



# Newsletter

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## Venue Connect 2018 And Region 6

We just returned from Toronto's VC18. What a great week with colleagues and friends. I am consistently reminded how fortunate we are to be in Region 6 where members volunteer, engage, graciously give and scholarship winners are supported. We work in a very special Region.

Congratulations to our very own Region 6 Michael Marion who assumed the Chair position for IAVM. We are behind you Michael and look forward to an amazing year under your leadership. Also congratulations to be extended to Brad Mayne, IAVM President & CEO (our long-time region member) for an outstanding VC18! You created lasting memories and inspiration to carry us through 2018/19.

The influence of the Foundation was felt everywhere. They raised \$40,000.00 in 25 minutes at the Diversity and Inclusion reception, held a successful auction, golf tournament and a not-to-be-forgotten musical performance at the closing evening. All added up to over \$130,000.00 for our membership's development and benefit!

If you were unable to attend here is the Region 6 Business meeting recap:

- We announced this year's Future Leader's Conference to take place this January 14-16, 2019 in Amarillo, TX. Mark your calendars!
- Ashley Peacock will serve as the Planning Committee Chair and Melinda Landry will serve as the Host Committee Chair of the Future Leader's Conference. If you wish to join this committee please let them know.
- This year's region meeting in Padre Island made \$14,666.73 in profit with 90 attendees. We owe a huge thank you to the team on Padre Island who extended so many wonderful elements to our experience and watched over us the whole time!
- Jeff Davis received a plaque for his service as Conference Chair. Job well done!!
- Meredith Imes (Scholarship chair) reported we were able to give 2 VMS two-year scholarships, one GI scholarship and 7 stipends for the Region conference paid for from Future Leader's profit.
- Sherman Bass received a recognition plaque for his extended service as longest past chair. Jimmy Earl nominated Sherman as Past Chair Emeritus for Region 6.

I personally want to thank our 2017/2018 Board for all their service. They are each committed and passionate members who I am so honored to work with. Each of them stepped up to be nominated again and give of their time in the coming year. Congratulations!



Jeff Davis missed the group photo because the poor guy was under the weather!



On behalf of Region 6 thank you Sherman, Jeff, Meredith, Tim, Nick and Kyle more than we can say for your tireless work and dedication. We are looking forward with great anticipation for the next year.

**Yours Kindly, Kerry Painter, CVE, CEM, CMP, Region 6 Director**

## Curtis Culwell Center and the Junior Basketball Association Make Great Partners



The CCC hosted two double-headers of the inaugural season of the Junior Basketball Association. Lavar Ball's creation showcased young professional ballers honing their craft. The Los Angeles team consisting of Lavar's sons LiAngelo and LaMelo did draw over 1,200 people to watch the teams score a combined 293 points!

### Curtis Culwell Center Welcomes Trey Johnson as Event Coordinator



The Curtis Culwell Center is proud to announce Trey Johnson as the newest member of the team. Collegiately, Trey walked on to the Oklahoma State football team and later earned his degree at Texas State University. Trey served a role as a part time crowd manager at the CCC before accepting the job as Event Coordinator. The CCC is looking forward to seeing Trey excel in his new role.

### Curtis Culwell Center's Myra Palacios Earns IAVM 30 Under 30 Distinction



For the fourth year in a row, the CCC is honored to recognize another IAVM 30 UNDER 30 recipient. Myra Palacios, Event Coordinator, earned the honor for her attention to detail, sharp mind, and willingness to go above and beyond for any event. Myra was one of the 30 young professionals recognized this year in Toronto at VenueConnect. She was able to pick the brains of seasoned industry professionals all week. The CCC is excited to continue to watch Myra grow.

## ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC NOMINATES BOK CENTER FOR VENUE OF THE YEAR

The awards keep piling up for BOK Center. The SMG-managed arena was nominated by the Academy of Country Music (ACM) for Venue of the Year – Large Capacity. BOK Center, which opened in 2008, has been nominated for the award seven times over the past ten years.

