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Entrepreneurship, Education & Small Business Updates

The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress has been busy on several fronts over the past few months. One of our primary initiatives has been working with our THInC partners (The Hazleton Innovation Collaborative) to attract and assist entrepreneurs launch new businesses. Read below for updates and several educational opportunities on this topic. We are also happy to welcome 12 new businesses to the downtown over this past year, with more on the way!





If you've driven down Broad Street during the last month or two you may have seen the "Coming Soon" banners in our building, located at 13 W. Broad St. Planning continues for the Hazleton LaunchBox powered by Penn State, which will include co-working space, shared WiFi, printers, and meeting rooms, offices, and retail space available to start-up businesses! Construction is expected to begin in early 2019. We are thankful to Penn State Hazleton, CAN BE, and other partners, and especially our funding agencies and donors as we work to convert this formerly blighted property into a small business incubator.

Bookmark <https://Hazleton.psu.edu/launchbox> to check out future updates on this initiative.

Architectural rendering of co-working space (above) prepared by JRA Architects.

Welcome New Businesses!

We would like to welcome a dozen new businesses to the downtown (2018), many of which are now occupying formerly vacant and underutilized space:

- Two Sisters Logistics (101 W. Broad St., Suite 601)
- Bernardo Carbajal, Attorney (101 W. Broad St., Suite 706)
- Peter Keselicka State Farm Insurance (16 N. Laurel St.)
- Elijio Torres Services (101 W. Broad St., Suite 508)
- Tayler Lipford Alterations (101 W. Broad St., Suite 502)
- Mary K. Cosmetics (101 W. Broad St., Suite 703)
- Hazleton Water Depot (1 N. Cedar St.)
- Carlos Nunez Photography (229 W. Broad St.)
- F & S Service Center (140 E. Broad St.)
- Keiper Auto Repair (26 W. Maple St.)
- Liberia Cristiana Jehova Jireh, Spanish language Christian Bookstore, (3 N. Cedar St.)
- Dragon Chinese Restaurant (19 W. Broad St.)

We would also like to welcome **Immanuel Christian School** as they have expanded their junior and senior high school classes into the existing Buenas Nuevas/Good News Church at 81-91 N. Laurel Street! For more info on this expansion [click here >>>](#)



The Dragon Chinese Restaurant is now open at 19 W. Broad Street! The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress assisted the owner, Mr. Hong Wei Pan, with a facade grant to stabilize and restore the original brick facade and install new windows, lighting and signage. Congratulation to the Pan family on their new beginning! *Funding for the facade grant was made possible by the First Federal Foundation and the Dept. of Community and Economic Development.* Work continues next door on the Broad & Barrel....stay tuned for updates on this project!

TEC BRIDGE INSTITUTE CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 2018

TecBRIDGE is hosting this year's Entrepreneurship Institute this Friday, November 2nd at Lackawanna College (Scranton) from 8AM-4PM. To register, or to learn more about this year's topics and speakers, please visit <http://www.tecbridgepa.org/eic2018/>

Designed for engaged learners, this conference will explore key business drivers for entrepreneurs, early-stage firms, and established organizations through a mix of keynote presentations, panel discussions, breakout learning sessions, and hands-on workshops. Students are FREE! All others \$75. Fee includes lunch.



The Downtown Hazleton Alliance for Progress was happy to be featured as a guest on [#tecbridgeradio](#). Listen to the interview with Krista Schneider, Executive Director of the Alliance, to learn about the revitalization efforts underway in Downtown Hazleton and how community leaders are balancing historic preservation with exciting new investments in the arts, education, and business development, follow this link>>> <http://www.tecbridgepa.org/episode-90-krista-schneider-downtown-hazleton-alliance-for-progress/>

Entrepreneurship @ Penn State



Before social, conquer Google!

Presented by Mike Jesky, Digital Media Specialist and Owner of Dekka Studios

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Time: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

Tools to XEL™ in Entrepreneurship

Presented by Lex Sloat, Entrepreneur, Inventor, Author, Classical Pianist

Date: Thursday, November 15, 2018 from: 4:30 – 5:50 P.M.

Time: 4:30 – 5:50 P.M.

Location: Penn State Hazleton, 76 University Drive, Hazleton PA 18202
Slusser Bayzick Building

Registration links will be available soon. For more information contact Deb Conway at 570-450-3136 or dxk40@psu.edu.

Save the Date!



Small Business Development Center Wilkes University

Helping businesses start, grow, and prosper.

Seminar Series

Steps to Starting and Growing Your Own Business

Presented by Lucy Singer, Wilkes Small Business Development Center

Topic: Feasibility, Structure, Licensing and Registration

Date: Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 P.M.

Location: The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

Topic: Preparing a Business Plan and Financial Projections

Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce

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Looking for Property?

Are you looking for property to grow your business? There are many available for sale and lease, including affordable Class A commercial office space in multiple downtown buildings. If you are considering a move downtown, contact Krista Schneider at 570-455-1509 or kschneider@downtownhazleton.org for more information.



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