About EPIC Toledo

EPIC Toledo, a program of the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, was started to develop future business and community leaders, to provide emerging leaders with a voice regarding the future of our region, and to attract and retain diverse young talent to our region. Today, EPIC Toledo has more than 1,500 individual members and 63 corporate members. Visit www.epictoledo.com to learn how to become involved!

Mentor Match Up

The best advice comes from those who have been there. This year, 12 EPIC Toledo Summit participants have the chance to win a one-on-one mentoring session with one of 12 community leaders! This is an amazing opportunity for you to make an important business connection.

If you win, you will be able to discuss important topics including career advancement, philanthropy, leadership skills and management techniques. You should have received three entry cards at check-in. To enter, just drop your three cards into the containers next to the pictures of the business leaders you are interested in meeting. If one of your cards is drawn, you will be contacted via email. Limit one win per person.

EPIC Toledo Summit

Career, Community & Connections

Presented by:

Thursday, November 13, 2014
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
The Radisson Hotel at UTMC
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.
Opening Keynote - Marc D. Folk: Creative Toledo: The Economic and Social Profit of Arts & Culture—Mahogany
Toledo is home to many world-class artistic and cultural institutions. It is also home to a growing number of arts-related creative businesses that are changing the landscape of our community. Marc D. Folk, Executive Director of the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo will share information on the expanding collaboration within the arts and culture sector and how the continued development of the creative industries are generating economic and social profit for our city.

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.
Seizing New Career Opportunities - Career - Birch/Elm
Sometimes life will open a door for you, but you need to be ready to seize the opportunity. President of Lourdes University Dr. David Livingston will discuss the importance of trying new things and understanding your transferrable skills.

Community Leadership as a Young Professional - Community - Maple/Oak
A panel consisting of Amanda Geletka, Client Executive, Brooks Insurance; Jim Walrod, National Accounts Team Leader, The Image Group; and Lindsay McKibben, Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lending, Signature Bank N.A. will discuss the good, bad and ugly of volunteering.

Strengths, Vision, and Purpose: Leading in Local and Global Contexts - Connections - Pine/Willow
Lakeesha K. Ransom, PhD, Dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College at the University of Toledo, has a more than 15-year career working in corporate, not-for-profit, educational and government organizations. Additionally, she serves as a principal of Mariposa Global, a firm that provides consultation services to Fortune 200 companies, government agencies and other organizations on strategic management, learning and leadership development.

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
Embracing on a Nonprofit Career - Career - Birch/Elm
Tracey Edwards, Executive Vice President, National Exchange Club and Dave Wehrmeister, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Toledo will describe the unique aspects of working for a nonprofit organization.

Lessons from the 180th - Community - Maple/Oak
Colonel Craig Baker, Commander of the 180th Ohio Air National Guard will share the values and mission that drive the 180th and how you can apply them to your life.

Gaining and Retaining Talent in the Toledo Region - Connections - Pine/Willow
Joel Marcovitch, Chief Executive Officer, The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo; Shonda Davis, Manager, Corporate Gaining and Retaining Talent in the Toledo Region will discuss the importance of retaining talent.

11:15 - Noon
Overcoming Obstacles and Meeting Goals - Career - Birch/Elm
Roadblocks can slow you down, but they don’t have to stop you. Director of Operations at La-Z-Boy Terry Awls shares his story of overcoming the odds and forging a successful career.

The Latest on the Land Bank - Community - Maple/Oak
What is the Lucas County Land Bank and how does it benefit our community? Lucas County Land Bank Chairman Wade Kapszukiewicz, President David Mann and Vice President and General Counsel Josh Mummen will describe how the Lucas County Land Bank works to reduce blight, increase property values, strengthen neighborhoods, and improve the quality of life for all Lucas County residents.

Global Inclusive Leadership - Connections - Pine/Willow
We live in a world where we now are all global citizens. How can we effectively navigate through this new challenge while being respectful and inclusive of others? Join Margarita De Leon, Vice President of Client Leadership, The Kaleidoscope Group, LLC, as she shares some of the global shifts occurring in the world and what we need to be doing to be successful in this new era.

Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch Keynote - Stephanie Streeter: Own Your Moment - Mahogany
Stephanie A. Streeter was named Libbey’s Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on August 1, 2011. An accomplished public company CEO and corporate director, Streeter has led a number of consumer-facing, industrial manufacturing and service businesses and has a solid history of building world-class leadership teams that drive business success and innovation.

2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Leading from the Heart - Career - Birch/Elm
Leadership is about understanding and relating to your team. George Brymer, COO, The Image Group and President, All Square, Inc. will describe the six vital integrities of a successful leader.

Entrepreneurial Business Excellence Panel - Connections - Pine/Willow
Join past EBE Business Hall of Fame recipients Mo Dari, President and CEO, The Oasis Restaurant & Delivery; Michael Uckele, CEO, Uckele Health & Nutrition; and Yuval Zaliouk, CEO, YZ Enterprises, Inc. to hear about how they have become entrepreneurial successes.

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
The Three E’s of Effective Communication - Career - Birch/Elm
Dale Carnegie Trainer John Adams from the Adams Group LLC speaks about effective communication and how it relates to your career, community and connections.

Zoo, Art & Parks - Community - Maple/Oak
Jeff Sailer, Executive Director, Toledo Zoo; Brian Kennedy, President, Director and CEO, Toledo Museum of Art; and Steve Maderwell, Executive Director, Metroparks of the Toledo Area give updates on what is happening at these three community assets and how they impact the Toledo Region.

Social Media Etiquette - Connections - Pine/Willow
Marie Dunn-Harris, Writer/Social Media Specialist at Bowling Green State University discusses how to professionally connect using social media and how to build your online image.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Closing Keynote - Dr. Romules Durant: Toledo Public Schools-the Future is Now - Mahogany
Dr. Romules Durant was named the 30th superintendent of Toledo Public Schools in 2013. Prior to being named superintendent, Dr. Durant served as a teacher, administrator and assistant superintendent during his 15-year career with TPS. Among Dr. Durant’s many achievements at TPS, he played a crucial role in creating the district’s multi-year TPS Transformation Plan that aimed to increase community partnerships, broaden educational opportunities for students and establish neighborhood schools.

Closing Keynote - Mahogany
Dr. Romules Durant will discuss how to create a successful future for Toledo Public Schools.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Social at 31 Hundred Lounge - Connections
Continue the networking and socializing after the EPIC Summit Presented by The Andersons at the Social! at 31 Hundred Lounge at the Radisson. Bring your business cards and keep the energy going after the EPIC Toledo Summit with complimentary appetizers and a cash bar.