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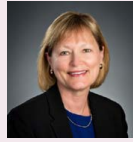
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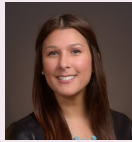
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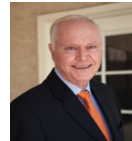
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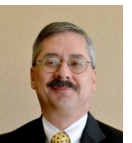
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The arrival of August in Arizona means the kids go back to school, summer is winding down, monsoons are here and we look forward to the second half of the year and all it has to offer.

Here at the Chamber, that means our Public Policy Series starts back up and we turn our attention to the Economic Update Luncheon September 27th. You won't want to miss the luncheon because along with a look at Intel's autonomous vehicle, we will hear about all the new projects in Chandler. We look forward to the completion of the Overstreet Project including Flix Brewhouse in December— hopefully in time for the next Star Wars movie! Speaking of "The Force," we are so excited to tell you about the Star Wars Fan Fest event taking place in downtown Chandler December 9th. The Chandler Symphony will be playing all your favorite Star Wars music along with light sabre duels, entertaining performances, food trucks, costume prizes, fireworks and more!

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny will host Coffee with the Mayor in October at the Chamber office and he loves to hear from area businesses. This is an informal question and answer discussion and your chance to connect with local government. Save the date for October 26th because we will be honoring the top 100 businesses in Chandler. This is always an exciting event for the Chamber because we feature our stakeholder businesses and the future of business in Chandler.

We have been talking a lot about workforce development and education lately and on November 9th this will all culminate with our Workforce Development and Education Forum. We take a look at the needs of industry employers and implement strategies that will produce a future workforce that will enhance our economic stability and prosperity.

Stay tuned for more information on all the events I mentioned and never hesitate to reach out and ask questions. Your success is our success.

## Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny

@jaytibshraeny



In July, Chandler broke ground on a new public safety training facility. The importance of proper training for our public safety personnel cannot be under-estimated, and this 29,000 square-foot facility gives us the opportunity to consolidate a number of functions. At the same time, it increases our ability to provide the finest training available. The \$10 million center is an investment in our community that will continue to provide our residents and the business community the confidence that we have the finest police and fire responders in the state, if not the country.

When the first phase is complete, it will include an auditorium, classrooms, a defensive tactics room and driving and weapons simulation rooms. It will be a great compliment to the existing Fire, Health and Medical Training Center -- an important resource within the region. It already delivers specialized training on a variety of fire service skills. Training that firefighters from Chandler and our regional partners from Sun Lakes, Gila River, Maricopa, and Queen Creek have taken advantage of. Additionally, Chandler volunteers, East Valley Institute of Technology, Arizona State Fire School, and Police Department Explorers from across the Western United States utilize the training center to enhance their capabilities.

Combined, we are talking about tens of thousands of hours spent here annually, developing the skills necessary to keep Chandler one of the safest cities in the nation. Now, we will have the ability to host national training events, bringing in people from around the country to learn about the latest public safety techniques. And these people will be staying – and shopping in Chandler. We are fully committed to our public safety teams. We live in an age where it is critical that our personnel have the training to deal with anything that might come their way. This center validates that commitment.

As Chamber members, business owners, managers and employees, you've no doubt invested a lot of time and hard-earned money in the community. Hopefully, you've also come to love some of things that make Chandler so great. A diverse business community, robust employment corridors, a lively downtown and a vast array of family friendly recreational amenities. With that said, we hope you will be inspired to tell everyone why you #LoveChandler. We have created a campaign that allows people to share the things they love. To be a part of it, simply create and post a short video on your favorite social media sites and use the hashtag #LoveChandler. I look forward to seeing what you have to say!

And remember to follow me on Twitter @jaytibshraeny for all the latest Chandler news.

# October 4, 2017

## EARLY BIRD RESERVATIONS

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# Put Your Business Ideas in Motion

[Register](#)

SBDC business analyst Paula Wittekind is here to help entrepreneurs get their business plan in motion! Participants are introduced to the critical topics of how to explore and validate a business idea, learn the best practice tips for building a solid financial foundation on which to grow a business, reviewing the steps to setting up and doing business in Arizona, and introducing services offered by the SBDC and other resources.



