

33RD ANNUAL ATHENA AWARDS LUNCHEON



We are thrilled to announce that the 33rd ATHENA Awards Luncheon was a remarkable success, showcasing the incredible achievements of our award recipients! Diana Stanley was honored with the prestigious ATHENA Leadership Award, recognizing her outstanding contributions to our community. Angelica Santibanez received the ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award, celebrating her promising potential and commitment to excellence. The Gehring Group was awarded the ATHENA Organizational Leadership Award, highlighting its impactful role in fostering growth within our local business landscape.

Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the event as well as the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts for hosting. Special thanks to our generous sponsors who made this celebration possible.

For more information on upcoming chamber events please visit palmbeaches.org.

2024 ATHENA Awards winners, from left: Danielle Shull, Diana Stanley and Angelica Santibanez. CAPEHART

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The Chamber's 2024 Chairman's Circle promises to be an entertaining and memorable affair. We will recognize our outgoing Chair, Dean Kimberly Lea, and welcome our 2024 Chairman, Mr. Michael Davis.

This year's theme is Boots & Bourbon & Sweet Tea, in honor of Mr. Davis' Tennessee roots! Boots are not required but encouraged! Live music from Leafy Greens Band, as well as a silent auction and much, much more!

Chairman's Circle Annual Dinner

Saturday, Nov. 2

When: 6:30-9 p.m.

Where: Phillips Point, 777 South Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Tickets: Member admission, \$350

■ Platinum Sponsor — \$5,000: Four tickets to the event, recognition at the dinner and their company name and logo in an article appearing in The Palm Beach Post.

■ Gold Sponsor — \$2,500: Two tickets to the event, recognition at the dinner and their company name and logo in an article appearing in The Palm Beach Post

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Grasford Smith is a nationally recognized commercial litigator and equity partner at Akerman LLP, with nearly 20 years of experience representing diverse clients, including Fortune 500 companies, a major league baseball team



and a university. He handles a wide range of legal matters such as contractual, shareholder, intellectual property and real estate disputes. Smith's notable cases include representing a New York state development corporation in a \$4 billion redevelopment project

and securing an injunction for a marine lighting company in a non-compete violation case.

Smith is the immediate past president of the Palm Beach County Bar Association and currently serves in leadership roles with the Florida Bar, National Bar Association and Florida State University College of Business. Smith has received numerous honors, including being listed in "500 Leading Lawyers in America" by Law Dragon, Best Lawyers in America and named one of Legacy Magazine's "Corporate Executive of the Year". He holds degrees from Florida State University and New York University School of Law as well as certificates from Cornell and Harvard. Smith currently serves as a Trustee of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday
OCT. 16

Business After Hours for YPOP: Chamber & FAU Community Connection
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Venture X

700 S. Rosemary Ave Suite 204
West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early Bird Discount deadline: Thursday, Oct. 10. Members: \$20 with discount, \$25 without discount. Nonmembers: \$30 with discount, \$35 without discount **Contact:** Roxine Green at rgreen@palmbeaches.org

Tuesday
OCT. 22

Business After Hours at South East Spas
When: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: South East Spas, 2838 Okeechobee Blvd.,

West Palm Beach, FL 33409 **Cost:** Early Bird Discount deadline: Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m. Members: \$20 with discount, \$30 without discount. Nonmembers: \$25 with discount, \$35 without discount **Contact:** Roxine Green at rgreen@palmbeaches.org

Thursday
OCT. 24

2024 Firefighter Awards Breakfast
When: 7:30-9 a.m. Where: West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd.,

West Palm Beach, FL 33401 **Cost:** Early Registration ends: Friday, Oct. 11. Members: Individual tickets — \$55 with discount, \$60 without discount. Full table of 10, \$650. Nonmembers: Individual tickets — \$75 with discount, \$80 without discount. Full table of 10, \$800 **Contact:** Roxine Green at rgreen@palmbeaches.org

Tuesday
OCT. 29

Business Builder
When: 9-10 a.m. Where: Chamber Boardroom, 401 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach,

FL 33401 **Cost:** Free to members and nonmembers **Contact:** Jessica Straghn at jstraghn@palmbeaches.org

Palm Beach County and West Palm Beach firefighters to be honored at breakfast on Oct. 24



The Chamber's annual Firefighter Breakfast will honor both Palm Beach County and West Palm Beach firefighters for their courage and dedication to keeping our community safe.

