## **2025 EVENT CALENDAR**

SMART BUSINESS E-V-E-N-T-S

AS OF 04.28.25. SUBJECT TO CHANGE. View next page for event details and contacts.

JAN PILLAR COMMUNITY SHEVEL	CINCINNATI	HILTON CINCINNATI NETHERLANDS PLAZA	Contact: Lisa Dore	AUG 7	SMART 50	COLUMBUS	EXCHANGE AT BRIDGE PARK	Contact: Lisa Dore
JAN PILLAR LAWARD COMMUNITY SERVICE	COLUMBUS	OHIO STATEHOUSE	Contact: Suzi Linn	SEP 4	FAMILY BUSINESS CONTERENCE	CLEVELAND	CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST	Contact: Suzi Linn
FEB EVOLUTION VIPLUNCHEON	CLEVELAND	ALLIANCE SOLUTIONS GROUP	Contact: Lisa Dore	SEP 4	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	D.C. CAPITAL REGION	WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Meredith Rankin
FEB CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST	Contact: Lisa Dore	SEP 11	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	PHILADELPHIA	UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA	Contact: Danielle Catteau
FEB Dealmakers	PITTSBURGH	GRAND WYNDHAM PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN	Contact: Danielle Catteau	SEP 18	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	COLUMBUS	HILTON COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN	Contact: Meredith Rankin
MAR 6 SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONTERENCE	ST. LOUIS	FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn	<b>OCT 2</b>	CASCADE CAPITAL CORPORATION BUSINESS GROWTH AWARDS PROGRAM	CLEVELAND	JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER	Contact: Lisa Dore
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MAR Dealmakers CONTERED CONTEN	DALLAS	LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Meredith Rankin	OCT TBA	SMART 50	PITTSBURGH	VIRTUAL	Contact: Lisa Dore
APR Dealmakers CONTINUES Dealmakers	DETROIT	THE TOWNSEND HOTEL	Contact: Danielle Catteau	OCT 16	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	CHICAGO	UNION LEAGUE CLUB	Contact: Meredith Rankin
APR 24 SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONTENT OF THE PROPERTY OF TH	BALTIMORE	WOODHOLME COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn	OCT TBA	SMART 50	CLEVELAND	FIT TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE	Contact: Suzi Linn
MAY Dealmakers CONTERENCE	NASHVILLE	HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Meredith Rankin	OCT 30	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	DENVER	WESTIN DOWNTOWN	Contact: Suzi Linn
MAY SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers	CENTRAL FLORIDA	HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN	Contact: Meredith Rankin	NOV TBA	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	SOUTH FLORIDA	LOCATION TBA	Contact: Meredith Rankin
MAY SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers	ATLANTA	ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB	Contact: Meredith Rankin	NOV 12	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	HOUSTON	MARRIOTT HOUSTON MARQUIS	Contact: Meredith Rankin
MAY smart 20 CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	THE WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN	Contact: Suzi Linn	NOV 19	SMART BUSINESS  Dealmakers CONFERENCE	CHARLOTTE	CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn
JUN SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE	NEW YORK	NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB	Contact: Danielle Catteau	NOV TBA	SMART 50	PITTSBURGH	THE WESTIN PITTSBURGH	Contact: Lisa Dore
JUN Dealmakers CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	HOTEL CLEVELAND	Contact: Danielle Catteau	NOV TBA	SMART 50	CLEVELAND	EMBASSY SUITES CLEVELAND	Contact: Suzi Linn
JUL SMartwomen BREAKFAST - CONTENT - AWARDS	CLEVELAND	THE WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN	Contact: Lisa Dore	DEC TBA	PILLAR POR WARD COMMUNITY SERVICE	CLEVELAND	EMBASSY SUITES CLEVELAND	Contact: Suzi Linn
JUL SMART 50	COLUMBUS	HYLANT	Contact: Lisa Dore		= EVENT HAS	BEEN COMPLETED F	OR 2025.	

# **NETWORKING EVENTS**





#### 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 forprofit and non-profit worlds.

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