

# WICHITA TO WASHINGTON: 2018 D.C. FLY-IN



Written by Holli Schletzbaum, Director of Client Engagement for Kansas Global Trade Services

Topics discussed included: trade; transportation and infrastructure; workforce development and education; FAA reauthorization; and environment.

My role was to engage Kansas Congressional leaders on trade topics. Many people don't know that, on average, 25% of the Wichita economy is dependent on exports. That means one out of every four dollars is from a trade-related activity. Should our companies be unable to successfully sell internationally, the local economy would sustain a devastating blow.

Trade policy plays a huge part in allowing U.S. companies the ability to compete in the global marketplace. Kansans are fortunate as we have support from our members in the Senate and the House on updating, creating and maintaining tools like free trade agreements and restoring the full capabilities of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S.

The trip was also a time to learn more about the U.S. Capitol. Susan Estes gave us a night tour of the Capitol Building filled with interesting history, facts and a reception on the Speaker's Balcony. We were joined by Congressman Ron Estes and his Chief of Staff Josh Bell. Other receptions gave us an opportunity to meet with different Congressional members and their staff members. I cannot extend enough thanks to our leaders and their professional staff.

The group was inclusive, intelligent and fun. I enjoyed learning about other issues that impact Kansas companies. The Chamber did a remarkable job organizing the three-day Fly-In, and I recommend anyone interested in talking to our Congressional leaders about policy and other issues to consider participating next year.

On May 21-23, eighteen business leaders represented Wichita in the Nation's Capital for the Chamber's annual Washington D.C. Fly-In. The Fly-In is an opportunity for business leaders to meet with Kansas' congressional leaders, where they can ask questions and learn about policies that impact the Wichita community.



Following the conclusion of meetings with representatives at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Fly-In delegation took a group photo with the White House and Washington Monument in the background.

Back row (L-R): Sean Robinson, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce; Michael Monteferante, Envision, Inc.; Mike Zamrzla, Office of Senator Jerry Moran; Bill Wood, Foulston Siefkin LLP; Sam Sackett, Spirit AeroSystems; Brett Letkowski, TranSystems Corporation; Andy Buessing, Hutton Construction; Dan Flynn, Pioneer Balloon; Gary Schmitt, INTRUST Bank; Walter Berry, Berry Companies; Steve Hieger, OxyChem of Wichita; Gabe Schlickau, Meritrust Credit Union and the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas; and Jason Cox, Cox Machine.

Front row: Scott Schwindaman, Lubrication Engineers, Inc.; Holli Schletzbaum, Kansas Global Trade Services; Tram Ngo, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce; Peggy Deiter, Bombardier Learjet; Karma Mason, iSi Environmental; Junetta Everett, Delta Dental of Kansas; Shelley Hansel, Regional Area Economic Partnership; Pat Gallagher, Courtney Sendall, and Gary Plummer, Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Conversation with Representative Roger Marshall (left) centered around the Farm Bill, as Marshall serves on the House Ag Committee. Pictured (L-R) are Marshall, Shelley Hansel, Jason Cox, Steve Hieger and Dan Flynn.



Senator Jerry Moran greeted Gabe Schlickau of Meritrust Credit Union, who also represented the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. The Senator spoke with the group at length about workforce and transportation issues.

## Governor Signs Plate for Parks bill



On April 21, Governor Jeff Colyer (at the podium) signed a bill to authorize a new variation of the state license plate featuring Wichita's 81-year old city flag. It will be available to anyone in the state to purchase starting in January 2019, and funds will be directed to the Wichita Park Board Foundation. Vice Mayor Bryan Frye (left), other elected officials, city staff, Wichita residents and Chamber staff attended the celebration.

## GRC Meets with Elected Officials



Throughout the year, various elected officials are invited to attend Chamber Government Relations Committee meetings to share information. State Senator Gene Suellentrop (left) addressed the Chamber's Government Relations Committee on April 19 for an update on education, taxes, infrastructure and other issues. Walter Berry of Berry Companies (right) is Chair of the Government Relations Committee and was among the committee members who attended the meeting.