In order to be considered for Venue of the Year, the venue must have bought or promoted at least three country concerts during the prior calendar year of January 1 to December 31, 2017 and be in good standing with all agents. In 2017, BOK Center hosted seven country concerts including Eric Church, Miranda Lambert, Tim McGraw & Faith Hill, Luke Bryan, Chris Stapleton, Florida Georgia Line and Jason Aldean.

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The 2018 calendar year is already shaping up to be a blockbuster year for Country Music in Tulsa. In February, Blake Shelton kicked off his North American tour at BOK Center and Thomas Rhett, Willie Nelson, and Allison Krauss have all visited over the past two months. On June 1 and 2, nearly 40,000 fans will converge on Downtown Tulsa for "Strait Down Route 66," a special sold-out weekend engagement featuring the legendary George Strait who will come out of retirement to play two special shows to help celebrate the venue's tenth anniversary.

"We are honored to once again be nominated by the Academy of Country Music for Venue of the Year," said SMG General Manager Jeff Nickler. "In today's competitive environment where venues compete for every show that is booked, BOK Center's continued success is a testament to the passion Tulsans have for country music. We couldn't be more appreciative of the artists and promoters who continue to think of BOK Center as a must-play venue."

Also nominated for Venue of the Year - Large Capacity are The Budweiser Stage (Toronto, ON), The Forum (Inglewood, CA), Hollywood Casino Amphitheater (Tinley Park, IL) and Shoreline Amphitheater (Mountain View, CA).

Venue of the year is an off-camera Industry Award and will be presented during the 12th Annual ACM Honors event on Wednesday, August 22 in Nashville at the historic Ryman Auditorium. The Industry Awards honor the behind-the-scenes industry professionals and venues who contribute so much to the artistry, success and longevity of country music. The award is considered a part of the 53rd Annual Academy of Country Music Awards and is voted on by the professional membership of the academy.

### **BOK CENTER WINS 2018 IAVM VENUE EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The awards continue to pile up for the SMG-managed BOK Center during its 10th anniversary celebrations this year. BOK Center was awarded the prestigious 2018 Venue Excellence Award by the International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) and presented with the award today at the 93rd annual *VenueConnect* conference held in Toronto during the Venue Industry Awards luncheon. BOK Center previously won this award for the first time in 2011.

The Venue Excellence Award recognizes five venues of any type that demonstrate excellence and innovation within the last calendar year in operation and management of public assembly venues. IAVM takes pride in its members and member venues that excel in providing their communities with a safe and enjoyable space for all types of events and educational opportunities. The criteria for the award includes: service to the community, team building/professional development, safety and security and operational excellence. The criteria used to evaluate the venues are at the core of IAVM's mission and are key components to the success and vitality of the venue industry. A committee of industry leaders chose the finalists for each venue type and winners were approved by the IAVM Board of Directors.

"The Venue Excellence Award puts BOK Center in an elite national group," said Jeff Nickler BOK Center General Manager. "It is further recognition of the superior work of our team and the standards we uphold and adhere to. I'm proud of the entire staff for this well deserved achievement."

The four other 2018 Venue Excellence Award winners include: INTRUST Bank Arena (Wichita, KS), Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts (Orlando, FL), Minneapolis Convention Center (Minneapolis, MN) and Shaw Conference Centre (Edmonton, AB).

### **INTRUST Bank Arena Seeking Engineering Manager**

**SMG**, the leader in privately managed public assembly facilities, has an opening for an **Engineering Manager at INTRUST Bank Arena**.

Overseen by the Director of Operations, this position is responsible for supervising building engineers and technician staff and managing facility resources. Must be able to work alongside the team to support the facility systems (i.e. mechanical, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and Automated building Management systems). The position calls for someone with technical competence as well as managerial skills. HVAC/Plumbing Certification, Journeyman Electrician preferred. SMG is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer, and encourages Women, Minorities, Individuals with Disabilities, and protected Veterans to apply. VEVRAA Federal Contractor.

Full description and application at:

<https://recruiting.adp.com/srccar/public/RTI.home?c=1152751&d=ExternalCareerSite&r=5000393650706#/>

## **UT ARLINGTON SPECIAL EVENTS FACILITIES PROMOTES KEITH SCHOBERT AS DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE PARK CENTER**



The University of Texas at Arlington Special Events Facilities is pleased to announce that Keith Schobert has been promoted to Director of College Park Center beginning September 1, 2018. He succeeds Jeff Davis, who has been named Executive Director of UT Arlington Special Events Facilities.

