: Lisa Dore

AUGUST 8, 2024
COLUMBUS, OH



EXCHANGE AT BRIDGE PARK
Nominations Due: May 17, 2024
Contact: Lisa Dore

SEPTEMBER 5, 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST
Nominations Due: June 17, 2024

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
PHILADELPHIA, PA

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UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA
Contact: Danielle Catteau

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
COLUMBUS, OH

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

HILTON COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN
Contact: Meredith Rankin

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024
N. VIRGINIA/D.C.

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Danielle Catteau

OCTOBER 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER
Nominations Due: July 17, 2024

OCTOBER 16, 2024
CHICAGO, IL

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

UNION LEAGUE CLUB
Contact: Meredith Rankin

OCTOBER 24, 2024
DENVER, CO

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

CHERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Danielle Catteau

OCTOBER 30, 2024
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

INTERLACHEN COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Danielle Catteau

OCTOBER 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



VIRTUAL
Nominations Due: Aug. 17, 2024

OCTOBER 2024
PITTSBURGH, PA



VIRTUAL
Nominations Due: Aug. 17, 2024

NOVEMBER 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



LOCATION TBD
Nominations Due: Aug. 17, 2024

NOVEMBER 2024
PITTSBURGH, PA



LOCATION TBD
Nominations Due: Aug. 17, 2024

NOVEMBER 7, 2024
HOUSTON, TX

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HOUSTON COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Meredith Rankin

NOVEMBER 14, 2024
CHARLOTTE, NC

SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE

CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB
Contact: Suzi Linn

DECEMBER 2024
NORTHEAST, OH



LOCATION TBD
Nominations Due: Sept. 16, 2024

DEC 2024/JAN 2025
CENTRAL FLORIDA

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LOCATION TBD

NETWORKING EVENTS

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SMART BUSINESS DEALMAKERS CONFERENCE

A coming together of top entrepreneurs, investors and advisers from the region for a one-day conference focused on identifying and optimizing opportunity. This conference will include a series of keynote speakers, roundtables, panels, one-on-one networking and awards.



EVOLUTION OF MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE & AWARDS

The eVolution of Manufacturing Awards recognizes manufacturers and technology companies that have adapted to a global economy through improved operations, products or services.



SMART CULTURE CONFERENCE & AWARDS

The Smart Culture Conference explores how culture can become an asset to drive performance, transform your organization into an employer-of-choice and ultimately impact the bottom line. The Smart Culture Awards spotlights leading companies where culture plays a crucial role in a company's success.



SMART WOMEN BREAKFAST & AWARDS

The Smart Women Awards recognizes the achievements of leading businesswomen, inspiring male advocates and effective women's programs. It combines a live event and content—digital and print—to address today's issues facing women in the workplace.



SMART 50 AWARDS

The Smart 50 Awards recognizes the top executives of 50 prominent companies in the region for their ability to effectively build and lead savvy organizations in the areas of innovation, impact and sustainability.



FAMILY BUSINESS CONFERENCE & AWARDS

An interactive forum with leading industry experts that provides the type of actionable insights necessary to plan for a smooth transition of family businesses. This networking breakfast and interactive workshop will offer perspectives from both industry experts and actual family business owners to address this and other issues facing family-owned enterprises.



CASCADE CAPITAL BUSINESS GROWTH AWARDS

The Business Growth Awards, presented by Cascade Capital Corp., honor businesses in the Akron/Canton area that have achieved significant sales or employment growth over a 5-year period.



PILLAR AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Pillar Award for Community Service honors businesses and individuals dedicated to making their region a better place to live while demonstrating the tie between the for-profit and non-profit worlds.

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