**Thursday, August 10**

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Chandler Chamber of Commerce

25 S. Arizona Place, Suite 201

Chandler, AZ 85225

# Save the Date!

## **Economic Update Luncheon**

**Join the Chandler Chamber of Commerce for the September Economic Update luncheon.**

**Wednesday, September 27  
Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort  
1 N San Marcos Pl  
Chandler, AZ 85225**

**Registration @ 11:30 am  
Lunch @ noon**

**[Register Now!](#)**



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# Chamber Monthly Event Guide

*Events and Programs to Help You Learn and Prosper*  
Register for events on calendar page of [chandlerchamber.com](http://chandlerchamber.com)



## Coffee with Congressman

### Biggs

Thursday, August 3

8 am to 9 am

Chamber Office

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## Young Executive Series

Thursday, August 10

5 pm to 7 pm

Meridien Kitchen & Lounge

[REGISTER](#)

## Wake Up Chandler

Wednesday, August 9

7:30 am to 9 am

Holiday Inn at Ocotillo

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## SBDC

Thursday, August 10

3 pm to 5 pm

Chamber Office

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## Public Policy Series

Friday, August 11

J. D. Mesnard

“Update for the 2018 Legislative Session “

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## Women in Leadership Luncheon

Expand Your Brand on LinkedIn

Tuesday, August 15

12 pm to 1:30 pm

SoHo 63

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**SAVE THE DATE**

## Business After Business

Thursday, August 17

5 pm to 7 pm

D’Vine Bistro

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## 16th Annual Chamber Charity Golf Tournament

September 15

Whirlwind Golf Club

Sponsorships Available

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# Ambassador of the Month

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## **Describe your creative process. What are the major steps?**

I start by interviewing the client and learning about their vision, likes, and dislikes. If time allows I like to let those points roll around in my head over the next day and formulate a clear concept. I take the concept through the initial mockup stage of the design and pass that along to my client to get their feedback. If they want to see any changes I work those in and deliver the final files. I have found to get the most inspired design that quality review time is essential; thinking it over while I cook dinner, have my morning coffee, etc. I have a photographic/visual mind and can arrange and re-arrange elements in my head before bringing them to life.

## **Who would you most like to swap places with for a day?**

Josh Gates during one of his 'Expedition Unknown' adventures.

## **What movie or novel character do you most identify with and why?**

Laura Ingalls Wilder. We grew up much the same despite the large passage of time between her and I. My parents were very much into the homestead way of life.

## **What characteristic do you most admire in others?**

Honesty. The ability to own something you have done or simply to be reliable, all centers around honesty.

## **What would a "perfect" day look like for you?**

Wake up in a tent by a lake in the mountains with my husband, Eric, and our dogs; then spend the day exploring and relaxing without connection to a phone, computer, or watch.

## **What is the greatest bit of advice a mentor has given you?**

If it won't bother you tomorrow, let it go now.

## **What is one important skill every person should have in the business world?**

Perspective – The ability to see a situation from many different perspectives means you will make the best choices for all involved.

## **If you could host a talk show, who would be your first guest?**

Tim Burton. I would love to chat with someone as suggestively dark, clearly creative, and deeply expressive as he is.

## **What is one of the things on your bucket list?**

See the Giza Pyramid Complex in Egypt.

## **What would be the title of your autobiography?**

"Work hard so you can play harder"



*Save the Date!*

**CHANDLER**

*Top 100 Businesses*

**100**

**Thursday, October 26 2017**

*Join the Young Executives at*  
**The Meridien Kitchen &  
Lounge**

*for*

***Tunes, Food, Networking***

**Thursday, August 10**

**1245 S. Price Rd #1**

**Chandler, AZ 85286**

**REGISTER**



**YOUNG  
EXECUTIVE  
SERIES** CHANDLER  
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# Member News . . .

## Calling All Taco Vendors, Makers, and Masters - Rockin' Taco Street Fest Needs You!

The Rockin' Taco Street Fest takes place September 16th and they need vendors! The HDE Agency is currently accepting vendor applications to participate in this year's Rockin' Taco Street Fest. You keep 100% of the profits and get to market your business to over 10,000 taco lovers! Your restaurant could also be featured on their taco media tour, and could be selected as Rockin' Taco Tuesday promo spot - don't miss out! For more information on the event or to apply, [click here](#).