A highly accomplished facilities and event professional with more than 14 years of experience, Schobert has been instrumental in his performance of venue operations for a wide variety of events at College Park Center during the last seven years, along with his support, assistance and encouragement of his team. He has been influential in planning, scheduling and directing all event support and operational functions, establishing relationships with vendors, University and athletic personnel and staff members as well as coordinating bids, proposal, planning and execution for capital improvement projects.

Schobert joined the UT Arlington in 2011 as assistant director of event services and operations during the opening of College Park Center, a \$78 million, 7,000-seat multipurpose arena. In January 2013 he was named assistant director of facilities and operations of CPC. His background includes operations manager for SMG—INTRUST Bank Arena in Wichita, KS, director of facilities for Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, event coordinator at University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS, director of facilities and events at University of North Texas, Denton, TX. He also served as event security assistant and technical assistant for several facilities. He holds a bachelor's degree in physical education from Tabor College and a master's degree in sports administration from Wichita State University. In 2016 he graduated from IAVM's Academy of Venue Safety and Security and Venue Management School in 2014.

“Keith has been an integral part of our team since the opening of the arena, covering nearly every aspect of venue operations in his time here,” says Jeff Davis. “He has demonstrated his leadership ability and is often the ‘go to’ person for staff and clients. I am confident in his ability to lead all aspects of CPC operations in this new role.”

In his new position as director of the College Park Center, Schobert is responsible for day-to-day operations of the venue, including contract negotiations, tenant relations, event services, guest services, building operations, and renovation planning and oversight.

### **UT-Arlington Seeks Director of Booking for College Park Center and Texas Hall**

The Department of Special Events Facilities at the University of Texas at Arlington is seeking a dynamic Director of Booking to join our team. In this newly created position, the director will drive new entertainment and public events for both our arena and performing arts center venues, establish and maintain relationships with regional and national promoters, and help further establish the venues as premier entertainment destinations in the Dallas-Fort Worth market.

For a full job description and to apply, visit: <https://uta.peopleadmin.com/postings/6881>

## WOW! An Amazing Kid's Day Basketball Game!



Nearly 5,000 kids were the first to see an amazing WNBA single-game scoring record.

It was the Dallas Wings' Kids Day at College Park Center on Tuesday, July 17 when Liz Cambage smashed the scoring record with 53 points during a Wings' win over New York Liberty--104-87. Her previous career high was 37, set earlier in July against Chicago.

"It was an exciting game day," says Jeff Davis, CVE CVP CMP, director and general manager, College Park Center. "A big win with an amazing scoring record that enhances College Park Center as a DFW world class sports and active entertainment destination."

Cambage, a 6'8" center was drafted No. 2 by the franchise as a 19-year-old, but only played for two separate seasons back in 2011 and 2013. She averaged 11.5 and 16.3 points respectively in those two seasons but took some time away from the WNBA to work on her game in China and her native Australia.

"It's pretty big," says Cambage. "I've had big numbers in China, I've had big numbers in Australia, and I've heard a lot of people say I could never have big numbers here in the WNBA. So I guess this game is for y'all."

A previous single-game high in the WNBA was 51 points, set by guard Riquna Williams who played for the franchise when it was in Tulsa. "Bay-Bay (Williams' nickname) had to hit some tough shots and some step-back threes. Everyone watching it really noticed," says Wings WNBA All-Star guard Skylar Diggins-Smith.

"With Liz, she was scoring at such a steady pace and wasn't taking a ton of shots. I looked up and was surprised when I saw she had 50," says Diggins-Smith. "As I've said before, Liz is the most dominant player in the league and I'm glad she is on my team."

Since returning to the WNBA this year Cambage has been a huge part of the Dallas Wings 14-11 season, averaging 22.1 points and 9.4 rebounds per game. Currently, (July 30, 2018) the Dallas Wings are sixth in the Western Conference Division.

