



MARYLAND BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[News & Notes - June 2018](#)

A promotional banner for an event. On the left is a woman with short dark hair, wearing a grey top, with her hand to her chin. On the right is a woman with curly hair and glasses, wearing a black blazer over a white top. The background is a stylized city skyline made of dots. Text includes: 'MBC MARYLAND BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE', 'BWL R An Affinity Group of the MD Black Chamber of Commerce BLACK WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDTABLE', 'PRESENT', 'BOSS LADIES: Improving Health! Increasing Wealth!', 'BREAKFAST AND FORUM', 'JUNE 19, 2018 | 7:30 A.M. - NOON', 'THE HOTEL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MD', '7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD'.

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BLACK WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP FOUNDTABLE

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In this month's newsletter, we have 2 member spotlights - new members Lenzy Ruffin of Lenzy Ruffin Photography & Tereance Moore of Tereance Moore Consulting, LLC. We highlight some great events you don't want to miss and share highlights from our [2018 MBCC Legislative Update](#).

[Recap of the 2018 Legislative Update with the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland](#)

Thank you to Delegate Darryl Barnes, Chair of the [Legislative Black Caucus of](#)

[Maryland](#) for giving us an update on the issues and opportunities for our businesses as a result of the 2018 legislative session in Annapolis and Lenzy Ruffin for the great [photographic recap](#) of our event. At the event, we also had an update from our very own MBCC member, [Wil Graham](#), Chair of the City of Frederick DBE Panel, regarding important work in the City of Frederick regarding the [DBE program](#) (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise).

June 19 @ 7:30 AM - 12 PM - [Boss Ladies: Improving Health! Increasing Wealth!](#) This event is hosted by the Black Women's Leadership Roundtable affinity group of MBCC. On Juneteenth, join in a dynamic gathering of black women thought leaders to address disparities that exist and share strategies to overcome them. This is a great opportunity to network and connect with other black women leaders from across the state. Don't miss this amazing event. [Register now!](#) There are a few sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor tables still available.

Get Politically Engaged - June 11 @ 6:00 PM [Black Business Counts hosts the County Council at Large Candidate Meet & Greet](#). The event is free but registration is required. We will have a number of council at large candidates at the event with a 1 minute introduction and then an opportunity for the candidates to mis and mingle with the attendees. We need to show up and be heard. This is our chance as black business owners to come together and make sure the county is responsive to our business and Economic Development needs. Come out and join us. Register [here](#).

Buy Black Event June 19 & June 24 - [Circulate the Black Dollar and Buy Black!](#) 2 dates for this event - 6/19 in Prince George's County at Half Note; 6/24 @ 6 PM in Montgomery County at Oasis Lounge. Hosted by NAACP of Montgomery and Prince George's County and MBCC, this event will showcase black business owners and give them an opportunity to do a 1 minute video vignette on their business. We need to know where the black businesses are and what they do so we can support them and help them grow. Register [here](#).

Join the Maryland Black Chamber!

[June 2018 - Member Spotlights](#)
[Lenzy Ruffin, Lenzy Ruffin Photography](#)

Tereance Moore, Tereance Moore Consulting LLC



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Nominate a Black Business today for the USBC Business of the Year Award.

2018 USBC Business of the Year

The US Black Chambers invites your participation in the 2018 Business of the Year nomination process. This is a special opportunity to celebrate local businesses and entrepreneurs and their successes and the outstanding community service. The USBC encourages your submission of 2018 Business of the Year nominations.

Application Deadline: June 29, 2018

Criteria:

- * Staying power - a substantiated history as an established business
- * Contributions to aid community-oriented projects
- * Growth in number of employees

* Response to Adversity

* Total annual revenue

[Click Here to Nominate a Business](#)

2018 US Black Chambers - National Conference



The graphic features the USBC logo (United States Black Chambers Incorporated) in a circular emblem. Below it, the text reads "NATIONAL CONFERENCE" in large blue letters, followed by "July 26 through 28" and "Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center". A quote in a white box states: "The largest gathering of Black Chambers of Commerce and the businesses we represent nationwide." The bottom of the graphic is divided into three colored sections: dark blue for "CHAMBER LEADERS", pink for "BUSINESS EXECUTIVES", and teal for "YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS". A photograph of a diverse group of people is visible in the background.

Join us for 3 power packed days of learning from some of the nation's most dynamic business leaders.

Tickets are now available! [Click Here For Tickets!](#)

We're bringing together Business Owners, Chamber Leaders, Corporate Partners, Government Agencies and Policymakers for an intense series of workshops, panel discussions, and networking sessions dedicated to growing Black-owned businesses.

Upcoming Events

Check out Maryland Black Chamber events!

Join us for one or more of these great upcoming events. All events listed are either hosted by the MBCC or by partners/members of the MBCC. Please support our network - that's where we find the best value in our community. Click on the links

below to register or for more information.

[6.11.18 MCBBC County Council at Large Meet and Greet](#)

[6.19.18 Boss Ladies: Improving Health! Increasing Wealth!](#)

[6.19.18 Prince George's County Buy Black Event at Half Note](#)

[6.21.18 Ready, Set, Grow! Access to Capital Forum. Crownsville, MD.](#)

[6.21.18 Frederick County Minority Business Vision Event, Frederick, MD](#)

[6.24.18 Montgomery County Buy Black Event at Oasis Lounge, Gaithersburg, MD](#)

6.26.18 Maryland Primary Elections - Don't forget to VOTE!!!

Other Upcoming Events...

6.14.18 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM Whiting Turner Contracting Company's Get Down to Business Event

Hampton Plaza, 8th Floor Training Rooms, 300 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21286. No registration required. For more information, contact Bernie LaHatte at Bernard.lahatte@whitingturner.com.

6.19.18 @ 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM The Josiah Henson Leadership Conference IV & V

Two one hour recorded live-studio sessions on the fourth and fifth installments of the Josiah Henson Leadership Conference. Two primary topics to be addressed, "Black Images in Mass Media: From Uncle Tom to Black Panther" and "Looking Back and Moving Forward: Nurturing Black Fathers, Sons & Brothers"

Save The Dates for these Upcoming Events

July 26-28, 2018 [USBC National Conference](#)

August 9, 2018 [The Power Conference](#)

August 21, 2018 MBCC State Procurement Forum

August 22, 2018 MBCC Member Meeting & Orientation

August 28, 2018 Frederick County Networking Event

October 30, 2018 - TEDCO's Entrepreneur Expo & Stem Cell Symposium

October 30, 2018 - MBCC Business Expo Event

For more events and updated information, please check our [Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#) and our [website](#).

Members events are posted to our Facebook and newsletter free of charge. If you

have an event that would be beneficial to our members, feel free to share it with us.



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