

# 2026 EVENT CALENDAR

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**SMART  
BUSINESS  
EVENTS**

<b>FEB 5</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>NASHVILLE</b>	<b>HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB</b>	Contact: Suzi Linn
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<b>FEB 12</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>EVOLUTION</b> VIP LUNCHEON	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>ALLIANCE SOLUTIONS GROUP</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>FEB 19</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>PITTSBURGH</b>	<b>GRAND WYNDHAM PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>FEB 26</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>EVOLUTION</b> CONFERENCE	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>MAR 5</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>BOSTON</b>	<b>THE WESTIN COPLEY PLACE</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>MAR 26</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>DALLAS</b>	<b>LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>APR 9</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>DETROIT</b>	<b>THE TOWNSEND HOTEL</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>APR 23</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>BALTIMORE</b>	<b>WOODHOLME COUNTRY CLUB</b>	Contact: Suzi Linn
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<b>APR 30</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>ST. LOUIS</b>	<b>FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB</b>	Contact: Suzi Linn
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<b>MAY 6</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>ATLANTA</b>	<b>ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>MAY 13</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>HOTEL CLEVELAND</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>MAY 28</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>CENTRAL FLORIDA</b>	<b>HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>JUN 4</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>NEW YORK</b>	<b>NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>JUL -</b>	smartwomen BREAKFAST • CONTENT • AWARDS	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>THE WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>JUL -</b>	SMART <b>50</b> JUDGING	<b>COLUMBUS</b>	<b>HYLANT</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>AUG 6</b>	SMART <b>50</b> AWARDS	<b>COLUMBUS</b>	<b>EXCHANGE AT BRIDGE PARK</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>SEP -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>D.C. CAPITAL REGION</b>	<b>WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>SEP -</b>	FAMILY <b>BUSINESS</b> CONFERENCE	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>SEP -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	<b>UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>SEP -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>COLUMBUS</b>	<b>HILTON COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>OCT -</b>	CASCADE CAPITAL CORPORATION <b>BUSINESSGROWTH</b> AWARDS PROGRAM	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>OCT -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>MINNEAPOLIS</b>	<b>HYATT REGENCY</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>OCT -</b>	SMART <b>50</b> JUDGING	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>FIT TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>OCT -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>CHICAGO</b>	<b>UNION LEAGUE CLUB</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>OCT -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>DENVER</b>	<b>WESTIN DOWNTOWN</b>	Contact: Suzi Linn
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<b>NOV -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>CHARLOTTE</b>	<b>CARMEL COUNTRY CLUB</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>NOV -</b>	SMART <b>50</b> AWARDS	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>EMBASSY SUITES CLEVELAND</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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<b>NOV -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>HOUSTON</b>	<b>MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOUSTON</b>	Contact: TBA
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<b>NOV -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	<b>SOUTH FLORIDA</b>	<b>FORT LAUDERDALE MARRIOTT HARBOR BEACH RESORT &amp; SPA</b>	Contact: Danielle Catteau
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<b>DEC -</b>	THE PILLAR FOR AWARD COMMUNITY SERVICE	<b>CLEVELAND</b>	<b>EMBASSY SUITES CLEVELAND</b>	Contact: Lisa Dore
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# NETWORKING EVENTS

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## **SMART BUSINESS Dealmakers CONFERENCE**

### **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 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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