## Classic Cars, Rock Stars and More Converge on Allen Event Center



The excitement level at Allen Event Center has been at full throttle this summer. The arena has hosted a wide range of events including a first-of-its-kind auto show, a sold-out classic rock concert and a nail-biting PBR event.

In July, Allen Event Center hosted the first-ever *Allen, Texas Classic Car Show & Auction*. The two-day, indoor-outdoor event brought classic cars and car enthusiasts together for a match made in heaven. Ferraris, Corvettes, hot rods and more were on display as over 350 cars took a spin on auction row.

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Also in July, Allen Event Center welcomed rocker Steve Miller home to North Texas with a packed house for his performance with Peter Frampton. As expected, the classic rock dream show became one of the hardest tickets to get in the Dallas-Fort Worth market.

Not to be outdone, several of PBR's rock star bull riders thrilled spectators at the *Zimmerer Kubota PBR Challenge*. Fans traveled from Oklahoma and Louisiana to see the bravest of the brave take on the rankest bulls.

Allen Event Center continues to feel bullish heading into the fall as it prepares to host a *Ladies of the '80s* concert featuring Debbie Gibson, Lisa Lisa and Tiffany, a show by the rapper Russ and the *17th Annual Guns & Hoses (Police vs. Fire) Boxing Tournament*. The arena also welcomes back the Allen Americans (East Coast Hockey League) and Dallas Sidekicks (Major Arena Soccer League) for their 2018-19 seasons.

## **George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston Names New Senior Manager of Guest Services**



Katelyn Orenchuk has been named the new Senior Manager of Guest Services for the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. Having previously served as a Convention Services Manager with the building, Katelyn brings industry knowledge and a continued commitment to excellent customer service to her new role.

Katelyn joined the George R. Brown in early 2017 following her passion for Houston and the event world. She has held event and development roles in many pillars of the Houston business community including the City of Houston Mayor's Office and the Texas Medical Center.

While at the George R. Brown, Katelyn has had the fortune of supporting a wide variety of shows including FIRST Robotics Championship and the Hospitality Industry Technology Exposition & Conference (HITEC). She has also worked to support the programming on Avenida Houston, the George R. Brown's new outdoor event and leisure space.

## **World Record Setting Dinner Hosted at George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston**



On July 11, 2018 the George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB) in Houston hosted a world record-breaking dinner service for the closing evening of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Boule. At a staggering 17,400 guests served, the dinner is poised to make the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest silver service dinner under one roof, having eclipsed the previous record of 16,206, also held by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their celebration held in 2008.

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The monumental task of serving the group was led by the talented Levy Convention Centers team, in-house food and beverage partner at the GRB. Eight months and over 228,000 hours went into the planning, preparation, and production of the meal. More than 600 servers attended to the guests with over 2,000 support team members aiding in the execution of the carefully orchestrated service.

Coordination was key in preparation for the dinner. Over 1,800 tables and 33,000 chairs were set with the GRB Operations and Conventions Services teams working in concert with Levy to ensure that the event was executed at the highest standards.

Though impressive on its own, the dinner was one part of a much larger food and beverage service during the three-day convention. Over the course of the event, over 50,000 meals were served, which amounted to more than one ton of food.

## **James Moore Appointed Director of the Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi.**



James Moore was recently appointed Director of the Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. Jim comes to the PAC from Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, New Jersey, where he served as Director of Performance Management. Jim has also held management positions at Carnegie Hall in New York City and with the Lawrence A. Wien Center for Dance and Theatre in New York.

“I’m excited to re-invigorate the programming at the PAC. A goal is to get more residents of Corpus Christi not only coming to the PAC but also to bring the PAC to them. We’re partnering with the Art Museum of South Texas on a performance series this year and want to expand offerings over time throughout the city”, Moore said.

“I’m also excited to be working with a creative faculty who have ideas and are open to ideas and trying new things. I want to make sure that in addition to the community we serve the students of the University in meaningful ways.”

## **INTRUST BANK ARENA NAMED 2018 IAVM VENUE EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER**



The International Association of Venue Managers (IAVM) has awarded INTRUST Bank Arena the 2018 Venue Excellence Award. The award was announced today at the IAVM Venue Connect Conference in Toronto during the Venue Industry Awards Luncheon. This prestigious award is awarded annually to recognize five IAVM venues of any type within the membership which demonstrate excellence in the management and operation of public assembly venues. IAVM takes pride in its members and member venues that excel in providing their communities with a safe and enjoyable space for all types of events and educational opportunities.

