

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women for Women 5k Run – Rescheduled to May 8, 2021

When: Saturday, May 8, 2021; 7-9 a.m.
Where: Currie Park

Cost: Early registration before April 18, 2021; ages 18 & under, \$25; 19 and older, \$35; club members, \$30

Science & Technology Committee Presents “Storytelling through Technology”

When: Thursday, Sept. 3; 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Where: Webinar

Cost: Free, Chamber members only

Guest Speaker: Jason Rogers, Principal & Creative Director, Argonaut Productions, Inc.

Women in Business Committee presents “Dress for Success Palm Beaches – Helping WOMEN help WOMEN”

When: Thursday, Sept. 10; noon-1 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting

Cost: Free, members and non-members

Guest Speakers: Mary Hart, Executive Director, Dress for Success Palm Beaches & Donna Broder, Principal, Card Solutions International, Chamber Ambassador Committee Chair, Dress for Success Volunteer

VIRTUAL Business Builder

When: Friday, Sept. 11; 9-10 a.m.

Where: Virtual Meeting

Cost: Free

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Health & Human Services Committee presents Meals on Wheels solutions to help our community’s homeless and housebound neighbors

When: Tuesday, Sept. 15; noon-1 p.m.

Where: Webinar

Cost: Free, members only

Guest Speaker: Pamela Calzadilla, President & CEO

Tourism Task Force; “Palm Beach County Travel & Airport Updates”

When: Wednesday, Sept. 16; 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar, invitation only

Cost: Free

Contact: Kirby Davis, Kdavis@palmbeaches.org for more information

Guest Speakers: Laura Beebe, Airport Director, Palm Beach International Airport; Jorge Pesquera, President & CEO, Discover the Palm Beaches

Legal Webinar – “Election 2020: What Your Vote Means”

When: Thursday, Sept. 17; 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Where: Webinar

Cost: Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$15; ambassadors, free

Guest Speakers: David Gobeo, Esq., Christine Hanley, Esq., Matthew Luttinger, Esq., and Ariadna (“Ari”) Hernandez, Esq., of FordHarrison, LLP.

New Member Meet & Greet

When: Thursday, Sept. 17; 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Virtual Meeting

Cost: Free (invitation only)

Sponsor: iTHINK Financial

CareerSource Palm Beach County Virtual Job Expo for Hospitality – Employers Seeking Employees

When: Wednesday, Sept. 23; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Where: Webinar/Zoom event

Cost: Free for manufacturing employers

Sponsor: CareerSource Palm Beach County

VIRTUAL Business Builder

When: Thursday, Sept. 24; noon-1 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting

Cost: Free

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29th Annual ATHENA Leadership Awards Virtual Event

When: Friday, Sept. 25; noon-1 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting

Cost: Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$15; ambassadors, free

Virtual Business Card Exchange; “Rainmaking During an Unforeseen Drought”

When: Tuesday, Sept. 29; noon-1 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting

Cost: Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$10; ambassadors, free

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Young Professionals of the Palm Beaches (YPOP) MEETING – “Reinventing Yourself; Growing Stronger, Surviving and Thriving in a Crisis – Life Lessons; Part 4/4”

When: Tuesday, Sept. 29; 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting

Cost: YPOP Members, free; nonmembers, \$10

Guest Speaker: Rick Reikenis, President, Reikenis & Ass., and CCPB Board Chairman

Business After Hours Virtual Networking – “Volunteering & Volunteer Needs of Local Organizations”

When: Wednesday, Sept. 30; 5:30-7 p.m.

Where: Virtual meeting

Cost: : Members, \$5; nonmembers, \$10; Ambassadors, free; nonprofit Chamber members, free to first 10 “Chamber members”; please contact msacher@palmbeaches.org

Tourism Task Force

When: Wednesday, Sept. 30; 10-11 a.m.

Where: Webinar

Cost: Free, invitation only

Contact: Kirby Davis, Kdavis@palmbeaches.org for more information

29th Annual ATHENA Leadership Awards Virtual Event

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 | 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

To register, please visit www.PalmBeaches.org



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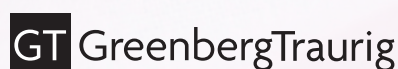
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ATHENA ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARD FINALISTS



2020 ATHENA LEADERSHIP AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

Register now to attend the ATHENA Leadership Awards Virtual Event

The Chamber is pleased to announce the 2020 ATHENA Leadership Awards finalists. This year, the Chamber received more than 60 nominations comprised of outstanding individuals and organizations throughout Palm Beach County. Please join us for the 29th Annual ATHENA Awards Virtual Event as we celebrate each



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finalist’s achievements
and honor recipients of

our ATHENA Leadership
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Professional Leadership Award and ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award. The virtual event, presented by Related, is Sept. 25 from noon-1 p.m. To register, please visit www.palmbeaches.org. For sponsorship information, please contact Michele Sacher at msacher@palmbeaches.org.

