

Calendar of Events

February 11, 2026

Create Your 2026 Business Plan + Resource Kit for Small Business Owners

ZOOM WEBINAR

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

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The Supplier Finance Institute, hosted by the Business Consortium Fund, invites you to join our free virtual workshop on developing a business plan.

Whether or not you're pitching to investors or lenders, starting a business requires a solid plan. A well-crafted business plan provides direction, helps validate your ideas, and outlines the steps needed to achieve your goals. It also serves as a roadmap for both short- and long-term growth.

If you plan to seek funding—whether from investors or through a business loan—many financial institutions will require a business plan as part of the application process.

Key Takeaways:

- *Understand the essential components of a business plan*
- *Learn how to create a business plan you can use to guide your growth*
- *Prepare a plan suitable for sharing with lenders, investors, or other stakeholders*

Accessibility: Live closed captioning will be enabled for all Zoom sessions (CC button available).

Host: An Phan, Chief Programs Officer

About our speaker:

Cassandra Kidd

U.S. Bank | Business Access Advisor | AVP - Central Arkansas

Cassandra boasts 30 years in the banking and finance industry, most recently working as a branch manager at U.S. Bank before assuming the BAA role. She is a Board member for the Women's Foundation of Arkansas and a member of the Urban League of the State of Arkansas, Southwest Little Rock Business & Community Group and Alpha Kappa Alpha. She enjoys volunteering time at P.A.R.K. (Positive Atmosphere Reaches Kids) and Start to Finish Homeless Outreach. Cassandra is passionate about connecting underrepresented business owners to resources, information, and capital to grow and scale sustainable businesses.

Join the discussion – REGISTER Today!

February 15, 2026

Blooming Traditions: A Captivating Lunar New Year of Fire Horse

CapitalOne Hall

7750 CapitalOne Tower Road

Tysons, VA 22102

03:00 PM - 07:00 PM EST

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Blooming Traditions: A Captivating Lunar New Year of Fire Horse is more than an event—it is a celebration of culture, resilience, and community.

Proudly presented by the Asian American Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Art Elevation Collective and valued partners, including the NOVA Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce, this special evening honors shared heritage while embracing new beginnings through the beauty of music, dance, and timeless traditions.

Join us on Sunday February 15, 2026, at Capital One Hall in Tysons, VA, for an inspiring cultural experience that brings together artists, community leaders, and audiences from across the region. We are honored to welcome distinguished dignitaries representing Indonesia, Nepal, Vietnam, Singapore, Mongolia, and other Asian embassies, reflecting the global spirit of unity at the heart of this celebration.

Register today and come to experience an unforgettable evening filled with artistic excellence, cultural pride, and meaningful connections as we welcome the Lunar New Year together.

February 21, 2026

Mason Artist-in-Residence: Soles of Duende - Can We Dance Here?

Hylton Performing Arts Venue

10960 George Mason Circle

Manassas, VA 20110

08:00 PM - 09:15 PM EST

Hylton Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 703-993-7759

hylton@gmu.edu

A multicultural, all-female trio based in the rhythms of tap, flamenco, and kathak classical Indian dance, Soles of Duende are on a lifelong mission to elevate the joy of collaboration and connection through dance and music. Comprising Puerto Rican American Amanda Castro (tap), Mexican-American Arielle Rosales (flamenco), and South Asian American Brinda Guha (kathak), Soles of Duende is a 2023 Bessie Award nominee that “offers just the kind of art we need right now” (Dance Magazine). The trio uses dance and music to highlight their connection amidst their beautiful differences to uplift the forms they each champion. As a Mason Artist-in-Residence, Soles of Duende will also work with the community through classes and workshops surrounding their performance.

February 28, 2026

Pablo Sainz-Villegas: Spanish Night with Pablo and Friends

Hylton Performing Arts Venue

10960 George Mason Circle

Manassas, VA 20110

08:00 PM - 09:45 PM EST

Hylton Performing Arts Center Ticket Office, 703-993-7759

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Internationally renowned Spanish guitarist Pablo Sainz-Villegas makes his Hylton Center debut in a special evening of iconic, evocative, and romantic pieces from his homeland in a program of the fieriest pieces ever written for guitar. Joined by a trio of fellow musicians, Sainz-Villegas intertwines one-of-a-kind music with stories of his life in Spain. "It's safe to call him the global ambassador of Spanish guitar" (Billboard Magazine) and a performer not to be missed!

March 4, 2026

2026 Annual Procurement Expo with Prince William County

Hylton Performing Arts Venue

10960 George Mason Circle

Manassas, VA 20110

09:30 AM - 03:00 PM EST

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Procurement Business Expo Invitation

The Prince William County Economic Development cordially invites Virginia's business leaders, suppliers, and growth focused enterprises to participate in the upcoming Procurement Business Expo on March 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas, Virginia. Free parking.

This high impact, results driven event convenes more than 300 vendors and key representatives from Prince William County government agencies, creating a direct pathway for organizations seeking to expand their footprint within the public sector. Attendees will gain actionable visibility into upcoming procurement opportunities, engage decision makers responsible for sourcing, and position their capabilities for future Requests for Proposals.

Strategic value to your organization

- *Direct access to procurement officers and department buyers*
- *Insight into agency priorities and upcoming projects*
- *Targeted networking with qualified suppliers and partners*
- *Enhanced brand positioning within the regional government ecosystem*
- *Accelerated pipeline development for public sector contracts*

Whether you are a small business, minority owned enterprise, or established contractor, this forum delivers measurable opportunities to compete, collaborate, and grow.

Seats are limited and interest is strong. We encourage early registration to secure participation and maximize engagement.

Register today and align your organization with Prince William County's procurement pipeline and 2026 growth initiatives.