



March Membership Forum

Rob Foster, President ATI

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AND THE DSA WINNER'S ARE???

Find out March 8th
at the DSA Banquet
5:30pm
Albany Boys & Girls Club



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**Albany Area
Chamber of
Commerce**

Distinguished Service Award Banquet



SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2025
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ALBANY
1215 HILL ST SE

5:30pm Cocktails | 6:15pm Dinner | Award Ceremony to Follow

HONORING LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT: ILLYN WINN

We are pleased to announce that Ilyn Winn will receive the Legacy Award at the March 8th DSA Banquet. The Legacy Award is awarded by the Board of Directors to a person they want to honor and recognize in addition to the DSA Awards.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 DSA NOMINEES!

Distinguished Service Award

Gamael Nassar
Jim Richards
Oscar Hult
Rex Watkins

Jim Linhart First Citizen

Cherita Wilson
Jill Nelson
Rebecca Bond

JR First Citizen

Drew Smythe
Jake Silverberg
Karsen O'Bryan
Laura Butner

Small Business of the Year

Albany Historic Carousel & Museum
Deluxe Brewing
Habitat For Humanity

Large Business of the Year

Central Willamette Credit Union
Hayden Homes
Mid-Willamette Family YMCA

Student of the Year

Caleb Guest, Santiam High School
Carson Dickey, South Albany High School
Brianna Williams, West Albany High School

THANK YOU TO OUR 2025 DSA SPONSORS!

Presenting Sponsor:

Willamette Valley Bank



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Silver: Citizens Bank, CPI, NW Natural Oregon State Credit Union, & Samaritan Albany General Hospital

Bronze: Gerding Builders, Mike's Heating and Air, Parr Lumber, Republic Services

UPCOMING EVENTS



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ATI's Rob Foster

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Rob Foster is President, Specialty Alloys and Components of ATI Inc., a global producer of high-performance materials for aerospace, medical, energy, and like markets. In this role, he has strategically positioned SA&C's customer portfolio, driven record-high operational growth, and responded to market needs by leveraging customer-funded investment capital.

Prior to being named President of ATI SA&C in 2023, Rob served several leadership roles throughout the organization. From September 2012 to 2015, he served as Vice President, Finance of ATI Forged Products, where he led the Finance, IT, and Purchasing Departments. In September 2015, he was named Vice President, Finance of the High Performance Materials & Components segment. In this role, he led the Finance and DT Departments of HPMC, restructuring the titanium operation and idling of the Rowley, UT titanium sponge facility; leading the acquisition of Addaero; the divestiture of the Cast Products Business Unit and the Industrial Forgings businesses in Portland, IN and Lebanon, KY.

While he was Vice President, Finance of the Advanced Alloys & Solutions segment from 2019-2021, Rob oversaw the transformation of the Specialty Rolled Products business unit and the exiting of the stainless-steel sheet business. In 2021, he became Vice President, Finance for both the HPMC and segments and assumed additional financial responsibilities for ATI's joint venture STAL, European Distribution, and Asia sales offices, along with responsibilities for Supply Chain and Strategic Capital Projects. A Certified Public Accountant (inactive status), Rob began his career as an Internal Auditor at Allegheny Technologies before joining the audit and mergers and acquisitions practice at Ernst & Young LLP. He then served in accounting and finance leadership roles at Spectrum Control Inc and API Technologies Corp. Rob earned a BS in Finance & Accounting from Robert Morris University and an MBA from Penn State University. He is a Certified Six Sigma Blackbelt.

Women in Business

"Success From the Inside Out: The Intersection of Wellness & Leadership"

Join us for speakers Chrystal Hart Meeker, Angie Gallagher & Allison Blizzard

Wednesday, April 9th

11:30am

Location: Comfort Suites, 100 Opal Ct NE, Albany

Chrystal Hart Meeker is an Intuitive Coach and Healer, certified in Reiki-Seichem, sound healing, Akashic Records, and holistic life coaching. Her unique approach combines these modalities to guide women through deep healing and transformation, helping them reconnect with their inner selves, heal generational patterns, and align with their true purpose.

Angie Gallagher is a National Board-Certified Functional Medicine trained Health and Wellness Coach. After her 25 year career in cardiac rehabilitation, she desired a change in career where she felt she could make a bigger difference in peoples lives. She went back to school to be trained in the functional medicine approach to health coaching that has been running her own practice for over three years.

Dr. Allison Blizzard is the founder and CEO of The Blizzard Blueprint, a consulting firm dedicated to transforming workplace meetings into efficient, results-driven experiences. She has held leadership positions in higher education, managed multi-million-dollar budgets, and guided institutions in strategic planning. With over 25 years of experience, she helps businesses streamline meetings to improve productivity, engagement, and work/life balance.

