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Feb. 25 - March 1, 2019

Don't Miss: 60th Annual State Chamber/AIA Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner May 8-10

Don't miss the 60th Annual State Chamber/AIA Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner May 8-10. Gov. Asa Hutchinson will be joining us. Events will include U.S. Chamber Briefings, Senate and House Delegation Forums and the Congressional Dinner & Reception.

Read more [here](#).



Leadership Arkansas Holding Session VII: Tourism, History & Revitalization March 28-29 in Hot Springs

Leadership Arkansas Class XIII Session VII: Tourism, History & Revitalization will be held Thursday and Friday, March 28-29 in Hot Springs.

Read more [here](#).



Leading Arkansas Healthcare Organizations Partner to Promote Workforce Excellence

For the 11th consecutive year, six organizations are partnering to promote a statewide healthcare seminar, titled *The Unconscious Barriers to Workforce Quality*, on June 18 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock.

Read more [here](#).



SAVE THE DATE!
2019 Governor's Quality Award
Healthcare Seminar



"The Unconscious Barriers to Workforce Quality"



Tuesday, June 18
Embassy Suites Hotel, Little Rock

Presenting Sponsors



Watch for information on additional sessions and registration!

Arkansas Recycling Coalition

Holding 2019 Student Environmental and Recycling Summit

The Arkansas Recycling Coalition is holding the 2019 Student Environmental and Recycling Summit from 9 a.m. – 12 noon this Thursday, Feb. 28 at Virco Manufacturing Corp. on 1701 Sturgis Road in Conway.

Read more [here](#).



Governor's Quality Award Still Accepting Applicants for 2019 Board of Examiners

The Governor's Quality Award is still accepting prospective members for its 2019 Board of Examiners. This training and hands-on assessment opportunity is relevant across all industry sectors.

Read more [here](#).



ADEQ Accepting Applications for 2019 Environmental Awards

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications for 2019 ADEQ Environmental awards. Applications are due by March 8.

Read more [here](#).



Arkansas Inc. Manufacturing Solutions Offering ExporTech Beginning March 13

Arkansas Inc. Manufacturing Solutions is offering ExporTech from March 13 – June 5, three sessions that help companies develop an export plan in just 12 weeks.

For more information, click [here](#).



Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in the Workplace Support Day March 21

Gov. Hutchinson has proclaimed March 21 as Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Employment Support Day. Arkansas businesses are urged to take part. Please respond to Yvette Swift at Yvette.Swift@dhs.arkansas.gov by March 11 if you are interested.

February 26, 2019

To all Arkansas business owners and managers

Governor Asa Hutchinson has proclaimed March 20, 2019, as Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Employment Support Day.

The Governor's Office, in cooperation with the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS), encourage all Arkansas businesses to take part in supporting their businesses to individuals with developmental disabilities on Employment Support Day. Businesses can choose how they want to participate. A business could hold an "open house" that day to answer general job or office questions and allow an individual to shadow one of its employees performing job duties for an hour that day.

In the past year, more than 40 individuals with developmental disabilities have participated in the State Supported Employment Program, and these people have grown to be legal and valuable employees. When given a chance, people with developmental disabilities share their tremendous talent and abilities. They want to contribute to their communities.

If you want to participate, DDS will be happy to highlight you as a participating business. Please respond to [Travis Judd](mailto:Travis.Judd@dds.ark.gov) (Travis.Judd@dds.ark.gov) by March 11, 2019 and let us know if you plan to take part. Please send the name and contact information of the person who will coordinate participation for your business. For those businesses who prefer to participate in person, we will best your participation to a certain number of individuals for a specific time frame on that day.

We hope you will participate on March 20 to help recognize and honor the individuals with developmental disabilities in the workplace. DDS believes that employment is one of the capabilities of these individuals during this transition. The ultimate hope is that individuals with Developmental Disabilities Employment Support Day will lead to more employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities in their communities across the state.

Sincerely,

Ed H. Division of Developmental Disabilities Services

Thanks to Our New and Upgraded Members

Thanks to the following companies that have recently joined or increased their membership investment in the State Chamber/AIA.

Georgetown Farm
Holloway Engineering
Southland Holdings
Vire Control Systems
Unilever - Jonesboro



Thanks to Our Pinnacle Members

We would like to thank and recognize **Southland Holdings** for joining the Associated Industries of Arkansas as a Pinnacle Crown member. Thanks to our more than 140 Pinnacle investors that support the State Chamber/AIA at the highest annual investment levels.

For more information on the Pinnacle program, click [here](#).



Calendar of Events

March 28-29
Leadership Arkansas Session VII
Tourism, History & Revitalization
Hot Springs

April 24-26
Leadership Arkansas Session VIII
Regional Development
Northwest Arkansas

May 8-10
60th Annual Washington Fly-In & Congressional Dinner
Washington, D.C.

May 23-24
Leadership Arkansas Session IX
Leadership, Planning & Graduation



Little Rock

June 18
Governor's Quality Award Healthcare Seminar
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