A Big Week for Small Business



Small business was top of mind this week for the Chamber.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Chamber hosted our biannual meeting for our <u>Small Business Council</u>, our policy committee for Main Street employers who account for the majority of Chamber membership.

These incredible men and women devoted all morning to engaging with members of Congress, receiving the latest <u>political updates</u>, learning about the Foundation's <u>Coalition to Back Black</u> <u>Business initiative</u>, and providing insight on how we approach our work in the months ahead.

After the meeting, we were joined virtually by over a thousand participants for our threeday <u>CO—Big Week for Small Business virtual summit</u>. SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza helped kick off the event on Tuesday and set the tone for 14 breakout sessions designed to arm small businesses with tools and tips on tech, remote working and team building, leadership, finances, social media marketing, mental health, and more.

Wednesday's main stage event featured some of the most successful small business owners sharing their strategies for success amid the global pandemic, and keynotes from Chef Marcus Samuelson, and Carly Zakin and Danielle Weisberg of theSkimm. If you missed any, all sessions are available to watch <u>here</u>.

Dream Big Awards: The week concluded with the <u>Dream Big Awards</u> ceremony. These awards give a solid dose of what American Enterprise is all about. There is no doubt small businesses

are suffering during the pandemic. However, it is also true that energy, enthusiasm, and optimism still shine brightly through the actions and participation of many American small business owners.

Congratulations to Jam Hops Gymnastics Factory, our 2020 Dream Big Small Business of the Year, and to InclusivCare, the winner of the new Community Support and Leadership Award.

These <u>Dream Big Award winners</u> inspire all of us. Congratulations to all of this year's award winners and <u>finalists</u>. What a perfect way to end our Big Week for Small Business.

-Tom Sullivan, Vice President of Small Business Policy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce