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\$50 for Chamber Members | \$65 for non Chamber Members,

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Rosebrook Event Center, 50 Rosebrook Pl #1, Wareham. Contact Deven at 508-999-5231 ext. 103 or deven@southcoastchamber.com for more information. Friday Forum: Decrease Stress + Improved Employee Communication = Increased Productivity

**May 4:** During this Friday Forum presentation, you will have the privilege to learn from Kim Laughlin on how to increase productivity in the workplace. By bringing awareness into the workplace the importance of stress relief and improved communication. The combination of the two has a deep effect of productivity. Her HR background coupled with my life coaching brings techniques to use in the workplace to decrease turnover, absenteeism and presenteeism.

**MORE importantly -** Take-away exercises to implement for real-time occurrences.

Free, 9 - 10 a.m., at the Chamber Office, 794 Purchase St., New Bedford. Contact Deven at 508-999-5231 ext. 103 or deven@southcoastchamber.com for more information. Coffee & Conversation - Breakfast Networking

**May 10:** Join the Chamber's South Coast Young Professionals Network for an early-morning opportunity to increase your access to leads, build your book of business, and to encourage the meaningful professional relationships in Greater New Bedford .... all while enjoying a delicious breakfast.

\$10, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., at the Waypoint Event Center, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford. For more information,

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Friday Forum: Project Management

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### How to submit

The professional business calendar publishes the fourth Sunday of each month. To submit a workshop for listing, email information to Faith Harrington at fharrington@st.com.

Calendar items will be accepted until noon on the Wednesday before publication date.

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