

FOX CITIES WEEK

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Your connection to employers, economic development & quality of life in the Fox Cities region

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Recipients of Chamber Excellence in Education Shining Star Awards announced



Watch Lawrence University's Jesus Smith learn he was named recipient of the Excellence in Higher Education Award on WFRV's Local 5 Live.

We are excited to announce the 2022 Excellence in Education Shining Star Award recipients, selected by a distinguished volunteer panel of Fox Cities education professionals:

- Excellence in Student Services Award: **Gena Frey**, UW Oshkosh
- Excellence in Special Education Award: **Jen VanDenEng**, Appleton Area School District
- Excellence in Career and Technical Education Award: **Nathan Nolte**, Fox Valley Lutheran High School
- Inclusive Excellence in Education Award: **Jan Koshalek**, Tullar Elementary School
- Excellence in Early Childhood Education Award: In Memory of **Silia Hurula**, Gerber Child Development Center
- Excellence in K-12 Education Award: **Jean Horst**, Edison Elementary

- Excellence in Higher Education Award: **Jesus Smith**, Lawrence University
- Educator of the Year 2022 Finalists: **Greg Forton**, Hortonville High School; **Ashley Rubens**, River View Middle School; **Scott Hertting**, Neenah High School; **Rebecca Whittle**, Appleton West

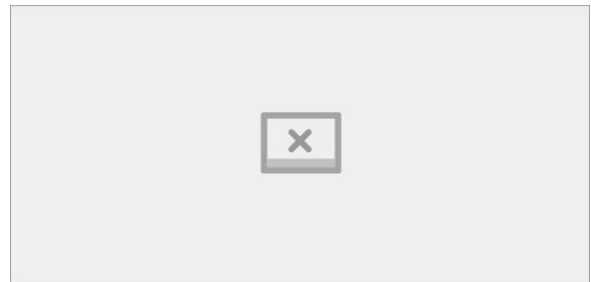
Watch this newsletter and our social media pages for videos of each winner, so you can hear their stories of excellence! All award winners will be recognized at a dinner on Tuesday, April 5, and the Educator of the Year will also be announced that night.

Register for Excellence in Education Awards, presented by Bergstrom

Why you should come Celebrate with us April 7th!

Join us on April 7 to celebrate community at the *Celebrate Fox Cities Annual Dinner*. It will be an evening to remember as leaders from across our community gather at the Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel for a new event that combines the spirit of past Chamber business leadership events into a single, must-attend dinner and celebration.

The Boldt Company and Johnson Financial Group are presenting sponsors and ThedaCare is sponsoring the keynote speaker, Dan Nevins. Join us as we hear Dan's story of hope and encouragement, as well as recognize some of the Fox Cities' most prestigious business award winners. Get your tickets now!



When: Thursday, April 7, 6 - 9 PM
Where: Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel
Keynote Speaker: [Dan Nevins](#)
[\(Get a sneak peek of Dan's presentation here\)](#)

Register for Celebrate Fox Cities Annual Dinner



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Chamber Member & Community News

Bassett Mechanical Wins Prestigious 2021 MCAA/CNA Safety Excellence Award

Bassett Mechanical is proud to receive the 2021 Mechanical Contractors Association of America & CNA Insurance Safety Excellence Award.

This prestigious award is presented to the top five mechanical contracting companies in North America, based on the number of hours worked. The award recognizes innovative safety initiatives, programs, and performance.

[Read more >>](#)

Cellcom opens new location on Richmond Street

Cellcom is excited to announce its new retail location is opening soon in Appleton, Wis. at 3590 N. Richmond Street, near Highway 41. The store will open March 23 and will replace the company's locations on West College Avenue and Northland Avenue, which will each close on March 22. The North Richmond location will offer customers more floor space and convenient parking for all their wireless needs. [Read more>>](#)

Fox Valley COVID-19 Community Response Fund Grants \$1.78 Million

Thanks to gifts generously donated to the COVID-19 Community Response Fund established two years ago by the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region and United Way Fox Cities, 118 local nonprofit organizations received \$1,776,497.59 in grants. Those grants assisted efforts to provide immediate basic needs relief, short-term response and longer-term recovery in Outagamie, Calumet, Shawano, Waupaca, and the Neenah-Menasha areas of Winnebago counties during the COVID-19 crisis.

[Read more>>](#)

[Read all Chamber member news here>>](#)



Host a free financial workshop for your team:

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Member Movers and Shakers

- **Jordan Toman, MD**, a diagnostic radiologist specializing in women’s imaging, has joined BayCare Clinic Radiology, one of northeastern Wisconsin’s most advanced and experienced radiology teams.
- First Business Bank is pleased to welcome **Lindsay Meyer, CTP**, as Assistant Vice President – Treasury Management serving our Northeast Wisconsin market.
- The Appleton Area School District Board of Education announced that **Greg Hartjes** was selected as the future Superintendent of Schools for the Appleton Area School District (AASD) effective July 1, 2022.
- Fox World Travel is pleased to announce the promotion of **Brianne Bloom** as Vice President of Vacation Travel.
- McCarty Law LLP has announced that **Sarah J. Knutson**, has been named as partner at the Appleton-based law firm.
- The Kimberly Area School District (KASD) announced the promotion of **Robert (Rob) DeLain** to principal of JR Gerritts (JRG) Middle School starting July 1, 2022.
- von Briesen & Roper, s.c., today announced the promotion of Attorney **Courtney A. Hollander** to Shareholder of the firm.