## Watch Alex Martinez Talk Tech on Good Morning Arizona!

Alex Martinez, president of CMIT Solutions of Gilbert and Mesa, was a guest on Good Morning Arizona recently. The topic was "Keeping Your Data Safe While You're Traveling this Summer." Alex answered questions about the safety of airport and hotel Wi-Fi, how to tell if a website is okay to use, how businesses travelers can protect their transmissions, and what to do if you really need to shop online while you are on the road. You can watch the clip here: <http://cmit.us/gmajuly>

## The City of Chandler was Named 2017's 11th Best Midsize City for First-Time Home Buyers

In a recent study from the leading personal finance outlet WalletHub.com, Chandler was named the 11th best midsize city for first-time home buyers. WalletHub's analysts took the pulse of real estate in 300 cities of varying sizes using 23 key metrics. The data set ranges from housing affordability to real-estate tax rate to property crime rate. Chandler ranks No. 22 overall and No. 11 among midsize cities. To read the full study and learn more [click here](#).

## Chandler Public Library Partners with Navajo and Pinal County Libraries to Expand E-book Collection

The Chandler Public Library has entered a partnership with the Navajo and Pinal county libraries. This partnership will benefit users of all three library systems through sharing of e-book collections. These three systems are utilizing the CloudLibrary system to share each library's e-book collections with one another. Using the CloudLibrary app, customers will use the same checkout process as before, without any differences in their user experience. This will give Chandler Public Library users over 5,000 additional titles to choose from. Learn more [here](#).

## Modern Muse & POPSUGAR- See this Season's Must-have Statement Pieces

Modern Muse has tracked down this season's need-them-right-now statement pieces, and they are ready to share. Watch their video now to see the must-have pieces and to learn more about where you can find them at Chandler Fashion Center. [Click here](#).

## Chandler Symphony Orchestra Stars Wars™ FanFest Looking for Vendors

Save the date for Saturday, December 9th CSO's 25th Anniversary season with this free outdoor extravaganza filled with entertainment, activities, food and music for the entire family! Interactive demonstrations and activities sponsored by Orbital ATK, LEGO Inspired Engineering project, cosplay costume contests, Jedi-training and sword instructionals, Twisted Toonz play area, and CSO performing your favorite Star Wars music live followed by a Death Star Fireworks display. [Click Here](#) for vendor apps and more information.

## It is Time to Take your Summer Staycation at The Comfort Inn

The Comfort Inn Chandler Phoenix South is offering a Staycation Summer Deal of 2017. Until August 31, you can get 25% off a 3 night stay! Enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast buffet, free Wi-Fi, an outdoor pool, an on site fitness center, and much more. Book your Summer Staycation now. [Click here](#).

## PayPal Awards GIVE Grants to Five Local Non-profits

Twice a year, PayPal encourages their employees to recommend non-profit organizations that they are directly involved with, for a grant. Nineteen employees saw a critical need in the local communities, and the Arizona Grant Team at PayPal was able to award \$37,500 in June to five different charities. Positive Paths, Feed My Starving Children, One Small Step, Arizona Students Recycling Used Technology, and Chandler Christian Community Center were the five of many amazing organizations that were awarded a grant from the Arizona GIVES Grant Team.

## TEDx Chandler Public Library

The Chandler Library is putting a call out for speakers and performers for the next event: Connect. In our technology driven world, we crave connection more than ever before. Share your presentation, idea, talk, or performance on connecting. Auditions will be held on August 5, starting at 9:30 am, at the Chandler Downtown Library. Registration is required and space is limited. Sign up [here](#).