During the legislative session, more than 4,500 subscribers to the Chamber's digital newsletter, The Advocate, receive a weekly briefing about the most current legislative activities that are impacting the business environment. Access to the newsletter is a membership benefit. Call Tram Ngo at 268-1152 to subscribe.

# CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN: PROJECT WICHITA UPDATE



*By Bill Wood*

2018 Chamber Chairman and Partner at  
Foulston Siefkin LLP

Project Wichita is a community engagement process that is being utilized to identify the future we want for our region and the steps necessary to achieve it. The listening sessions and focus groups for the first phase of Project Wichita have concluded and the co-chairs

for the initiative have reported that input was received from 239+ focus groups and 3,800+ participants, ranging in age from 9 to 90.

I'm pleased that our Chamber team initiated and led 9 focus groups with 274 participants as we sought responses from the Young Professionals of Wichita, Past Chairmen and Chairwomen of the Chamber, the Small Business Committee, our regional partners, the Board of Directors, our Board of Advisors and participants from our 2017 Diversity and Inclusion listening tour.

Project Wichita co-chairs have shared eight major topics that are on the minds of the community.

- Downtown Area (Downtown development and innovation, Old Town, Delano and entertainment districts, retail shopping, etc.)
- Riverfront (Create a destination for entertainment, leverage river as a community destination, performing arts venue and conference/convention center)
- Strong Neighborhoods and Communities (Affordable housing options, support unique and diverse neighborhood cultures, safety and infrastructure issues)
- Cultural Arts and Attractions (Cultural investment in museums, art, entertainment and restaurants, natural attractions, festivals, diverse entertainment options)

• Economic Opportunity (Industry diversity and balance, emphasis on technology, promote education hub, workforce development)

• Transportation (Completion of Kellogg and regional expressways, enhanced/improved public transit, air services and connections, passenger trains and bike/walking paths)

• Education (K-12 improvement and investment, all levels of higher education and pathways, increased emphasis on STEM, establish goals for graduation and global preparedness)

• Community Wellness (Mental health care, access to quality health care, care for aging populations and homelessness)

The next step in this process is underway. A digital survey launched on June 18. It will remain open through July 6. Your input is vital and we hope that you'll share the link found on projectwichita.org with your colleagues and neighbors. The survey results will be used to develop an action plan focused on the next ten years.

As a member of the Project Wichita Visioning Team, I'm happy to answer any questions you may have about any phase of the initiative. I welcome your input and I look forward to continuing to share more information with you during the process.

## events calendar

JULY-SEPTEMBER

Register at  
wichitachamber.org

### JULY

- 10 **MEMBERSHIP MAXIMIZER** | 3 - 4:30 p.m., Chamber, 350 W. Douglas Ave.  
This monthly orientation is for new members and new employees of existing members looking to obtain a better understanding of the Chamber and the benefits associated with membership. Cost: FREE.
- 12 **SMALL BUSINESS OWNER ROUNDTABLE** | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Kansas Humane Society, 3313 N. Hillside.  
Exclusively for the organization's owner or top decision-maker, the Small Business Owner Roundtable is included as part of membership investment and lunch will be provided. Tom Ensz, FBI Special Agent, will present "Confronting Cyber Threats: Cybersecurity from the FBI's Perspective." Members only. Cost: FREE.
- 18 **SUNRISE SCRAMBLER** | 7:30 - 9 a.m., Crestview Country Club, 1000 N. 127th St. E.  
The Sunrise Scrambler is an opportunity to enjoy a breakfast and business program. The July program is titled "KSDS Assistance Dogs: Changing Lives Four Paws at a Time" and will be presented by Julie Prater and Randy Teske of KSDS, Inc. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Breakfast included. Members only.
- 25 **NETWORKING AT NOON** | Noon - 1 p.m., Hampton Inn by Hilton Wichita Northwest, 10047 W. 29th St. N.  
Grab a bite to eat and work the room while meeting new people and developing new client prospects. This is a perfect opportunity to build your business connections. A lunch of heavy appetizers will be provided. Cost: \$10.
- 27 **YPW FOUNDERS' DAY AWARDS GALA** | 6:30 - 11 p.m., Botanica, 701 N. Amidon St.  
Young Professionals of Wichita Founders' Day is celebrated annually to honor Wichita's exceptional young professionals and supporters who continue to have a positive impact in our community. Cost: \$45 per ticket, \$425 for a table of 10, or \$750 for a Corporate Table Sponsorship.