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Being honored alongside INTRUST Bank Arena, the 2018 Venue Excellence Award winners also include Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts (Orlando, Fla.), Minneapolis Convention Center (Minneapolis), BOK Center (Tulsa, Okla.), Shaw Conference Center (Edmonton).

“IAVM members manage public venues all over the world, and we’re excited that INTRUST Bank Arena has proven to be one of the best. The professionals who manage the Arena are to be commended for this industry achievement, and Wichita is fortunate to have a phenomenal asset that serves its citizens and community.” Brad Mayne, CVE, President and CEO

The criteria for the award includes: service to the community, teambuilding/professional development, safety and security, and operational excellence. The criteria used to evaluate the venues are at the core of IAVM’s mission, and are key components to the success and vitality of the venue industry. A committee of industry leaders chose the finalists for each venue type, and winners were approved by the IAVM Board of Directors.

“INTRUST Bank Arena has been a terrific facility and all of us at SMG are proud of the venue and send our congratulations for this significant accomplishment,” commented President and CEO of SMG, Wes Westley.

Sedgwick County Commission Chairman David Dennis added, “This is great news! INTRUST Bank Arena wouldn’t have been possible without the investment of our citizens. Congrats to the INTRUST Bank Arena team for their hard work and focus on customer experiences making this a world-class venue in our region.”

“We are very proud and honored to be recognized as a top venue in the world based on IAVM’s Venue Excellence Award criteria,” said SMG Assistant General Manager, Chris Kibler. “Our team constantly strives to be industry leaders and are always looking for ways to enhance our guest experience. This award is truly a testament to the hard work and dedication that all of our employees have put into executing the SMG mission in Wichita.”

## **SMG ANNOUNCES NEW HIRES AT INTRUST BANK ARENA**

The SMG-managed INTRUST Bank Arena is excited to announce the hiring of Samantha Faley and Jaime Tamsin. Faley will be joining the team under the Finance Department, while Tamsin will be joining Event Services.



Samantha Faley



Jaime Tamsin

Prior to coming to SMG, Samantha Faley worked in accounts receivable at Wickham Industries, a construction and manufacturing company. Faley graduated from Wichita State University in May with her Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting. Faley started her new role as the Payroll and Payables Accountant at INTRUST Bank Arena in June. Her primary duties include processing multiple payrolls as well as assisting in the everyday financial operations.

Jaime Tamsin comes to INTRUST Bank Arena from Spirit Communications Park in South Carolina. Tamsin joined the opening team as the Director of Special Events and had the opportunity to be part of the first special event at the facility. Tamsin graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management. She began her new role as the Event Manager at INTRUST Bank Arena on July 18. She will work closely with the Director of Event Services to help control and monitor the customer contact aspect of the facility.

“We’re excited to welcome Sam and Jaime to the SMG team at INTRUST Bank Arena,” commented SMG General Manager, A.J. Boleski. “They both bring valuable knowledge and skills from their previous work experiences and will be a great addition to our full-time staff.”

## Wichita selected to host 2022 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship Regional Rounds



For the first time, Wichita has been selected to host the 2022 NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Championship Regional Rounds. Wichita was picked as one of four regional sites. The games will be held March 25-28, 2022.

Wichita State University will serve as the host for the event, which will take place at INTRUST Bank Arena, in partnership with Visit Wichita, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita.

The last time Wichita served as host for the women's tournament was for rounds one and two in 2011. In 2017, the Wichita State Volleyball team hosted NCAA first and second rounds for the first time in school history and in 2018, Wichita hosted men's basketball first and second rounds.

"We're thrilled to have an opportunity to not only host another NCAA event, but the Sweet 16 and Elite 8, where the winner will move on to the Final Four," said WSU Associate Athletic Director and tournament manager Brad Pittman. "We're grateful for the entities that pulled together to make this happen and look forward to another opportunity to showcase our university and community."