## Shoppers Supply Pardon Our Dust Sale!

As you may have noticed, Shoppers Supply is revamping their Chandler location to create a consistent shopping experience across their stores. They want to thank you for being patient with construction by offering a [10% off everything coupon](#) that will be valid on August 4th.

# News from The City of Chandler

## Chandler City Council Meetings Recap

In the month of July, the Chandler City Council took action on 37 agenda items. Some of these include approving the introduction of an ordinance for the rezoning and PDP of Riata, a family residential development, adopting a resolution approving an application for and use of Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Home Investment Partnership Program funds, and approving design contracts for three roadway construction projects. For a complete list and description, [click here](#).

## Nominations for Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Awards

The Neighborhood Programs Office encourages active block watch groups that participated in last year's G.A.I.N events, to submit a nomination for the Mayor's Neighborhood Excellence Awards. The awards recognize neighborhoods for their dedication to creating community and increasing neighborhood involvement and developing the next generation of leadership. [Click here](#) for the nomination form.

## Chandler Museum's Trivia Night Returns to The Ostrich on August 15!

This fun evening of trivia brings a little heated competition inside the hip and cool space of The Ostrich, located in the basement of Crust restaurant, 10 N. San Marcos Place. Small teams of trivia fans will test their knowledge of hot newspaper headlines from Chandler's past while enjoying a special cocktail made just for the occasion.



U.S. Senator Jeff Flake

Good Government Series

## Breakfast Featuring Senator Jeff Flake

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An event of the SRP Good Government Series, this breakfast will bring together Chamber members with U.S. Senator Jeff Flake for a candid, informational discussion on a variety of business-related topics, including the latest news from Washington, D.C.

Monday, August 21, 2017  
7:15 a.m. - Registration and breakfast  
7:40 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Program

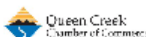
The Falls Event Center  
4635 E. Baseline Rd.  
Gilbert, AZ 85295

Open to East Valley Chamber members only  
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## Learn How to Set Up an Apprenticeship Program with AZ Apprenticeship Program Director, William Higgins

William (Willie) Higgins started his career as a journeyman bricklayer in Northern Ireland. Here in AZ, he is the State Apprenticeship Program Director who oversees approximately 142 apprenticeship programs statewide incorporating over 1,100 employers with 3,100 registered apprentices and counting.

**REGISTER**

What you will learn:

- How to setup and administer your own apprenticeship program
- Combatting the "skills" shortage
- What occupations qualify for apprenticeship programs
- How ARIZONA@WORK & Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) works with Registered Apprenticeship

**Tuesday, August 29**  
Noon to 1 pm  
Register @ [ChandlerChamber.com](http://ChandlerChamber.com)

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Chandler, AZ 85225

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- Increase your reach in LinkedIn

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# August 15

10:30 am to 11:30 am—Open Mentoring Circle  
 11:30 am to Noon—Open Networking  
 Noon to 1:30 pm—Lunch/Keynote Speaker

Location: SoHo 63 - 63 E Boston, Chandler, AZ 85225 (SE corner Boston St. & Arizona Ave.)



# Keeping You Informed

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## *Public Policy Series*



Arizona Speaker of the House, J.D. Mesnard, will give a preview of the 2018 Legislative Session. Also, the citizen's group, YSOS will be speaking on the Tempe Union High

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**August 11**  
8 am - 9 am  
25 S. Arizona Ave  
Chandler , AZ 85225

[Register](#)



# Gallery

## Business After Business @ Buca di Beppo



## Wake Up Chandler @ Carrabba's Italian Grill



## Ask an Expert with Lynn Ruby



# Welcome New Members



Click the icon to see the  
Chamber's new members

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## Thank You for Your Continued Support

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Chamber's renewing members

## Thank you for Helping with Back to School Chandler—For Our Students!

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Kyle Timmons, Office Evolution

Brian Iverson, Peoples Mortgage

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Merylee Boes, Silhouette Greetings

Terrie Kolker, Hayden & Hayden

Steve Adams, Studio Creations

Jeremy McClymonds, FORM Prosperity

Jan Moses, Mary Kay

Peter Adams, Ping! Development

Rebecca Steele, State Farm

Mike Dodson, Shoppers Supply

Ralph Guariglio, AZRC Realty

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16th Annual

Chandler Chamber Charity  
Golf Tournament

Friday, September 15 @ Whirlwind Golf Club  
Breakfast/Registration – 6 am Call to Carts – 7 am  
5692 West North Loop Road Chandler, AZ 85226

To register [click here](#). For Sponsorship Information [click here](#).

# Leadership Institute

Chandler Chamber Community  
Foundation Leadership Class 34

Government Issue Day  
Health and Wellness Issue Day

[CLICK HERE](#) for a 2018 Application



Chandler Chamber  
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## Chandler Chamber Education & Workforce Development

### Chandler's Workforce Development Coalition Values Partnership with EVIT

*By Allyson Wittekind*

*Chandler Chamber Marketing Intern*

The Chandler Chamber of Commerce recently held a workforce development round table with several of their businesses that are primarily trade-based to discuss the future of a skilled workforce. Some of the business represented were based in HVAC, welding, construction, plumbing, electrical, IT and communications. While college is not necessarily a good fit for everyone, a certification, if not a college degree is becoming a standard qualification in today's workforce. A name which surfaced over and over at the Chamber's Trades round table was the East Valley Technical Institute or EVIT.

EVIT is an accredited career and technical school that caters to district, charter and home-schooled high school students who reside in 10 East Valley school districts. This includes students from Apache Junction, Chandler, Fountain Hills, Gilbert, Mesa, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, Tempe, Higley, and J.O. Combs.

Students who enter into this program spend half of the day at the EVIT campus in Mesa in their career focus, and the other half of the day at their high school. EVIT's district vision statement coincides closely with one of the Achieve60Az strategies to make Arizona more competitive in the workforce through the power of education. The strategy is to increase college readiness and high school graduation rates. For this to be achieved, students should be placed in advanced classes, dual enrollment, and obtain early college experience. EVIT provides the edge that Achieve60Az is trying to accomplish with the hands-on learning experience, obtaining college credits, and learning to become competitive in the global workforce. The students who attend the school are certainly living up to the districts vision statement. They have a 98% high school graduation rate, 85% of students were placed in jobs, went to college, or joined the military, and garnered \$2.5 million dollars in scholarships to the class of 2016. And within one year of graduating 1,122 students were hired by Valley businesses.

Xavier Chavez, a recent high school graduate, chose to enter the EVIT program. Xavier was in the Information Technologies and Engineering Careers program which specialized in digital device diagnostics and repair. He said, "It gave me vital skills I needed and made me much more desirable to employers because I learned a lot and gained experience." Xavier now has a job as a Field Service Engineer for Besi North America Inc.

EVIT provides 40 different tuition free programs for high school students that sets them up for success. Students in the EVIT Fire Science Academy can earn numerous industry credentials and dual enrollment college credit to help them prepare for careers as first responders. The Culinary Arts program is the only high school culinary program in Arizona that is accredited by the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation. The Welding program has a 100% success rate in placing students in jobs, college and the military. If students would rather take the classes at their own high school, EVIT partners with Chandler Unified School District and 9 others to provide funding so they can offer technical and career classes at the those schools.

What many people don't realize is that EVIT is not just for high school students. There is also an Adult Education Center at EVIT that offers affordable tuition, and scholarship opportunities for anyone 18 years old and older. Cece Todd, Public Information Officer at EVIT said, "A large range of ages attend EVIT, we will have people attending who are in their 30's or even their 50's that have a job already, but just want to upgrade their knowledge in a particular area of study."

For many young adults it isn't easy choosing a career path. The East Valley Technical Institute can be especially helpful for students who aren't sure if they want to go on to college, giving them a chance to test the waters and hopefully find something they are passionate about pursuing. Terry Locke, Director of Community Relations for Chandler Unified School District, had nothing but positive remarks for the institute. "EVIT provides students with more opportunities to help them find their niche, and to help them prepare for the future."