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Palm Beach Atlantic University welcomes students to Watson Hall

Palm Beach Atlantic University has named its newly opened, 154-room student residence Watson Hall.

The hall is named for West Palm Beach resident Karl H. Watson and his son, Karl H. Watson Jr., of Houston, Texas, in honor of their family’s \$2.5 million gift to Palm Beach Atlantic. Hedrick Brothers Construction built the eight-story residence, which features a community room on every floor for activities that encourage camaraderie and spiritual growth.

At the corner of Pembroke Place and South Dixie Highway, Watson Hall places residential students near their classes, faculty offices and campus life. Each of the one- and two-bedroom units has a full kitchen and increased safety and security features based on a



Watson Family Hall

combination of intentional architectural design and leading-edge technology. Also this summer, Hedrick Brothers remodeled the university’s Lassiter Student Center, including a dining hall with an open kitchen

and coffee shop.

“Living in community on campus is part of the transformational Palm Beach Atlantic student experience,” said University President Dr. Debra A. Schwinn. “We are grateful to the Watson



Karl H. Watson Sr. (left) and Karl H. Watson Jr. announced that their family will donate \$2.5 million to Palm Beach Atlantic University.

family for their generosity to PBA and to Hedrick Brothers Construction for their outstanding work to complete this project on time to welcome students back to campus. Watson Hall will be a blessing for many for generations to come.”





Front row, from left: Kristin Calder, Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County; Sarah Alsofrom, GL Homes; Jennifer Ferriol, City of West Palm Beach; Rich Anderson, Peggy Adams Animal Rescue. **Back row, from left:** Rick Reikenis, Board Chair; Robert Banting, Anderson Carr, Inc; Dr. David Mittleman, Mittleman Eye.

2020 Business Awards Winners

More than 500 people virtually attended the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches' Annual Business Awards Breakfast. These awards recognize Palm Beach County companies and individuals that lead with confidence and demonstrate a solid commitment to their business goals, their employees and their local community.

The 2020 Award Recipients:

■ Non-Profit of the Year: *Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League*

■ Health & Human Services Organization of the Year: *Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County*

■ Diversity Organization of the Year: *Mittleman Eye*

■ Young Professional of the Year: *Jennifer Ferriol, City of West Palm Beach*

■ Small Business Person of the Year: *Robert Banting, Anderson & Carr, Inc.*

■ Business of the Year: *GL Homes*

■ Lifetime Achievement Award: *William M. B. Fleming, Jr., Palm Beach Atlantic University*



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Rick Reikenis, Board Chair, shares advice with Young Professionals

Rick Reikenis, Board Chair, hosted three fellow Chamber Board and Trustee Members to talk with more than 35 young professionals on July 30 about "Reinventing Yourself; Growing stronger in a Crisis; how to not only survive but to thrive." Reikenis initiated this meeting, the third in a series of four monthly YPOP programs. The final program is scheduled for Sept. 29. Reikenis' inspiration results from being a mentor and recognizing the need for young professionals to have encouragement, shared wisdom and a practical plan in facing any crisis and a pandemic. Reikenis talked about his professional experiences in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, working in times of economic crisis, resulting also in the creation of new and unique business opportunities. He also shared "best practices" to overcome unforeseen challenges.

The panel speakers included Board and Trustee Members, including Roberta H. Jurney, Chief Executive Officer, Quantum House; Penny Murphy, Owner, Pioneer Linens; and David Ecija, General Manager, Hilton West Palm Beach.

Each YPOP participant had a chance to share a professional challenge they are currently facing. In response, panel members shared real-life stories of how to spot opportunities in a crisis by listening to your clients across cultures, without prejudice, resulting in building positive solution-based business successes. Emphasis was also placed on volunteering locally serving others, being open-minded, flexible, bold and living your passion. Connor Lewis, YPOP Leader said, "Rick has a way of challenging you to look at things from other people's perspectives and to see gray being open-minded to solve problems in new ways."