Wichita was selected from a highly competitive group of qualified cities. Collaboration between the partners who submitted the bid and WSU's basketball momentum helped position Wichita well, showing Wichita had the necessary facilities and a supportive community to successfully host the event.

"Being selected by the NCAA to host the NCAA Division I women's Basketball Championship for a second time is an honor," said A.J. Boleski, SMG General Manager for INTRUST Bank Arena. "We're thrilled to once again showcase Wichita's world-class facilities on a national stage."

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Visit Wichita is looking forward to welcoming basketball fans for 2021 men's basketball first and second rounds, and then again in 2022 for women's basketball regional rounds.

"This reaffirms Wichita is a basketball city, and also a great place to visit and explore," said Susie Santo, president and CEO of Visit Wichita. "Just as we did earlier this year, Wichita will put our best foot forward and provide a fantastic welcome to sports fans from across the country."

## INTRUST BANK ARENA ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS FROM FOURTH ANNUAL WINGAPALOOZA



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SMG and INTRUST Bank Arena are pleased to announce the results of Wingapalooza 2018. The fourth year event, which was held today, Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018 at INTRUST Bank Arena, hosted a crowd of more than 1,500 guests on the arena's floor and showcased the culinary flare of 17 local restaurants and chefs.

Wingapalooza took place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the main arena floor and included all-you-can-eat wings, a Samuel Adams Beer Garden featuring select craft beer options, and entertainment and music from a live DJ. Fans had the opportunity to sample unique chicken wing recipes from the 17 restaurants and local chefs who showcased their culinary flare and craft and competed for the best chicken wings in Wichita. The participating restaurants and chefs vied for two awards at the event which were presented by Visit Wichita: a People's Choice Award or "Lord of the Wings" and a Judge's Choice Award. INTRUST Bank Arena and Visit Wichita are proud to announce that the 2018 Lord of the Wings award winner is Stroud's Restaurant & Bar. Second place for the People's Choice Award went to Chisholm's American Beef & Ale House and third place went to SAVOR... Wichita. First place for the 2018 Judge's Choice Award went to Rib Crib, second place went to Stroud's Restaurant & Bar and third place went to Slim Chickens.

Returning for the second year to this year's Wingapalooza was a wing-eating contest between Wichita's local first responders. Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department and the Wichita Fire Department competed in the second annual wing-eating contest and the Wichita Fire Department prevailed for the second consecutive year. The Firemen took home a wing-eating champions trophy as well as commemorative event t-shirts.

Participating restaurants included Pizza Hut Wingstreet, River City Brewing Co., Rib Crib, SAVOR... Wichita, Slim Chickens, Wingstop, The Keg Sports Bar and Grill, Twin Peaks, Chisholm's American Beef & Ale House, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Wings and Things, Chick N Max, Stroud's Restaurant and Bar, FYRE and Hurricane Sports Grill.

INTRUST Bank Arena would like to thank the 2018 Wingapalooza sponsors: Samuel Adams, Visit Wichita, ABC Discount, Renewal By Anderson, Kansas Air National Guard, Liquor, iHeart Radio, Channel 96.3, Alt 107.3, KAKE-TV, Sprouts Farmers Market, Martin Event Services and Promo Depot..

## **INTRUST BANK ARENA ANNOUNCES WINNING TEAMS AND CHARITIES FROM DODGEBRAWL 2018**



SMG and INTRUST Bank Arena are pleased to announce results of DodgeBrawl 2018. The third year event, which was held today, Saturday, July 14, 2018 at INTRUST Bank Arena, featured 37 teams playing for the chance to win money for the charity/non-profit of their choice. Each winning team's selected charity/non-profit will receive a financial donation on behalf of the tournament.

INTRUST Bank Arena is proud to announce the winning teams and designated charities from today's third annual DodgeBrawl event. Team "Wanna Bees" took third place. Wanna Bees was playing for the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance and we're pleased to donate \$500 to the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance on their behalf. Team "Pitches Be Crazy" took second place. Pitches Be Crazy was playing for Big Brothers Big Sisters and we're pleased to donate \$750 to Big Brothers Big Sisters on their behalf. Team "Fruit of the Boom" took first place. Fruit of the Boom was playing for the Berean Academy and we're pleased to donate \$1,000 to the Berean Academy on their behalf. In addition to the charitable donations, each of the top 3 teams received tickets in a luxury suite for a Wichita Thunder or Wichita Force game during their upcoming seasons.

