

June 7, 2019



Friday Focus

Events Next Week

Tuesday, June 11th - Restaurant Series

Fuel'd Cafe

Held inside Wellmark YMCA, 501 Grand Ave., 11:30 AM

[Register](#)

Thursday, June 13th - Member University

"Increasing Your Predictable Business Results"

Held at Gravitate, 500 Locust St., 3:30 PM

[Register](#)

Friday, June 14th - LEAP

"Implicit Bias"

Held at Renaissance Savery, 401 Locust St., 8:00 AM

[Register](#)



[Visit the full calendar of events](#)

Golf



Inaugural Downtown Chamber Golf Tournament

Monday, September 16th

Hosted at Wakonda Club, 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Get in on early-bird pricing: [Register yourself or a foursome](#)

Impact



Central Iowa Makes History Repeating as National Titlist in the 2019 CIRT Design & Construction Competition

Last month, the Downtown Chamber invited students from the ACE mentoring program to practice their national competition presentation in front of a live audience of Downtown Chamber members from a mix of industries, including architecture, engineering, and construction. Attendees were invited to participate like judges and challenge the students with real-world questions about their project proposal. This mock-

presentation has been a tradition of the Downtown Chamber's DIG program for the past several years. Below is an excerpt from today's press release:

In an unprecedented history-making performance, the ACE mentor team from Central Iowa again took home top honors for the second year in a row, being crowned National Champions in the thirteenth annual CIRT Design & Construction Competition.

The three finalists had survived a grueling preliminary round that saw a record-setting 64 entries, to vie against each other in the final presentation round during the ACE Mentor of America's 25th Anniversary Celebration and All-Affiliates Conference, at the National Harbor, MD Gaylord Resort Hotel, on May 14, 2019. A distinguished panel of judges was headed by Thomas Gilbane, Jr. (Gilbane Building Company) included: Denise Ramsey (Haskell Company); Tim Faerber (HNTB Corporation); Tom Donnelly (BrightView Landscaping Development); and Scott Seltz (ENR). At the gala dinner, before some 400 guests, CIRT President, Mark A. Casso, Esq., NAC, announced the order of finish as follows:

- First Place and a prize of \$5,000 went to: **ACE Mentor Program of Central Iowa**: for their Play Ground/Scape entry: "Unboxed;"
- Second Place and a prize of \$3,000 went to: **ACE Mentor Program of Greater New York (Team 30)** for their Alleviate Urban Transportation Congestion entry: "Crosstown;" and
- Third Place and a prize of \$2,000 went to: **ACE Mentor Program of Hawaii** for their Community Health Clinic entry: "War Natatorium Health Clinic."

[Read the Full Press release here](#)



Are you currently looking for a student intern this summer?

The Downtown Chamber is working together with an s2e Partner, **Evelyn K. Davis Center**, to help connect members to students in their Summer Youth Employment Program. They are currently seeking businesses with internship opportunities. [Learn more](#)

[here.](#)

Also, tonight is the **Des Mardi** fundraiser, supporting these students. At Des Mardi, you'll experience the tastes, sights and sounds of the Big Easy in the elegant surrounds of the World Food Prize, featuring The Nola Jazz Band, Mikayla Oz Magic and Cirque Wonderland.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th, 7 p.m.

World Food Prize, 100 Locust St., Des Moines

[More information here](#)

Downtown Chamber Leadership Represents in D.C.

Downtown Chamber Board leaders and staff attended the Greater Des Moines Partnership's annual D.C. Fly-in, #DMDC2019, on May 8th-10th.



Nearly 200 business leaders and local government officials were in Washington, D.C. last week. It was the 40th year for this trip, which is regarded as the Partnership's launch point for advocacy at the federal level.

Partnership Perk

As a Member of the Downtown Chamber, you are automatically a Member of Greater Des Moines Partnership.

Seize the City

Seize the City is a series of free events for interns spending their summer in Greater Des Moines (DSM). The series contains various networking events designed to engage summer interns with business and community leaders, young professionals and other interns while incorporating exposure to many of the quality of life amenities and professional development opportunities in the region. If you are interested in Seize the City or want to learn more, [click here](#).

Internship Toolkit

Are you thinking about implementing an internship program at your organization, but aren't sure where to start? Or perhaps you have had interns in the past and are looking for ways to make your program more formalized and effective. Check out The Greater Des Moines Partnership's internship toolkit: [Internships 101](#). The free, online guide provides employers with tools to successfully implement and maintain an internship program within their organizations.

The online guide walks through key areas of implementation, beginning with establishing a plan, recruiting and hiring, and management tips. Also included are resources such as a sample job description, local college and university contacts, sample interview questions and legal considerations.

If you are still looking to hire interns. Check out our resume database on the Career Center, which can be accessed at <https://www.careersdsmusa.com>.

Volunteer Openings

It's ribbon-cutting season! The Ambassadors are seeking additional volunteers to help out and attend at ribbon cutting events.

If you're interested in being part of an energetic team that supports new and expanding businesses, let us know!

To inquire or participate on this committee, contact [Melanie Suljic](#) (Ambassadors Chair).



Thank You





Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers who made the Annual Downtown Chamber Economic Bike Tour possible last week! Due to weather, the tours were combined into just one day, Thursday, and riders enjoyed a perfect, sunny afternoon to explore the Market District and south of MLK.

The event was also supported by the **Street Collective** for bike rental and leading the route, **DART Central Station** as our start/stop host, the **City of Des Moines** for providing commentary at our stops, **Court Avenue Restaurant & Brewing Co.** provided post-event refreshments, and **Keck Parking** for providing the lot for our attendees. And, thank you to **Randy Pelham**, who served as our "Bike Guard" when attendees toured inside a stop!

Our stops and speakers this year were **The Old Depot** (Des Moines Heritage Trust), **Rowat Lofts** (Nelson Construction & Development), and **The Depot** with a view of the **EMC Overlook**, and two historic bridges along the route. Riders even got to experience a Downtown train delay on bike!

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Be sure to update your records, our new address is:
500 Locust St., Suite 101, Des Moines, IA 50309

New Phone Number:
515-297-6333

We invite you to stop by anytime to visit and share with us how the Downtown Chamber can help your business.

Pictured: Jennifer Chittenden (Downtown Chamber) with special Gravitare resident, Hercules.



New Website

Our website has a new look, more resources, and new features!

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The Des Moines Downtown Chamber of Commerce is a provider of information and resources for the downtown community through knowledge sharing, the fostering of civility, and understanding of economic issues in the service of the betterment and sustained growth and success of Downtown Des Moines.



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