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Thursday, September 12
11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Stambaugh Auditorium

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In 1984, The Success Group founded Impact Ohio. Since its inception, Impact Ohio has offered one-day conferences to explore elections, the outcomes of the political process, and policy choices facing Ohio and its communities.

Impact Ohio has become known for the Post Election Conference, which is held in Columbus every two years immediately following the general election. The Post Election Conference offers the first post-election opportunity to hear directly from those who will shape Ohio's policy and political agenda for the upcoming biennium.

In 2017, Impact Ohio expanded throughout the state with regional conferences focused on bringing together government officials, political analysts, pundits, and policy experts. Impact Ohio's regional conferences are a forum for local thought leaders to discuss the political and policy issues important to their communities.



In recognition of our panelists and speakers, Impact Ohio makes a charitable donation in lieu of personal tokens of appreciation to Ohio YMCA Youth & Government.

Teens in the program experience a three-day learning conference at the Statehouse where they participate directly in a simulation of the democratic process. YG includes all three branches of government, as well as the Press Corp.

YMCA Youth & Government offers students the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with those who hold like and opposing views.

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 11:00 a.m. **Registration, Networking & Lunch**
- 11:45 a.m. **Conference Welcome**
Jennifer Flatter, Chief Executive Officer, Impact Ohio
James Dignan, President & CEO, Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber
The Honorable Jamael Tito Brown, Mayor of Youngstown
- 12:00 p.m. **Priorities and Plans for Ohio's 51st Secretary of State**
The Honorable Frank LaRose, Ohio Secretary of State
- 12:20 p.m. **Priorities and Plans for the Ohio Senate**
The Honorable Larry Obhof, President of the Ohio Senate
- 12:45 p.m. **Increasing Manufacturing Competitiveness: The Next Generation of Technology & Machining**
Moderator: **Jeff Herrmann**, CEO, The Business Journal
Panelists:
The Honorable Matt Dolan, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Mike Garvey, President & CEO, M-7 Technologies
Michael Hripko, Associate Vice President, External Affairs, Government Relations, and Economic Development, Youngstown State University
Erin O'Donnell, Director of Partnership and Community Relations, America Makes
- 1:45 p.m. **Networking & Coffee Break**
- 2:00 p.m. **Priorities and Plans for Ohio's 49th Treasurer of State**
The Honorable Robert Sprague, Ohio Treasurer of State
- 2:15 p.m. **Military Affairs & the Economy: The Importance of Camp Garfield and the Youngstown Air Reserve Station**
Moderator: **Brenda Linert**, Editor, Tribune Chronicle
Panelists:
Vito Abruzzino, Executive Director, Eastern Ohio Military Affairs Commission
Michael Dustman, Director of Constituent Services, Office of US Senator Rob Portman
The Honorable Rick Perales, Chair, Ohio House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee
Retired Air Force Colonel Joseph Zeis, Jr., Senior Policy Advisor for Aerospace and Defense, Office of Governor Mike DeWine
- 3:30 p.m. **Mahoning River Restoration: Enhancing Sustainability to Improve the Region**
Moderator: **Amanda Smith**, Reporter, WKBN TV
Panelists:
The Honorable William D. Franklin, Mayor, City of Warren
Jim Kinnick, Executive Director, Eastgate Regional Councils of Government
Kurt Prinic, District Chief, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Northeast District Office
The Honorable Michael A. Rulli, Member, Ohio Senate
- 5:00 p.m. **Reception & River Lunch** Hosted by The Chamber Foundation (B&O Banquet Hall)