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The participating teams also vied for two awards at the event: Best Dressed Team and Best Team Name. The award for Best Dressed Team went to Free Ballin' and the award for Best Team Name went to Don't Stop Believing. Both teams took home a prize pack consisting of a party for 10 people at The Alley including 2 hours of unlimited go karts and bowling, and cases of Mt. Dew KickStart, courtesy of Pepsi.

INTRUST Bank Arena would like to thank the 2018 DodgeBrawl sponsors: Cox Business, Martin Event Services, iHeart Radio including Channel 96.3 and Alt 107.3, KAKE-TV, Wichita Brewing Company, House of Schwan, Smoothie King, Wichita Sports Forum, VASA Fitness, Kansas Air National Guard and Promo Depot.

## Walton Arts Center Hosts Training for Staff and Community



Walton Arts Center hosted a safety and security training for its employees as well as nearly 400 representatives from the local community including churches, police, fire, schools sports venues, theaters, museums, clubs, restaurants, community arts organizations and event organizers on Aug. 8.

The arts organization brought Mark Herrera, director of education for IAVM, and Paul Villotti, director of life safety for Henderson Engineers, to Northwest Arkansas to lead Trained Crowd Management classes for staff at each of its venues, Walton Arts Center and the Walmart AMP.

While on-site, Herrera also led his three-hour Situational Awareness-Mindset training which gives venue operators the observational tools they need to be safer and more secure.

“We knew we wanted all of our staff to go through this training, and we had the capacity to accommodate more people, so we opened the training to more than 40 community organizations, businesses and local law enforcement,” said Nick Zazal, director of events and patron services at Walton Arts Center.

Herrera’s training emphasizes how to maintain exceptional focus, performance and control in extreme situations, and is applicable to a wide variety of businesses and organizations.

“We know this topic is top of mind for so many businesses and organizations, so we opened the training to our community partners free of charge,” Zazal said. “It was a great opportunity for these groups to learn about situational awareness and operational planning, and it was a great way for us to give back to our community.”

## Amarillo Civic Center Complex Seeking to Fill Two Positions

The Amarillo Civic Center Complex is accepting applications for Event Manager and Assistant Production Manager. The Amarillo Civic Center Complex is comprised of two buildings - the Amarillo Civic Center and the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts.

The Event Manager is responsible for performing administrative and supervisory work in directing the use of Civic Center Complex. The Event Manager will directly supervise a permanent staff of 3 event supervisors, indirectly supervise a permanent staff of 18 building attendants, and indirectly supervise several part-time and contract employees.

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The Assistant Production Manager performs administrative and supervisory work in directing the use of the Civic Center Complex Production Department and equipment. Work includes assisting with the hiring, training and supervision of part-time and contract employees of the Production crew; overseeing payroll; purchasing; maintaining equipment; working closely with Event staff; and assisting the Production Manager with event development. For the complete job description or to apply, please visit <https://careers.amarillo.gov>.

## **Jack Hagler of Schuler Shook Honored at IAVM VenueConnect 2018**



The first full day of VenueConnect started on an upbeat note as three major awards were presented to three deserving individuals. The Joseph J. Anzivino Distinguished Allied Award went to Mr. Jack Hagler.

Jack Hagler, ASTC, received the Anzivino Award as a true friend to the performing arts community dating to the 1990s. Hagler even took time to credit the bankruptcy of a past employer with placing him in a theater consulting role that he has come to love and cherish and given back so much to. Hagler thanked everyone in his comments, something noted by IAVM Chair Doug Booher, CVE, who called it “quintessential” Hagler to shower praise on others even as he is being honored. (Copy credit: IAVM Marketing and Communications Team) Read more about Jack here: <https://schulershook.com/people/jack-hagler>

## **Schuler Shook’s Jody Kovalick, ASTC, Promoted to Principal.**



Schuler Shook is pleased to announce the promotion of theatre consultant, Jody Kovalick, ASTC, to Principal. Jody joined Schuler Shook’s Theatre Planning team in 2001. Dedicated and passionate about theatre production, Jody has a BFA from Pennsylvania State University and an MFA in Technical Design and Production from Yale School of Drama. He is also an active member of the American Society of Theatre Consultants. Jody’s diverse production experience includes technical design and direction, lighting, sound, and scenic design for educational, community, professional and touring venues. This background ensures that every performance space that Jody designs is highly functional and elegantly serves the needs of the production team as well as the performers and audience.

