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The Importance of Financial Strategy for Young Professionals

As young professionals, we are navigating our careers with enthusiasm and strategic vision. Beyond the hustle and bustle of the working world, the true game changer lies in the realm of financial strategy.

It isn't just about numbers; at its core, financial strategy equips us as young professionals with the tools to envision and achieve our goals. Whether it's buying a home, entrepreneurship, or early retirement dreams, a well-crafted financial strategy serves as the blueprint for turning ambitions into reality. It empowers us to assess our financial health accurately and make informed decisions.

Jacy Blum, FLEX member, and New York Life Agent, says, "Early

strategizing enables goals setting, responsible spending, debt management, and preparedness for emergencies."

Financial Strategy is a powerful shield against life's uncertainties. By thoughtfully preparing for emergencies and ensuring proper risk management, we, as young professionals, can safeguard our hard-earned assets and protect our financial futures. It enables us to adapt, recover, and grow.

Eli Busch, FLEX member and owner of Kingdom Guard Financial Group, says, "Partnering with a professional or educating yourself now is crucial. The place where you end up financially is directly connected to how you start that journey. The best time to start is now, whether you think you're



ready or not."

As young professionals, when we equip ourselves with the resources or knowledge to secure our financial future, we empower ourselves to pursue dreams and contribute positively to our communities' future. In this way, financial strategy becomes not just a personal journey but a collective endeavor that strengthens our region's young workforce and its prospects for the future.

Save the Date • Thursday, November 9 • 5:30PM

Save the date! The 2023 FLEX Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, at 5:30 p.m.

There will be free headshots, food, drinks, trivia, networking & more!

Want to help with the event? An events committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. to work on planning.

Find the Zoom link in our weekly email (sent out on Mondays) or by emailing us at flex@venangochamber.org.



"The Future of Venango Area Business!"

Making Connections & Getting Involved

Unlock growth with FLEX: Expand your network, gain experience, and have fun. Discover new opportunities at every stage of your professional journey. Connect with FLEX involvement.

Develop your skills, take the lead, and make an impact in the lives of local young professionals. Join our committees to shape events, boost promotion, attract new members, and coordinate volunteer efforts. Enhance your resume while contributing to your own professional development.

Don't miss out on building connections, learning new skills, and challenging yourself. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting out, FLEX offers an inclusive environment for anyone to thrive. Get involved by contacting us or attending our upcoming meetings or committee opportunities.

Join committee meetings and help plan events, connect young professionals, or work on promotional materials. Gain leadership and organization skills alongside other young

professionals that can be applied to both your work and personal life.

No requirements to join FLEX, but plenty of ways to get involved. Attend meetings, help plan events, join socials, and more.

Not sure where to start? Contact us at flex@venangochamber.org.



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Election Event: Get Ready to Vote!

The Venango Chamber will host an Election Event and Commissioner Forum—Oct. 25

Join us at the Venango Chamber's Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 25 at PennWest Clarion - Venango Campus, starting at 5:30PM!

Candidates for County Commissioner are:

- Albert "Chip" Abramovic
- Mathew Beith
- Samuel Breene
- Ken Bryan



We also warmly invite other municipal and countywide candidates running for office to attend.

Before the event, enjoy networking opportunities to connect with local leaders and fellow community members.

Register to vote, check your voter status, and get ready to vote at the upcoming election on November 7, 2023.

Member Profile: Gage Clark



Gage Clark is a passionate project manager at Deets Mechanical Inc., and has been living in Venango County for most of his life.

He grew up in the Franklin and Rocky Grove area, and has achieved a great deal with his self-motivation; he has attained an Automotive

Technology certification from Vo-Tech, setting him up for future successes.

Currently, Gage enjoys the variety of restaurants and outdoor activities that Venango County offers and would love to use FLEX to increase his community involvement by connecting with like-minded individuals.

In addition, his hobbies include playing video games, working on cars, bowling, and fishing – all of which have enriched his life immensely over the years. Ultimately, Gage’s ambition is to become a successful leader within the area while simultaneously achieving his personal goals.

Welcome to FLEX, Gage!

Volunteer: Trunk Or Treat

FLEX is planning to set up at Two Mile Run County Park’s “Trunk or Treat” on Friday, October 20, from 6 to 10 p.m.

We will provide the candy and other handouts, but would love some young professionals to join us! If you’d like to volunteer, please contact us at flex@venangochamber.org.

Can’t attend but want to join us at a future community event? We’re planning to decorate a tree for the Barrow Civic Theatre’s display this year. Stay tuned for details!



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Event Photos: FLEX Coffee Chat & Cranberry Festival



OCTOBER Events & Meetings:

Annual Meeting Planning: Wednesday, October 4 • 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

Marketing Committee: Thursday, October 5 • 12 p.m. • Zoom

NW PA YP Summit: Thursday, October 12 • 5-9 p.m. • Tickets \$35
• Avalon Country Club Buhl Park, Hermitage

Events & Fundraising Committee: Monday, October 16 • 5:30 p.m. • Zoom

Two Mile Trunk or Treat: Friday, October 20 • Two Mile County Park • 6-10 p.m.
• Sign up by emailing flex@venangochamber.org or by calling 814-676-8521

FLEX Monthly Meeting: Monday, October 23 • 12 p.m. • Zoom

Find more event details on our Facebook page or in our Weekly Update email.

Interested in joining?

Email the FLEX Membership Committee Chair Joslyn Dechant at joslyn.dechant@gmail.com or join online: VenangoFLEX.org.

FLEX MISSION: FLEX represents the needs and interests of Young Professionals by positioning ourselves as leaders, entrepreneurs and advocates for the sustainability of the Venango Area through civic engagement, leadership development, and networking.

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