### AUGUST

- 7 **TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS SEMINAR** | 7:30 - 11 a.m., Rainbows United, 3223 N. Oliver.  
These educational seminars are opportunities to learn from industry leaders. This session's topic is "Change Agility: Lead by Example" and will be led by Dale Carnegie Training. Cost: \$35 for Chamber members, \$45 general admission.

- 15 **SUNRISE SCRAMBLER** | 7:30 - 9 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Wichita Airport, 2098 S. Airport Rd.  
The Sunrise Scrambler is an opportunity for members to enjoy a breakfast and business program. The August program is titled "Employee Engagement: What Really Matters?" and will be presented by Carrie Cox of Allen, Gibbs & Houlak, L.C. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Breakfast included. Members only.

- 21 **FEDERAL ISSUE FORUM WITH CONGRESSMAN RON ESTES** | 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Mark Arts, 1307 N. Rock Rd.  
Get involved at the heart of the legislative process on issues important to your business. This event will spotlight U.S. Representative Ron Estes, a member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation. Cost: \$45.

- 23 **METRO MINGLE** | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Kansas Star Casino, 777 Kansas Star Drive.  
Join the Wichita business community for food, drinks and making connections at the Metro Mingle. Cost: \$10 for members, \$20 for general admission.

- 28 **MEMBER BUSINESS EXCHANGE** | 3 - 4:30 p.m., Chamber, 350 W. Douglas Ave.  
This is a pure networking event to speak one-on-one in 5-minute rotations about your business. Cost: FREE.

### SEPTEMBER

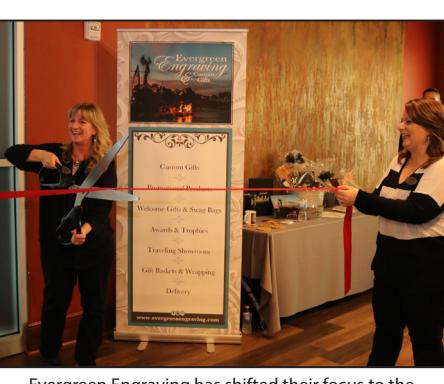
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The Sunrise Scrambler is an opportunity to enjoy a breakfast and business program. Attendees to these monthly breakfasts can meet other business people in the community and gain information on topics pertaining to today's business world from guest speakers. Cost: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Breakfast included.

- 27 **EXPOSURE 2018** | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Century II Expo Hall, 225 W. Douglas.  
Participate in the ONLY area trade show event that brings the entire business community together for face-to-face networking. It is the premier business-to-business event of the year and an excellent opportunity for you to continue building your brand at a very low cost with exhibit space starting at only \$150. Learn more at [wichitachamber.org/exposure](http://wichitachamber.org/exposure).

**REGISTER FOR THESE EVENTS AT [WICHITACHAMBER.ORG](http://WICHITACHAMBER.ORG)**



Evergreen Engraving has shifted their focus to the corporate gift industry, rebuilt their website and changed their product lines.



Chick-fil-A staff and supporters broke ground for a new store at Taft & Ridge Road on April 2.



Meritrust Credit Union broke ground on a new branch near Harry & Webb on April 2. This new location is scheduled to be completed in late 2018.



Luminous Neon Art & Sign Systems has opened an office at 327 N. Hydraulic, Suite 300. This is their 7th location in Kansas.



Reverie Coffee Roasters opened their new location at 2202 E. Douglas, offering the high-quality products their customers know and love.



The Arcade has opened at 139 N. Mead. Customers can play their collection of '80s and '90s arcade games, and they host events as well.



Profile by Sanford celebrated their third anniversary of helping people live healthy lifestyles. Find them at 2616 N. Maize Rd., Ste. 104.



