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## 2019 ORA Industry Awards Celebration

Congratulations to three Chamber members for receiving a 2019 ORA Industry Award! The ORA Industry Awards honor leaders and professionals of Ohio's restaurant and food service industry for their dedication, excellence and service to the industry, communities and beyond.



Cameron Mitchell (Cap City Fine Diner & Bar)  
Lifetime Achievement & Hall of Fame



Jessica & Thad Kittrell (101 Beer Kitchen)  
Outstanding Restaurateur Central



Antonino Lopez (Rusty Bucket Restaurant & Tavern)  
Back of House

## Annual Meeting

ProMusica's Executive Director Janet Chen and Music Director David Danzmayr shared their insights into the complexities of leading a preeminent arts organization in today's world. They discussed their own personal stories of how the art of creative collaboration has inspired their leadership journey.



**2019 Board of Directors.** From left to right Alison Lathey, Bill Montgomery, Scott Robinson, Chamie Townsend, Jeff Cashman, Brad Fisher, Mary Held, Sharon Tomko, Nichol Hohman, Tyler Abrams. Not pictured: Laurie Jadwin, Alison Forche, and Emanuel Torres.



Kevin Dengel, Orchestra Director, and the GLHS Orchestra.

## GACC is Social!

The Gahanna Chamber is active on Facebook and Twitter and we love talking about our members and sharing news about Gahanna with all of our friends! Connect with us to see what is happening in Gahanna and engage by sharing, liking and commenting on our posts. With 900+ fans, we want you to grow with us!



**Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce**

## Golf & TOG Sponsorship Opportunities

We are looking for businesses interested in becoming a 2019 Golf Outing or Taste of Gahanna sponsor! Sponsoring a Chamber event offers your company credibility and exposure to the business community as well as an opportunity to network with business leaders from the area. Not only does a sponsorship create awareness of your products and services, it allows you to target your marketing efforts to business professionals and potential customers in the community. We have sponsorship opportunities that are a perfect fit for every size of business!

[Click Here](#)

For May 13th Golf Outing at Jefferson Country Club sponsorship opportunities

[Click Here](#)

For August 29th Taste of Gahanna sponsorship opportunities

## 2019 Spark Awards Call for Entries Announced

Columbus, OH -January 29, 2019 – Better Business Bureau's (BBB) Center for Character Ethics is now accepting entries and nominations for the 2019 Spark Awards.

The Spark Awards is a BBB recognition award presented by BBB's Center for Character Ethics. The Spark Awards honors entrepreneurs under 35 and entries are evaluated based on three key categories: character, culture and community. The Spark Awards recognizes entrepreneurial organizations whose leaders demonstrate a higher level of character, generate a culture that is authentic, and connect with their community.

The 2019 Spark Awards Class and this year's finalists will be announced at an event in the spring. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners, as well as involving the winning companies in telling their stories during BBB and Center events, and recognizing them at the 2019 Torch Awards for Ethics event in the fall.

For award criteria, to apply or to nominate a business, and to find out more about networking and information sessions, please visit [bbbsparkaward.com](http://bbbsparkaward.com).

For more information and details, follow BBB on Facebook or Twitter.

### About BBB

For more than 100 years, Better Business Bureau has been helping people find businesses, brands and charities they can trust. In 2016, people turned to BBB more than 167 million times for BBB Business Profiles on more than 5.2 million businesses and Charity Reports on 11,000 charities, all available for free at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org). There are local, independent BBBs across the United States, Canada and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Ohio, which was founded in 1921 and serves 21 counties in Central Ohio.

### About BBB Center for Character Ethics

BBB's Center for Character Ethics is a business-supported, free-enterprise advancing non-profit organization focused on serving business managers & classroom educators with leadership character and organizational ethics strengthening resources. Our mission is to provide character ethics assessment, training and recognition to for-profit and nonprofit leaders and to provide k-16 educator-focused character strengthening programs. As a result, we intend to help both producers and consumers flourish in central Ohio.

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## GACC 1st Quarter Renewals

Acloche  
 Alliance Data  
 ARC Industries, Inc.  
 Bell Equipment Company  
 Cindy Mackin, Keller Williams Greater  
 Columbus Realty  
 City of Gahanna  
 Coldwell Banker King Thompson  
 Columbus Airport Marriott  
 Columbus Metropolitan Library  
 Columbus Regional Airport Authority  
 ComDoc  
 COPC Family Physicians of Gahanna  
 CRT Realtors  
 Custom Air Conditioning & Heating  
 DotX Technologies  
 Eastland-Fairfield Career & Tech. School  
 Electronics Automation Corp.  
 Exponentia US, Inc.  
 Eye Columbus|Gahanna Vision Center  
 Gahanna Animal Hospital  
 Gahanna Auto Sales, Inc.  
 Gahanna Christian Academy  
 Gahanna Eyecare Associates  
 Gahanna Historical Society  
 Gahanna Jefferson Public Schools  
 Gahanna License Agency  
 Gahanna Planning & Development Dept.  
 Gahanna Sports Factory  
 Glass Guru of Central Ohio, Inc