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Applications for High School Scholarships Now Available

If you are the parent or guardian of a high school senior from Albany Options, Santiam Christian, South and West High Schools your student is eligible to receive a \$1500 scholarship. Applications are available by clicking the link below, at the Chamber's website and at each high school. Deadline to apply is March 14th.



Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Development Manager Position Opening



The Albany Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking an energetic, well-organized, professional and responsible individual for full-time Membership Development Manager. Individual must be self-motivated, results-oriented with a positive outlook, and a clear focus on high quality customer support; possess excellent time management skills; credible, and comfortable dealing with a broad spectrum of business industries and people.

The purpose of this position is to expand the membership base of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce by attracting new members to the organization and increasing member retention. The Membership Development Manager will actively promote the Chamber and support its mission.

Reports to: President

Location: AACC office environment, business locations, program and event venues

Benefits: Employer paid medical/dental/vision/life/long-term disability, Simple IRA retirement/PTO/paid holidays

Compensation: 40,000 DOE, plus commission

Posting Closes: When position is filled

Minimum Qualifications:

- * Previous 3 years outside sales experience preferred
- * Demonstrated success identifying and closing new customer accounts
- * Excellent face-to-face, phone, and written communication skills
- * Ability to complete projects with limited supervision and direction
- * Must be able to exercise good judgment and make decisions necessary to achieve success in assigned areas
- * Ability to develop and maintain good working relationships with staff, members, and the general public
- * Familiar with Microsoft Office, financial reporting tools, and sales management database systems
- * Valid driver's license and insurance, must have/maintain a dependable vehicle
- * Self-motivated and goal oriented
- * Excellent presentation skills
- * Strong organizational and planning skills

If qualified, submit a Resume and Cover Letter to:

President

PO Box 548

Albany OR 97321

or email info@albanychamber.com

Students of the Month



Lucie Vigil
Santiam Christian



Taelyn Bentley
South Albany



Luc Tomich
West Albany

GOLDEN TICKET WINNER:

COLLEEN WOODS
CORVALLIS KNIGHTS



Professional Background:

I entered the event world of event bartending 18 years ago to earn extra income while pursuing my primary career. What started as a fun way to make ends meet quickly captured my interest and passion. I found myself wanting to do this full-time. I even owned my bar for a few years drawn to the vibrancy of the events and people I was working with and the unique interactions that came with it. Over time I realized it was what I was supposed to do as my career. I started at Knights thanks to Jennifer Beaumont we met at Albany Chamber Greeters. She had a C on her shirt. I walked up to her and said you must be my biggest fan because C is for Colleen, she became one of my best friends and I became her biggest fan. So naturally when she asked if I wanted to work with her at the Knights home games, I agreed thinking what a great way to earn some extra money and hang out with my friend that was in 2021. Little did I know that this would help me realize that this is where I belong. I was hooked. The first season was when I realized that baseball was too fun to leave. The next season I was asked to join the team part-time as the assistant to Jennifer. By the 3rd season, I was the full-time hospitality manager. Now that I am going on my 5th season here with the Knights, I truly feel this is where I have always belonged.

Biggest Issue Facing Albany:

I feel one of the biggest issues with Albany is the lack of affordable housing. I am blessed to be able to be a homeowner. I have adult children who have had to move to other states or live with family members. Just to be able to live. My daughter decided to move to Texas just to be able to purchase a home. She now pays less a month for her mortgage for a 2500 sq ft home on a ¼ acre lot than she was paying in rent on a 950 sq foot duplex in Albany. I now do not get to watch one of my grandbabies as they grow. I feel we need to figure this out. I feel like we need to do something,

You and your company's community involvement:

I love that the Corvallis Knights invests in our local community. I give back by volunteering my time with Furniture Share at their events. I am also a board member of Maxtivity in Philomath and an Ambassador for the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce. The Knights love to bring out our Mascots to events to spread the fun in the community. The Knights also love enhancing our communities through youth sports sponsorships, as well as supporting local high school athletic programs. We all believe the more kids participate in sports the more they are going to thrive.

Business Marketing Niche:

The great thing about the Corvallis Knights is that, while we deliver great baseball, you don't have to be a baseball fan to have a great time at a Knights game! We keep that in mind when marketing, reminding community members that eating a hot dog and drinking a beer at the ballpark is a wonderful way to spend a summer evening! Helping families create memories is really what we do.

Member News & Updates

South Albany High School
2025 Varsity Girl's Volleyball Team State Champions



The Corporate Transparency Act's (CTA) beneficial ownership reporting requirements are back on.

What happened: A federal court has lifted the injunction that was preventing the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) from enforcing Beneficial Ownership Information (BOI) reporting requirements under the CTA.

Now, after numerous delays pending legal challenges, certain small business now have to file their paperwork starting as early as March, according to an [update FinCEN shared](#):

For the vast majority of reporting companies, the new deadline to file an initial, updated, and/ or corrected BOI report is now March 21, 2025. FinCEN will provide an update before then of any further modification of this deadline, recognizing that reporting companies may need additional time to comply with their BOI reporting obligations once this update is provided.

