

2026 EVENT CALENDAR

AS OF 01.08.26. SUBJECT TO CHANGE. View next page for event details and contacts.

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

**SMART
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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.



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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