Goddard School of Gahanna  
 HealthPro Staffing & Home Care  
 Heartland Bank  
 Heartland Bank (Hamilton Rd.)  
 Hess Chiropractic  
 Home Care Assistance  
 Hutta, James T., DDS  
 Innovative Technology Support  
 Jefferson Golf & Country Club  
 Jet's Pizza  
 Karpac, Dr. James, DDS  
 Kennedy Cottrell Richards LLC  
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 Lbrands  
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 Mifflin Township  
 Minuteman Press  
 Mount Carmel Health System  
 MT Business Technologies  
 North Central Counseling  
 Nth Degree  
 OIA Service Corporation  
 One Church  
 Palmer-Miller-Nelson Ins. Partners

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 Peace Lutheran Church  
 Progressive Health and Rehab Corp.  
 Regal Beverage Concepts, Inc.  
 Ribbon Technology Corporation  
 Robert B. Lowe, DDS  
 Rosen USA, Inc.  
 Schneider Insurance Agency  
 Schoedinger Funeral & Cremation Service  
 Northeast  
 Senator Kevin Bacon  
 Shari Sander, Coldwell Banker King  
 Thompson  
 Shawan-Marquis Agency, Inc.  
 Sleep Number  
 Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance  
 Spectrum  
 Step Lively Foot & Ankle Centers  
 Stygler Village  
 Terracon Consultants, Inc.  
 ThisWeek Community Newspapers  
 Tide Dry Cleaners  
 Toyota Direct  
 Vic's Body Shop  
 Viers Chiropractic Center  
 Wendy's  
 WesBanco  
 Wesley Construction  
 WinnScapes, Inc.  
 WOW! Internet, Cable & Phone

### Electric Solutions, Inc.

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Doug and Drue Galiardi, Co-Founders

- Gahanna business since 2008
- Industry leader in providing quality electrical design, construction, service and maintenance
- Galiardi family is committed to their customers and the success of their workers
- Participate in an Apprenticeship Program with Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)

Co-Founders Doug and Drue Galiardi recognized at the 22nd City Groundhog Breakfast for

- 1) Take Risks
- 2) Drive Innovation
- 3) Excel in Workforce
- 4) Committed to Gahanna



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## SOCA BENEFIT PLAN



Shopping for health insurance can be a time-consuming and confusing task, especially for a small business owner wearing multiple hats. But we have good news! Now, through your local Chamber of Commerce, you may be able to participate in the SOCA Benefit Plan -- a self-funded insurance pool that enables small businesses to take advantage of a simpler process, more rate stability, and potential cost savings.

- Provides an alternative to community rating
- By being part of a larger self funded pool you will have financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage, predictable fixed monthly payments, and rating stability.
- Along with Anthem's network you'll see deep negotiated discounts and more choices for your employers.
- Health and wellness programs to help support healthier employees and fewer claims

*For More Information Visit:*  
[Gahannaareachamber.com/member-benefits/member-savings/](http://Gahannaareachamber.com/member-benefits/member-savings/)

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## WOMEN IN BUSINESS EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

REGISTER FOR THE 2019 SERIES AND BRING A  
GUEST TO EACH EVENT FOR FREE!

\$40 (Member) or \$60 (Nonmember)



### 2019 Women in Business Series:

February 21st

Influencing Change: How to Sell Your Ideas & Get Results  
Mary Held, Mary Held & Associates

May 16th

The Importance of Resilience/How to Stay Resilient During Times of Change  
Mt. Carmel Physicians from Psychiatry Team

July 18th

Panel Discussion: Personal & Professional Stories of Amazing/Inspiring Change  
Cathy Turner, The Boutique Truck & Jeanne Gokcen, FutureCom Technologies

October 17th

How Do We Make Change Happen?  
Round Table Discussion - Strategies from the book *How Women Rise*

### **CLICK HERE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!**

Women in Business events are open to all women in the area regardless of GACC membership status. All events are held at Mount Carmel East Siegel Center from 7:30-9:00a and include a breakfast buffet.

Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce  
81 Mill Street, Suite 300  
Gahanna, OH 43230





## 2019 Board of DIRECTORS

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## Upcoming Events

### State of the City

March 14th • 6:00-8:00p

Old Gahanna Sanctuary

82 N. High Street • Gahanna, OH 43230

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

\*Sponsorship & exhibitor opportunities are available

## 2019 GACC January New Members

**Acloche**  
acloche.com

**Gahanna Sports Factory**  
gahannasportsfactory.com

**Goodwill Columbus**  
goodwillcolumbus.org

**Kiddie Academy of Gahanna**  
kiddieacademy.com/gahanna

**Progressive Health & Rehab Corp.**  
progressivehealthohio.com

**Sleep Number**  
sleepnumber.com

**Even with all the Health Care Reform Changes you  
can still get a discount through your local chamber**

As a chamber member with 2-50 employees, you can get a discount on any health plan from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield – including industry-leading HSAs, HRAs and HIAs.\*

Despite the ongoing changes and confusion surrounding health care reform, your local chamber continues to offer employer insurance options for the 23rd straight year with a 1.4% discount exclusively for chamber members!

Please go to the Chamber website <http://www.cocchealth.com/> for more information or call 1-888-506-1574.

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