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CEO Breakfast to feature Fox Cities leaders



Join us April 26th at the Fox Club to hear from Fox Cities business leaders as they discuss their own paths to success and offer advice to area young professionals looking to settle into positions of leadership in the future.

Pulse Young Professionals is presenting this moderated panel of C-suite executives from across the region who will answer questions that offer further insight and advice on career and leadership skills, to help you take charge of your future. Each panelist will present on diverse topics.

Speakers include: **Dave Voss**, President & CEO, Miron Construction; **Kathi Siefert**, President and Owner of Katapult, LLC.; and **Maggie Lund**, Chief Human Resources Officer, ThedaCare.

The panel will be moderated by Scott Jensen, Pulse D.I.G. Chair, Hosking Insurance Agent.

Agenda:

7:30 - 8:00 a.m.: Breakfast & Networking
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.: Presentations, Panel Discussion, Q&A

[Register for CEO
Breakfast](#)

Upcoming Events!

[Excellence in Education Awards](#)

April 5, 2022
5 - 8:30 PM
Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley, Appleton

[Celebrate Fox Cities Annual Dinner](#)

April 7, 2022
6-9 PM
Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley, Appleton

[Economic Outlook Lunch](#)

April 19, 2022
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley, Appleton

[Pulse CEO Breakfast](#)

April 26, 2022
7:30 - 9:30 AM
The Fox Club, Appleton

[Business After Hours at Berkshire Hathaway](#)

April 28, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 PM
W6180 Aerotech Dr., Appleton

[Business After Hours at Avaii Wealth Management](#)

May 12, 2022
5:00 - 7:00 PM
2102 N. Casaloma Dr., Appleton

[Bazaar After Dark: New London](#)

June 3, 2022
5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
W North Water St.
Vendor applications:
<https://form.jotform.com/212796751239162>

[Chamber Golf Outing at North Shore Golf Club](#)

July 18, 2022
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
N8421 N Shore Road, Menasha

[See all upcoming Chamber Events>>](#)



Remembering Oscar C. Boldt

On June 9, 2020, the world lost one of its greats—Oscar C. Boldt. Please join us on Wednesday, April 13 at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center in Appleton as we celebrate his remarkable life and legacy.

Those wishing to attend in person or virtually are asked to RSVP by March 30 at 920.574.3467 or by visiting <https://www.ocboldt.com/event-details>.

What we are reading ...

Vets ready employer initiative announced

The Vets Ready Employer Initiative serves to encourage employers to build a support system within their workplace, hire and retain more veterans, and connect to veterans in the community and their families. Every year the Department of Workforce Development recognizes businesses who have gone above and beyond for the veteran workforce. Businesses are separated into three categories – small, medium, large – and either receive a gold or silver certification. It is free to apply for Wisconsin's Vets Ready Employer Initiative. Employers who are deemed Vets Ready will be promoted by DWD staff to veteran job seekers and community partners. [Read More>>](#)

Federal Reserve approves first interest rate hike in more than three years, sees six more ahead

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday approved its first interest rate increase in more than three years, an incremental salvo to address spiraling inflation without torpedoing economic growth. After keeping its benchmark interest rate anchored near zero since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, the policymaking Federal Open Market Committee said it will raise rates by a quarter percentage point, or 25 basis points. [Read more>>](#)

Employment readiness in DOC town hall meeting set

As part of their commitment to fostering productive public dialogue and serving Wisconsin citizens through transparency, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) is hosting a series of virtual town hall meetings on several strategic priorities and initiatives. These events present an opportunity for key stakeholders to hear from leadership on various subject matters, identify areas for continued improvement, ask questions and gather valuable feedback from the community. The first is Tuesday, March 22 at 12 PM. [Learn more / Register>>](#)

Dow jumps 500 points in relief rally after Fed announces first rate hike since 2018

Stocks rallied in a wild session after the Federal Reserve raised rates and said it would hike another six times this year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 518.76 points, or 1.5%, to 34,063.10 after turning red initially following the release of the Fed's statement. It swung within a 576-point range on the session. The S&P 500 added 2.2% to 4,357.86, and the Nasdaq Composite gained 3.7% to 13,436.55. [Read more>>](#)

Fox Cities Jobs

- [Women's Fund Development Manager](#) / Community Foundation for the Fox Valley
- [Group Piano Instructor](#) / Heid Music
- [See all job postings >>](#)

Did you know that posting your open positions on our web site is a perk of being a Chamber member? [To learn more and post a job, click HERE.](#)

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