

April 26, 2019



Friday Focus

Events Next Week

Restaurant Series, April 29th

Held at Atlantic Bottling, 3600 Army Post Rd., 11:30am

[Register](#)

DIG Special Event - ACE Students Presentation, May 1st

Held at Cityville, 550 SW 9th St., 8:00am

[Register](#)



[Visit the full calendar of events](#)

Impact



Downtown Chamber Members Participate in Day on the Hill with the Greater Des Moines Partnership

The Downtown Chamber of Commerce recently joined the Greater Des Moines Partnership and other local Chamber and business leaders to advocate on behalf of the region at the Iowa State Capitol during The Partnership's annual "Day on the Hill" event on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. More than 80 business and community leaders participated in the event. Attendees had the opportunity to talk with members of the Iowa General

Assembly and the Administration to work on mutually beneficial legislative goals and objectives for the economic betterment of Iowa. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear remarks from Gov. Kim Reynolds.

City Connect Brings Businesses and City Leaders Together

City Connect offered a space for Downtown Chamber members to have easy access to multiple local leaders on April 11th to communicate their needs and priorities. Mayor Cownie, Councilman Mandelbaum, Supervisors Hockensmith and McCoy, Terry Vorbrich, Ryan Moffatt, Cody Christensen, and Mike Ludwig all participated as representatives to listen and help guide businesses with their questions. Thank you to Christensen Development (Presenting Sponsor) and East Village Spa for your support of this influential series. Thank you also to the City of Des Moines for hosting in the Council Chambers. Watch for more City Connect events this summer.



Student and Business Connections

The Downtown Chamber's Student-to-Employer (s2e) initiative is focused on connecting high-school and college-age students with member businesses, and it includes business training, student training, and connection activities for students and employers. As we prepare for the summer and fall, businesses who are considering hosting interns are encouraged to participate in a free training session presented by Kay Oskvig from Whitfield & Eddy. [Details and Registration](#)

Workplace Win: The Do's & Don'ts of Hiring Youth in the Workplace

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Hosted at Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services- Knudsen Rm

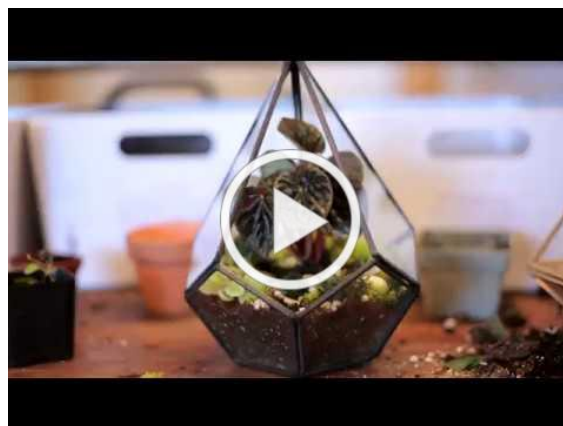
Topics

1. FLSA/OSHA
2. Child Labor Laws
3. Age & Hour Limitations
4. General safety and liability questions
5. Insurance considerations
6. Laws for unpaid vs paid interns
7. Internship paperwork vs new employee hire? What do they, or don't they, need to sign?
8. Six required criteria defined by DOL for unpaid internships
9. Considerations for college-age internships

Student Video Project Showcases Downtown Des Moines

In addition, earlier this month Downtown Chamber members were visited by students from Blue Valley Southwest High School, located in Overland Park, Kansas to build hands-on experience for their Broadcasting class. Thank you to the Greater Des Moines Partnership and Catch Des Moines for helping with the video briefs and welcoming the students to Des Moines, and also to all of our chamber members who took time to work with the students. Our community benefited from this project with the gift of several promotional videos to highlight aspects of our city. [Learn more about this project and the Downtown Chamber's experience working with the students.](#)

Video: "Big Small Business"



[See more videos from the students here on the Downtown Chamber's YouTube Channel](#)

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>.

New Office

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

This week, we shifted into our permanent office, Suite 101, located inside Gravitare.

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

A special thank you to Art Terrarium for providing the plants and tree, adding a lovely green to the space!



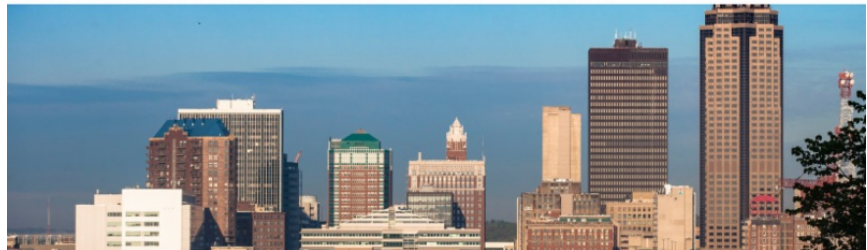
New Website

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

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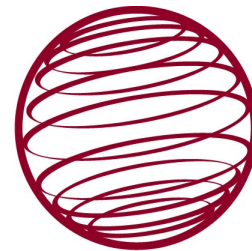
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Mission:

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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