ASU Small Business Development Center Celebrates National Small Business Week

ASU Small Business Development Center (SBDC) joins the U.S. Small Business Administration and other agencies across the nation to celebrate National Small Business Week during May 12 – 16, 2014. The celebratory week is designed to recognize the critical contributions of entrepreneurs and small businesses. The ASU SBDC will commemorate this week by hosting business networking opportunities and free training workshops. Below is a calendar of events.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Small Business Pitch Mixer**
Monday, May 12 @ 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm - Location: ASU John Garrick Hardy Center Ballroom, 1055 Tullibody Drive, Montg., AL
Join us for an opportunity to business network and to give your 1-Minute Business Pitch. This will be an excellent learning opportunity for startup businesses. Participants are encouraged to bring their business cards and brochures. Light refreshments will be served.
Register online at [http://asbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=7147](http://asbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=7147)

**Brown Bag Luncheon: Focus on Franchising**
Wednesday, May 14 @ 11:00 am – 1:00 pm - Location: ASU John Garrick Hardy Center Ballroom, 1055 Tullibody Drive, Montg., AL
Join us to learn the true facts about franchising and bust the myths! Come and learn about all the industries and options available. This live educational seminar will help you to decide if business ownership is something you want to pursue. **Workshop Presenter: Jerry Bird, Frannet**
Register online at [http://asbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=7108](http://asbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=7108)

**Small Business Radio Talk Show on WBFZ 105.3 FM**
Wednesday, May 14 @ noon
Small Business Roundtable Discussion: The Dynamics of Growing Your Business - Successful business owners discuss the challenges and opportunities in growing your small business.

**WVAS Perspective Radio Talk Show on 90.7 FM**
Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:00 pm
Small Business Roundtable Discussion: The Dynamics of Growing Your Business
SBDC representative and successful business owners discuss the challenges and opportunities in growing your small business.

**Medical Place Radio Talk Show on WKXN 102.7 FM - 95.7 FM - 95.9 FM**
Thursday, May 15 – 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
A brief discussion of the path to successful entrepreneurship and the importance of small business in the economy

**Brown Bag Luncheon: Are You Bankable: A Lender's Perspective**
Thursday, May 15 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm - Location: Great Teachers Hall, ASU Ralph D. Abernathy Bldg, 1625 Hall Street, Montg., AL
Experienced lending professional(s) who actively work in the small business market will discuss what makes a start-up or existing business bankable and what is considered when making that important loan decision for entrepreneurs and small business owners. **Workshop Presenter: David Ramp, SBA, Lender Specialist**
Register online at [http://asbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=7148](http://asbdc.ecenterdirect.com/ConferenceDetail.action?ID=7148)

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