Augustino Brewing Company is open at 756 N. Tyler, offering craft beers, coffee beverages and delicious menu items.



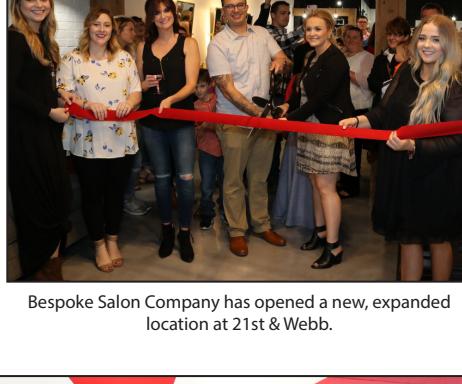
A Better Solution In Home Care, a five-star rated home care agency, has moved into a larger location at 420 S. Emporia, Ste. 120.



Focused on healing, inspiration and creation, DreamCatcher's Den is a maker space and event venue located at 1247 S. Tyler, Ste. 200.



Hunter Health cut the ribbon on their new Central Clinic facility at 527 N. Grove on April 23.



Bespoke Salon Company has opened a new, expanded location at 21st & Webb.



Acura of Wichita has opened their brand new store on the Walser Auto Campus at 13th & Greenwich.

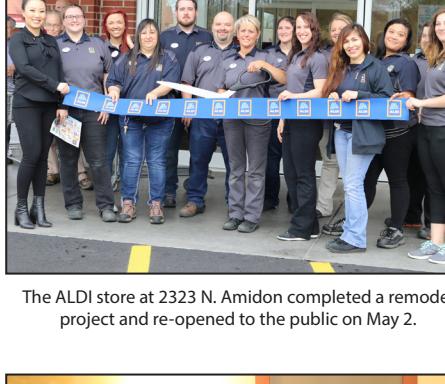
## Second Quarter 2018 MEMBER milestones



Wicked Stitch has opened a location at 21st & Tyler, offering their apparel, embroidery and screen printing services.



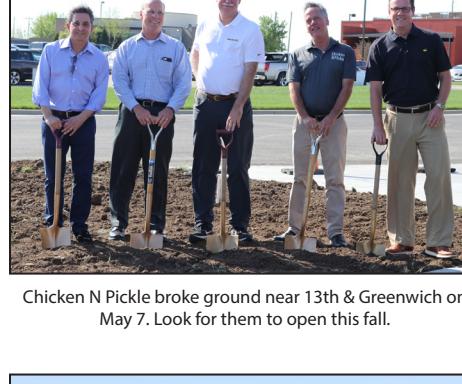
Northridge Veterinary Clinic & Rehabilitation has broke ground on their expanded kennel and doggie daycare facility at 3233 N. Ridge.



The ALDI store at 2323 N. Amidon completed a remodel project and re-opened to the public on May 2.



Advanced Physical Therapy is now open at 1725 E. Douglas, their 10th location in the Wichita area.



Chicken N Pickle broke ground near 13th & Greenwich on May 7. Look for them to open this fall.



The Laundry Station, an upscale, full-service laundromat, is now open at 555 S. Oliver.



As the oldest family-owned restaurant in Wichita, Connie's Mexico Cafe celebrated their 55th anniversary on May 11.



Peerless Tires 4 Less has opened at 5730 W. Central, offering low prices and fast service.



On May 21, Spirit AeroSystems broke ground on a 50,000-square-foot building, part of a \$1 billion expansion that includes 1,000 new jobs.



Fieldview at Holland, a 64-bed drug and alcohol treatment facility, is now open at 555 S. Holland.



A launch party was held for the official unveiling of Alyss Analytics, a custom AI built to be a companion for hiring candidates based on their soft skills.



Cox Machine has completed a new, 50,000-square-foot facility at 5338 W. 21st St. N.



On June 7, Envision dedicated the William L. Hudson BVI Workforce Innovation Center at 610 N. Main, focused on creating jobs for visually impaired individuals.



Walser Porsche is now open at 13th & Greenwich, the first time that Wichita Porsche owners will have a facility to shop, purchase and service their vehicles.



