

# 2026 EVENT CALENDAR

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SMART  
BUSINESS  
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<b>FEB 5</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	NASHVILLE	HILLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn	<b>JUL -</b>	SMART 50 JUDGING	COLUMBUS	HYLANT	Contact: Lisa Dore
<b>FEB 12</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>EVOLUTION</b> OF MANUFACTURING VIP LUNCHEON	CLEVELAND	ALLIANCE SOLUTIONS GROUP	Contact: Lisa Dore	<b>AUG 6</b>	SMART 50 AWARDS	COLUMBUS	EXCHANGE AT BRIDGE PARK	Contact: Lisa Dore
<b>FEB 19</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	PITTSBURGH	GRAND WYNDHAM PITTSBURGH DOWNTOWN	Contact: Danielle Catteau	<b>SEP 10</b>	IFAMILY BUSINESS CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST	Contact: Lisa Dore
<b>FEB 26</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>EVOLUTION</b> OF MANUFACTURING CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	CORPORATE COLLEGE EAST	Contact: Lisa Dore	<b>SEP 17</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	D.C. CAPITAL REGION	WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn
<b>MAR 5</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	BOSTON	THE WESTIN COPLEY PLACE	Contact: Danielle Catteau	<b>SEP 24</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	COLUMBUS	HILTON COLUMBUS DOWNTOWN	Contact: Danielle Catteau
<b>MAR 26</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	DALLAS	LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn	<b>SEP 30</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	PHILADELPHIA	UNION LEAGUE CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA	Contact: Danielle Catteau
<b>APR 9</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	DETROIT	THE TOWNSEND HOTEL	Contact: Danielle Catteau	<b>OCT -</b>	ASACUE CAPITAL CORPORATION BUSINESS GROWTH AWARDS PROGRAM	CLEVELAND	JOHN S. KNIGHT CENTER	Contact: Lisa Dore
<b>APR 23</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	BALTIMORE	WOODHOLME COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn	<b>OCT -</b>	SMART 50 JUDGING	CLEVELAND	FIT TECHNOLOGIES OFFICE	Contact: Lisa Dore
<b>APR 30</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	ST. LOUIS	FOREST HILLS COUNTRY CLUB	Contact: Danielle Catteau	<b>OCT 8</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	DENVER	WESTIN DOWNTOWN	Contact: Suzi Linn
<b>MAY 6</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	ATLANTA	ATLANTA ATHLETIC CLUB	Contact: Suzi Linn	<b>OCT 15</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	CHICAGO	UNION LEAGUE CLUB	Contact: Danielle Catteau
<b>MAY 13</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	HOTEL CLEVELAND	Contact: Danielle Catteau	<b>OCT 29</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	MINNEAPOLIS	HYATT REGENCY	Contact: Suzi Linn
<b>MAY 28</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	CENTRAL FLORIDA	HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN	Contact: Suzi Linn	<b>NOV -</b>	SMART 50 AWARDS	CLEVELAND	EMBASSY SUITES CLEVELAND	Contact: Lisa Dore
<b>JUN 4</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	NEW YORK	NEW YORK ATHLETIC CLUB	Contact: Danielle Catteau	<b>NOV -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	HOUSTON	MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOUSTON	Contact: Suzi Linn
<b>JUN -</b>	AI IMPACT CONFERENCE	CLEVELAND	AI IMPACT CONFERENCE	Contact: TBD	<b>NOV -</b>	SMART BUSINESS <b>Dealmakers</b> CONFERENCE	SOUTH FLORIDA	FORT LAUDERDALE MARRIOTT HARBOR BEACH RESORT & SPA	Contact: Danielle Catteau
<b>JUL 8</b>	SMARTWOMEN BREAKFAST · CONTENT · AWARDS	CLEVELAND	THE WESTIN CLEVELAND DOWNTOWN	Contact: Lisa Dore	<b>DEC -</b>	THE PILLAR AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE	CLEVELAND	EMBASSY SUITES CLEVELAND	Contact: Lisa Dore

# NETWORKING EVENTS

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SMART BUSINESS  
**Dealmakers**  
CONFERENCE

SMART BUSINESS  
**EVOLUTION**  
OF MANUFACTURING

AI IMPACT  
CONFERENCE

smartwomen  
BREAKFAST • CONTENT • AWARDS

FAMILY  
BUSINESS  
CONFERENCE

CASCADE CAPITAL CORPORATION  
**BUSINESS GROWTH**  
AWARDS PROGRAM

SMART 50  
INNOVATION  
IMPACT  
SUSTAINABILITY

THE  
**PILLAR**  
AWARD  
FOR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE

## EVENT CONTACTS:

### 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.

### AI IMPACT CONFERENCE

The Smart Business AI Impact conference provides senior business leaders with insights and strategies that will help them leverage AI to drive operational efficiency and deliver measurable business results.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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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