

Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance news and upcoming programs:

- ASCEND of Williamsburg, our new Young Professionals program within the Chamber, plans an event monthly (either social/networking or educational). Our next event is on May 30th which will be a social at Amber Ox Public House, which will take place before the June newsletter, but please do share our link for information on the program! We update the page regularly with new event information and registration to join our email lists. Ages 21-39.
<https://www.williamsburgcc.com/young-professionals>
- The Chamber Travels Abroad Program is a great way for families, friends, and chamber members to come together and join us as we travel to beautiful cities overseas. These are amazing opportunities to participate in international journeys to incredible destinations, where program participants can experience the country's culture, learn about its business climate, and make new friends. Our next trip is heading to Greece and the sunny Mediterranean on October 18, 2018. For more information on the trip including the full itinerary and early-bird rate ending June 15, please visit: <https://www.williamsburgcc.com/programs/chamber-travels-abroad>
- The Greater Williamsburg Chamber "411 Business Explorers" and Epsilon Delta Boule "757 Medical Explorers" wrapped up another year and gave presentations of the different professions they explored. The program offers local 9th-12th grade students in all area schools an opportunity to explore and interact with leaders of various types of businesses within the chamber and to be educated in the practices and skills needed as they begin to make career choices and develop leadership skills; the medical group does the same with medical professions. Typically the organization meets one evening per month with dinner provided, a student-run business meeting to discuss activities, fundraisers or previous post explorations followed by a presentation by a business including what the business does, a "day in the life", skills/education and a hands-on activity to help them visualize that position and develop collaborative skills. To learn more about the program and to register a high school student for the 2019 school year, please visit: <https://www.williamsburgcc.com/programs/careers-post> or contact Michelle Williams at Williams@williamsburgcc.com. Additional photos from the wrap-up can be found [here](#).
- The Chamber Women's Business Council meets every other month (next meeting on June 27) and focuses on empowering, uniting and inspiring women through business and community endeavors. The mission is accomplished by: Bringing together women of diverse occupations to provide opportunities for professional and personal growth through networking, leadership development, peer to peer engagement, mentoring and educational programs. There will be a social event at Billsburg Brewery in July. For more information on this program, email phillips@williamsburgcc.com.