The Kansas Humane Society dedicated a special dog adoption suite for animals from Wichita Animal Services. The suite features the Wichita flag.



King of Freight, a full-service brokerage and logistics firm, is rapidly expanding and has moved into a new location in the Ruffin Building at 100 N. Broadway.



The new TMS Eyecare location is now open at 10531 E. 21st St. N., and their team is committed to providing the highest level of vision care.

# memberships

## NEW MEMBERS MARCH-MAY 2018

AARP Kansas  
 Alyss Analytics  
 AR Roofing  
 Augustino Brewing Company  
 Back to Basics Chiropractic  
 Baron Ridge Speakers Agency  
 Bespoke Salon Company  
 Box This Up  
 Chicken N Pickle  
 Chick-fil-A Ridge Road  
 Connie's Mexico Cafe  
 Constellation Energy  
 Digital Wichita, Inc.  
 Douglass Wealth Partners  
 Dreamcatcher's Den

Farm Bureau Financial Services -  
 Shawn Ratcliffe  
 Festive ICT/Taco Fest/Pizza Fest  
 Get Local Digital Agency  
 Grantham University  
 GrassFire Industries LLC  
 Hawthorn Capital, LLC  
 ICT Immediate Care, LLC  
 Integrated Components, Inc.  
 Kaman Composites Wichita  
 KVC Hospitals Wichita  
 La Hacienda Tacos and Tequilas  
 Medical Innovative Solutions  
 Peerless Tires 4 Less  
 QueenBee Marketing

Randstad In-House Services  
 Recycling Perks LLC  
 Roberts Overdoors Inc.  
 Savor Productions, LLC  
 dba Wichita Taste  
 Select Specialty Hospital Wichita  
 Technology Group Solutions  
 The Arcade  
 Thrasher Basement and  
 Foundation Repair  
 Transferred Capital, LLC  
 VASA Fitness Wichita  
 Waste Link Inc.  
 Wicked Stitch  
 World Impact Wichita

**PLEASE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS TO THE CHAMBER AND REMEMBER  
 TO RECOMMEND MEMBERSHIP TO A BUSINESS YOU FREQUENT.**

## CHAMBER STAFFING UPDATES



**Jaime Dupy**

Jaime Dupy has been promoted to the position of Director of Investor & Strategic Development.



**Peter Gaulding**

Peter Gaulding has been promoted to the position of Accountant.



**Brooke Jamison**

Brooke Jamison is our 2018 summer intern from the Workforce Alliance's Youth Employment Project.

### Now Hiring

We are seeking a Director of Government Relations. This person is responsible for leading the Chamber's advocacy efforts at the local, state and federal level. Excellent communication and organizational skills are required. Visit our website at [wichitachamber.org](http://wichitachamber.org) for more information and to apply.



## EXPOSURE 2018

WICHITA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## THE REGION'S PREMIERE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS TRADE SHOW & NETWORKING EVENT

**Thursday, September 27  
 Century II Expo Hall**

Increase your brand awareness by taking part in Exposure!

Exhibit space starts at only \$150 and is now booking.

Visit [wichitachamber.org/exposure](http://wichitachamber.org/exposure) for more information.



# AFFILIATE NEWS

The Chamber's affiliates and partners are vital to the success of initiatives that grow our business community. Here are some updates from three of our affiliates.



## WMA AWARDS RECORD NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wichita Manufacturer's Association (WMA) encourages students to pursue manufacturing careers by offering scholarships for those planning to study manufacturing at any technical college, community college or state college/university in Kansas. Through generous member donations, the WMA board recently announced the selection of a record number of 25 scholarship recipients. Each scholarship was valued at \$1,000. Of the scholarship winners, 15 are attending Wichita State University or WSU Tech. Others will attend University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Cowley Community College. High school winners represent these area schools: Andover Central, Derby, Hillsboro, Kapaun Mt. Carmel, Maize, Peabody-Burns, and Wichita Northwest High School.

Visit their website at [wichitamanufacturers.org](http://wichitamanufacturers.org) for more details about the 2018 scholarship donors and recipients.



