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SBA Announces National Small Business Week Awardees *Chatham's Women Business Center Captures National Honors*

WASHINGTON – [Administrator Linda McMahon](#), head of the U.S. Small Business Administration, today announced the 2018 National Small Business Week awardees for categories including outreach, contracting, lending, disaster recovery and manufacturing.

Among the winners, Pittsburgh's Chatham University Women's Business Center was lauded as the nation's top women's outreach center.

"Chatham is so deserving of this award. They have a myriad of programs and workshops specifically geared towards women's business ownership and mitigating their unique entrepreneurship obstacles," SBA Pittsburgh District Director Kelly Hunt said. "It's appropriate they were notified in March, which is Women's History Month."

"My goal is to help more of our nation's small business owners be aware of the resources available to them through the SBA. We want more entrepreneurs to think of the SBA as the go-to resource for access to capital, valuable resources, business know-how, and the right expertise for each stage of their business lifecycle. That's how we can continue to help power the engine of our economy," McMahon said.

Of the national award winners, four are from SBA's Mid-Atlantic Region:

SCORE

[SCORE Lancaster-Lebanon Chapter](#)

Lancaster, Pa.

Robert Bewley, President

Women's Business Center

[Chatham's Women's Business Center](#)

Chatham University Eastside

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Anne Marie Flynn Schlicht, Director

Veterans Business Outreach Center

[Veterans Business Outreach Center at](#)

[Community Business Partnership](#)

Springfield, Va.

Charles McCaffrey, Executive Director

8(a) Graduate of the Year

[SBG Technology Solutions, Inc.](#)

Alexandria, Va.

Carlos Del Toro, President and CEO

"Having four winners in our Region speaks volumes about the hard work and dedication of the SBA team, our partner organizations, and of small business owners pursuing the American dream," said SBA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Michelle Christian. "Congratulations to them, and to all the winners across the entire nation."

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Awardees are invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in events and ceremonies April 29-30. The SBA Pittsburgh District Office along with the Western Pennsylvania Small Business Network is planning a separate local celebration.

Each year since 1963, the president has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of National Small Business Week. National Small Business Week is set as the first week in May, and this year the dates are April 30 – May 5, with national events planned in Washington, D.C., Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

For more information about [National Small Business Week](https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/nsbw) visit: <https://www.sba.gov/nsbw/nsbw>

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