What is the CTA?

The CTA was enacted by Congress on January 1, 2021, as part of the National Defense Authorization Act. The CTA included significant reforms to anti-money laundering laws and is intended to help prevent and combat money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, and tax fraud.

Under the act, small businesses in the United States were required to file beneficial ownership information reports (BOIR) with the Department of the Treasury by January 1. This deadline was on hold due to federal court rulings.

In February 2025, a bill that would provide a one-year delay for small businesses from having to report their beneficial ownership information under the CTA passed the House of Representatives and was sent to the Senate.

The U.S. Chamber sent a [Key Vote Letter](#) to the House supporting H.R. 736, the Protect Small Business from Excessive Paperwork Act of 2025.

Failure to submit the BOIR paperwork puts small business owners at risk of criminal penalties, imprisonment, and fines up to \$10,000.

For more information click the links below.

[Key Vote Letter](#)

[Corporate Transparency Act](#)

[Update FinCEN](#)

Welcome
Spring!



Thank You to Our Reinvesting Members

- Albany Carpet One Floor and Home
- Albany Public Schools Foundation
- American Family Insurance- Brian Robinson Agency
- Barb's Property Management
- Best Pots, Inc. & Site Locker/A&B Septic Service
- BlueSun Employment Services
- Calapooia Watershed Council
- Citizens Bank
- CNC Wood Cutters Oregon
- Depot Cafe
- Dryer Vent Wizard of the Valley
- Eastman, Elaine
- Eastside Christian Church
- Edward Jones - Hurley
- Evashevski Elliott, PC.
- Foress Sign & Mfg., LLC.
- Giving A Hoot Corporation
- Hasty Freez, Inc.
- Healing Motion Physical Therapy
- Hyundai of Albany
- Jordan Jewelers
- Knife River
- Linn County
- Michele Martin Insurance Agency
- Mike's Heating & Air Conditioning
- North Albany Supermarket
- Oregon Credit & Collections Bureau, Inc., dba OCCB
- Oregon Web Press, Inc.
- OSU Extension Service (Linn County)
- Pacific Power
- Physiq Fitness
- Samaritan Albany General Hospital
- SELCO Community Credit Union
- Selectemp Employment Service
- ServiceMaster Restore
- Servpro of Linn & Benton County
- Smith + Company
- Talent Cyber Security
- The Blizzard Blueprint LLC
- TMI Lending, LLC
- United Presbyterian Church
- Vivacity Spirits and Calapooia Brewing
- Ziplly Fiber

Thank You & Congratulations to Our Milestone Members

15 Years Flowers-n-More



10 years Spirit Espresso
Country Financial Morford,
Bonaventure of Albany

5 Years Edward Jones - Hurley

Welcome to the Chamber, New Members!



Linn County Health Services
451 NE Water Ave Suite 2300
Albany OR 97321
(541) 704-3004 [Website](#)



Lucidity Health Clinic
1526 Queen Ave SE
Albany OR 97322
(833)287-5626 [Website](#)



SafeHaven Humane Society
32220 Old Highway34
Tangent OR 97389
(541) 928-2789 [Website](#)

Northwest Custom Coatings, LLC.
3510 Bernard Ave
Albany OR 97322
(541)971-6303

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Women In Business: Janet Steele (President)

Youth Job Fair: Jadyn Baskin (Program and Event Manager)

Chamber Staff

Janet Steele - President

Jadyn Baskin - Program and Event Manager

Erica Hogan - Office Manager

Upcoming Programs & Events

DSA

"Albany's Most Wanted"

Saturday, March 8th, 5:30pm -
Albany Boys & Girls Club \$85 per person

Membership Forum

Wednesday, March 19th, 11:30am - 1pm
Linn County Fair & Expo \$25.00/member \$35.00/non-member

Women in Business

"Success From the Inside Out: The Intersection of Wellness & Leadership"
April 9th, 11:30am-1:00pm

Golf Tournament

June 6th More Info to Come



March Fun Facts:

March 14 is Pi Day - 3.14159265359 Slice of Pi anyone?!
March 9th is the start of Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward
March 10, 1876, Alexander Graham Bell made the 1st ever phone call. It was to his assistant, Mr. Watson.
The 28th is National Something on a stick day, corndog???



March Greeters

Every Thursday, 8:15am

March 6

KRVM Community Radio
Fitzpatrick, 37949 Century Dr, Albany

March 13

Artisan Custom Countertops
1124 South Commercial Way SE, Albany

March 20

WhirLocal
Fitzpatrick, 37949 Century Dr, Albany

March 27

Mennonite Village Foundation
5353 Columbus St SE, Albany

April 3

SafeHaven Humane Society
32220 Old Highway 34, Tangent



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