## SAVE THE DATE FOR MCCONNELL AIR SHOW, OPEN HOUSE

The Frontiers in Flight Open House and Air Show will be held at McConnell Air Force Base on Sept. 8-9, 2018.

The Airshow will be the first since 2012. Since that time, the base has undergone over \$270M in new construction to welcome the KC-46 "Pegasus" to McConnell AFB. McConnell is the first Main Operating Base for the next-generation Boeing tanker, which will arrive in October of this year. The landscape of McConnell has changed immensely to welcome the "Pegasus," and base personnel are excited to put the base on display for this year's Show.

In addition to all of the new construction on base, the Airshow will feature the much-loved demonstration team The USAF Thunderbirds. The Army Golden Knights are scheduled to perform on both days. DOC, the restored B-29 Superfortress built at the Boeing's Wichita plant in 1944, will also be on display. DOC became airborne again in 2016 thanks to a dedicated force of local volunteers and businesses.

Pat Gallagher, Military Affairs Liaison for the Chamber, says Friends of McConnell (FOM) is a financial sponsor of the Airshow and encourages people to follow FOM on Facebook for Airshow updates.

**Frontiers in Flight**

**September 8th & 9th**

**Air Force Thunderbirds**

**Army Golden Knights**

**Kid's Zone**

**So Much More!!!**

**Free & Open to the Public**

**Gates Open 9 AM**

**Gates Close 4:30 PM**

**MCCONNELL**  
FEATURING  
*Thunderbirds*



Mission Wichita consisted of six biweekly sessions, including a tour of McConnell Air Force Base and an up-close look at the KC-135 Tanker.

## 2018 MISSION WICHITA CONCLUDES

Earlier this year, The Friends of McConnell, McConnell Air Force Base, Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW) and other community partners developed a new opportunity for strengthening the connections between McConnell and the local business community. Ten Airmen and ten young professionals were selected to participate in the inaugural Mission Wichita program, which allowed participants to experience Wichita through a unique lens, with the intentions of demystifying McConnell Air Force Base, the Wichita business community, and local government.



## YPW LAUNCHES #INTERNICT PROGRAM WITH WICHITA PASSPORT

The Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW) is inviting interns who are visiting Wichita for the summer to explore our city and to discover places that make Wichita unique. To do so, YPW has created a Wichita passport, filled with 29 locally owned businesses. Individuals who visit 15 of the 29 businesses in the passport will receive a Wichita flag #internICT shirt, sponsored by Professional Image Center.

For information about how your company's summer interns can participate in the program, contact YPW Director Alejo Cabral at [acabral@wichitachamber.org](mailto:acabral@wichitachamber.org).

**PASSPORT**



**Wichita, Kansas  
USA**



Chamber staff members promote the #internICT program by wearing the t-shirt on Thursdays.

Summer interns are encouraged to explore Wichita's food scene at places like Los Compadres.

Other stops in the passport include The Donut Whole, Sedgwick County Zoo, and African American Museum.

Interns can satisfy their sweet tooth with a stop at Milkfloat in Delano.

# 2018 SMALL BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCED

**O**n May 23, the Chamber held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Engage & Ignite Small Business conference, which featured six morning sessions specifically selected to address small business needs. Directly following the conference, the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Business Awards Luncheon took place, which recognized nine finalists and announced the 2018 Award recipients. Watermark Books & Café was named the winner in the category for companies with 25 or fewer employees, while Allmetal Recycling, LLC took home the honors representing

employers with 26 to 100 employees.

With more than 80% of Chamber members falling in to the category of small business, we are proud to celebrate our 15th anniversary of the Small Business Awards program next year. It's an honor to recognize outstanding small businesses that are contributing to making Wichita a stronger community. Their stories demonstrate the passion and the commitment to quality and service that is a hallmark of successful businesses.



Watermark Books & Café has regularly achieved both regional and national recognition. Despite dramatic changes in their industry, Watermark provides unbeatable value through knowledgeable staff, community partnerships and events featuring well-known authors.



Allmetal Recycling is the area's leader in metal recycling and has earned a reputation for safety, integrity and innovation. Along with environmental stewardship and community involvement, Allmetal's longevity hinges on ethical operations and valuing employees.