Years from now the community will still need buildings built, electricity for those buildings, plumbing, air-conditioning and many more services. There is still a need for the trades and EVIT is helping people find their career path to build the future.



Visit [chandlerchamber.com](http://chandlerchamber.com) to register for events

If you are interested in hosting a mixer, contact Your Chamber representative or [click here](#).

The Chandler Chamber holds mixers twice a month, in the morning and evening to help you engage and connect. If you are interested in hosting a Chandler Chamber mixer, please email [info@chandlerchamber.com](mailto:info@chandlerchamber.com).

## Wake Up Chandler—7:30 am to 9

**Wednesday, August 9**  
**Holiday Inn @ Ocotillo**  
1200 W Ocotillo  
Chandler, AZ 85248

**Wednesday, September 13**  
**WeathNest Planners**  
5720 W Chandler Blvd, #4  
Chandler, AZ 85226



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**Wednesday, October 11**  
**Trinity Christian Fellowship**  
50 S Mcqueen Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85225

**Wednesday, November 8**  
**Thousand Cranes Healthcare**  
5980 S Cooper Rd #1  
Chandler, AZ 85249



## Business After Business - 5 pm to 7 pm

**Thursday, August 17**  
**D'Vine Bistro**  
3990 S Alma School Rd, #3  
Chandler, AZ 85248

**Thursday, September 21**  
**Valle Luna**  
1949 W Ray Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85248



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**Thursday, October 19**  
**Mall Crawl**  
**Chandler Fashion Center**  
3155 W Chandler Blvd  
Chandler, AZ 85225

**Thursday, November 16**  
**Native Grill & Wings**  
2110 S Gilbert Rd  
Chandler, AZ 85286



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## CHANDLER CHAMBERZ

[Please check the online calendar for holiday exclusions.](#) The Chandler Chamber Referral Networks help our members network and grow their businesses.

Contact the Membership Development department of your Chandler Chamber for more information on Leads Groups at

### Wednesday Leads Group

11:45 am—1:00 pm

Floridino's

590 N Alma School Rd

Chandler, AZ 85224

### Thursday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am—8:30 am

Rudy's West Country Store & Bar-B-Q

7300 W. Chandler Blvd

Chandler, AZ 85226

\*Fourth Thurs. no meeting due to Chamber 101

### Thursday Lunch Leads Group (West Side)

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

The Old Spaghetti Factory

3155 W. Chandler Blvd #9

Chandler, AZ 85226

### Friday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am – 8:30 am

Chompie's Delicatessen Restaurant

3481 West Frye Road

Chandler, AZ 85226

### Monday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am—8:30 am

SoZo Coffee House

1982 N Alma School Rd

Chandler, AZ 85224

### Tuesday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am—8:30 am

BLD

1920 West Germann Road

Chandler, AZ 85225

### Wednesday Morning Leads Group

7:30 am—8:30 am

Ocotillo Village Health Club & Spa

4200 S Alma School Rd

Chandler, AZ 85248

*\*Second Wednesday no meeting due to Wake Up Chandler*

### Wednesday Lunch Leads Group

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Stone & Vine Urban Italian

1035 W Queen Creek Rd, Ste103

Chandler, AZ 85248

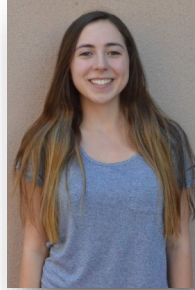




# Meet our Chamber Interns



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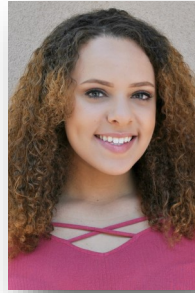
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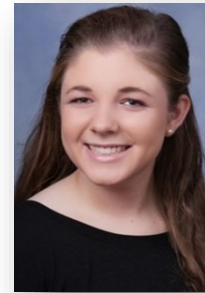
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Event Management



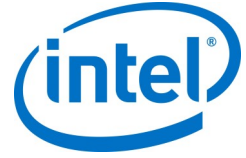
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Chandler Gilbert  
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