Award Sponsors and West Palm Beach Fire and Rescue Chief Diana Matty will be making the annual award presentations for Outstanding Firefighter of the Year, Outstanding Station of the Year, Outstanding Leadership and Outstanding Community Service.

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Full table of 10, \$650

Nonmembers: \$75 with discount, \$80 without discount. Full table of 10, \$800

Contact: 561-833-3711 or visit palmbeaches.org for more information

2024 AWARD CATEGORIES

- Outstanding Community Service
- Outstanding Station of the Year
- Outstanding Firefighter of the Year
- Outstanding Leadership Award

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2025 Leadership West Palm Beach Application NOW OPEN

Join the 2025 class of Leadership West Palm Beach today.



Investment: Chamber Members \$1,300; Nonmembers, \$1,500 tuition nonrefundable

Application deadline: Friday, Oct. 31

2025 Class Dates

Orientation: Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, 3:30-6 p.m.

City Center Day: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Cityplace Day: Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

The South End Day: Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Western Communities: Wednesday, March 5, 2025, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The North End: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Community & Culture: Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Health & Human Services: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Graduation: June (date TBD)

For more information on Leadership West Palm Beach, contact Teri Page at tpage@palmbeaches.org or 561-833-3711, ext. 228.

RIBBON CUTTING



Bennisson Watch

Sept. 25, 2024

2250 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Suite 109, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

561-629-7815, bennissonwatch.com



Coffee & Chat with Past ATHENA Young Professional Recipients

ATHENA Past Young Professional Awardees, Sarah Criser Elwell and Alexandria Ayala, gave great insight into what it took to become ATHENA Award-worthy.



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY
1/2 PENNY PLAN

ABOUT THE 1/2 PENNY

This November, Palm Beach County voters will have the opportunity to **invest in our children, our schools, and our future with the 1/2 penny sales tax for education.**

This dedicated funding is a continuation of an existing 1/2 penny that has ensured Palm Beach County is fostering strong schools and strong communities.

1/2 PENNY KEEPS OUR SCHOOLS STRONG

- ENHANCES** school security and safety
- FUNDS** capital and maintenance projects
- IMPROVES** classroom technology and equipment
- UPGRADES** the school bus fleet
- REINVESTS** in schools and facilities
- THE 1/2 PENNY** is a continuation of an existing sales tax rate for schools in Palm Beach County and **will not raise taxes**

1/2 PENNY KEEPS OUR COMMUNITY STRONG

- Dedicated funding for specific capital-related projects for traditional public and charter public schools
- Independent oversight committee of local experts and citizens ensures transparency and accountability
- Invests in our kids, classroom technology, and school safety to keep our schools strong
- Tourists, businesses, and residents all contribute to the plan
- The 1/2 penny expires in 2035 and cannot be reissued without voter approval

LEARN MORE AT www.StrongSchoolsPBC.com

JOIN NOW TO APPEAR IN THE 2025 GUIDE TO THE PALM BEACHES!

Looking to attract business? Increase your visibility and your sales by appearing in the Chamber's 2025 Guide to the Palm Beaches. This award-winning, full-color publication is used as a buying guide for products and services by Chamber members as well as residents, tourists and visitors to Palm Beach County. The Chamber prints 4,000 copies of the guide and each member of the Chamber receives two free listings – one alphabetical and one by business category. The Guide will debut at the Mayor's State of the City Address on Jan. 30, 2025. It will also be available in the Chamber's lobby and online at palmbeaches.org directly after the State of the City.



Chamber seminar

On Sept. 7, 2024, Susan Kaplan and Grace Tallman Johnson informed chamber members about the Corporate Transparency Act, which requires businesses to disclose beneficial owners. They emphasized compliance and the chamber's support for members navigating these regulatory changes.

For more information on seminars visit palmbeaches.org.

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