**"This was a huge moment for our company, and the application process is something I'll never forget."**

-- Clint Cornejo,  
President of  
Allmetal Recycling

## NEXT MANUFACTURER'S ROUNDTABLE STARTING THIS FALL

In the fall of 2016, the Chamber began the first cohort group of the Manufacturer's Roundtable as a forum for CEOs and senior level managers to share high-level conversations and leverage the knowledge of their peers. The first two years of the roundtable provided discussion on a wide range of topics including mitigating risk, the labor market, crisis management and benchmarking metrics. Each cohort has consisted of about twelve participants and four quarterly, half-day sessions facilitated by Dr. Brett Andrews, Dean of the Newman University School of Business. Community partners for the program have included the Wichita Manufacturer's Association (WMA), MAMTC, SBA Wichita, WSU Tech and the Greater Wichita Partnership.

A program of this nature is only effective due to committed and engaged cohort participants, willing to have open and frank discussions. We'd like to give a special thank you to the participants of the roundtable's second cohort, pictured at right. As we develop plans for the third cohort group to begin in the fall of 2018, we welcome ideas for roundtable participants, session topics and special speakers.

For more information about the program, contact Vice President of Membership & Engagement Angie Elliott at [aelliott@wichitachamber.org](mailto:aelliott@wichitachamber.org).



2017 Manufacturer's Roundtable Cohort

Back row (L-R): Gary Mason, iSi Environmental Services; Mike Janzen, Signs & Design; Rob Mallon, Aerospace Systems & Components; Joshua Brandes, Great Plains Industries; Sean Weaver, WMA and Allen, Gibbs & Houlik; Justin Kelly, Kelly Manufacturing; Dr. Brett Andrews, Newman University

Front row (L-R): Tom Simon, Aero-Tech Engineering; Joy Grove, Vermillion Inc; Robert Mies, Manufacturing Development, Inc; Victor Lukic, Great Plains Industries

Not pictured: Lance Schroeder, Aerospace Systems & Components; Amir Etezazi, Etezazi Industries

## 2018 CITY-TO-CITY LEADERSHIP VISIT DESTINATION: BOISE, ID



The 2018 City-to-City Leadership Visit will take place on Oct. 10-12 in Boise, ID. Trip participants network, learn and bring home ideas that can be adapted and implemented in our community.

**W**hat makes other cities great, and how do we find best practices and customize them for the Wichita region? Since 2008, the Chamber has planned an annual trip to another city that has figured "it" out to introduce our business and community leaders to innovative projects and best practices.

The 2018 City-to-City Leadership Visit will take place on Oct. 10-12 in Boise, ID. A group of seventy business leaders will exchange information with their peers about quality of life initiatives, job and population growth, talent attraction and retention, among other potential topics.

The cost of the trip has not yet been finalized, but it will include airfare, local transportation, room accommodations, receptions and meals.

For more information or to reserve your spot on the trip, contact Manager of Community Advancement Gabri Samia at [g.samia@wichitachamber.org](mailto:g.samia@wichitachamber.org).

## #WICHITAFLAGSUMMERTRAVELCONTEST UNDERWAY

**I**n the last two years, your Wichita flag has been photographed all over the world, visiting all 50 states, 42 countries and 5 different continents! By entering the #WichitaFlagSummerTravelContest, you can be part of spreading the Wichita love and win some great prizes at the same time! Here's how to enter:

1. Follow @WichitaFlag on Instagram.
2. Take any kind of Wichita flag swag on your summer vacation and post your original photos on Instagram of you repping ICT.
3. Tag your location and use #WichitaFlagSummerTravelContest.

Photos taken anytime during 2018 may be entered by adding #WichitaFlagSummerTravelContest. Judges will select winners at their discretion following the close of the contest on Aug. 17, 2018. Profiles must be public. Usage of #WichitaFlagSummerTravelContest grants permission for reposting. Good luck and happy travels!



#wichitaflagsummertravelcontest

Visit [ilovewichita.org](http://ilovewichita.org) for more information and to see official contest rules.

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