“Jody provides thoughtful solutions and an impeccable attention to detail for each of his projects, making him an ideal collaborator and advocate for our architects and clients. He is a wonderful asset to our firm and our work,” says Michael DiBlasi, ASTC, Partner in the Minneapolis office.

Notable projects include Cowles Center for Dance and the Performing Arts in Minneapolis, MN; Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids, IA; University of Wisconsin Memorial Union in Madison, WI; The American International School in Muscat, Oman; the Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, MA; and Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago, IL.

## Allen Event Center seeks Premium Level Coordinator

Allen Event Center, a 7,500-seat capacity multi-sport and entertainment arena just north of Dallas, TX, is accepting applications for the position of Premium Level Coordinator. This position will supervise the operations of the Premium Level suites and club seats, and backstage services for guests and performers at the venue. This will be accomplished by ensuring high level customer service, training and supervising staff, and resolving problems. Other duties may include ensuring contacting clients, creating and reviewing invoices, and assisting with auditing event settlement reports. The position provides direction to other employees such as suite attendants and runners.

Allen Event Center hosts more than 125 events annually including concerts, graduations, and trade shows. The arena is also home to the Allen Americans hockey club of the ECHL and the Dallas Sidekicks soccer club of the MASL. For a full job description and to apply, please visit <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/allen>.

## Texas A&M University Seeking Theatrical Carpenter for Reed Arena

Texas A&M University is seeking an accomplished professional for the position of Theatrical Carpenter for Reed Arena. The Theatrical Carpenter is responsible for constructing staging/sets and maintains and sets up main floor of Reed Arena for events.

### Responsibilities:

- Performs set-up at Reed Arena, including assembling/disassembling basketball court, loading and unloading trucks (operates forklift), setting up equipment, furnishings, staging, pipe & drapes and seating.
- Performs skilled trades for special events such as painting and carpentry work.
- Responsible for repairing and maintaining arena seats, including replacing seat numbers, armrests and missing bolts.
- Works back of house during events.
- Repairs and maintains area, platforms, dressing room facilities, locker rooms and other items are need for events.
- Assists Arena Foreman with light maintenance and upkeep of HVAC equipment.
- Performs preventative maintenance, repairs and service work on machinery, equipment, tools and fixtures. Changes light bulbs.
- Operates and maintains fly systems in arena or multipurpose facility.
- Supervises student labor during change overs. Other duties as assigned.

**Requires:** High School Diploma or any equivalent combination of education and experience. One year carpentry experience in building stage and theatrical sets. Able to lift and move heavy equipment. Have correctable eyesight and hearing. Must be willing and able to work evenings, weekends, and holidays as necessary. Ability to multi-task and work cooperatively with others. All positions are subject to a criminal background check. Positions are subject to education and licensure checks.

Excellent benefits. Starting salaries may be negotiable based on qualification & experience. To apply please visit <http://apps.system.tamus.edu/jobsearch/> and type in keywords Reed Arena or visit [https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/TAMU\\_External](https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/TAMU_External).

## SMG TULSA SEEKING DIRECTOR OF EVENT SERVICES

SMG Tulsa is seeking a full-time Director of Event Services who will work under the general supervision of the Assistant General Managers of BOK Center and Cox Business Center. The Director will coordinate and direct personnel, subcontractors and daily events involved in the successful execution of events, security, and safety at both venues. The ideal candidate has excellent communication and organizational skills, along with a Bachelor's degree and four to six years' experience in the public assembly industry in a supervisory role. For more information, visit [www.CoxCenterTulsa.com/jobs](http://www.CoxCenterTulsa.com/jobs).



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