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Pennsylvania SBDC Recognizes State Representative Peter J. Daley, II as Small Business Champion

CHARLEROI, Pa. – The [Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers](#) (SBDC) have named [State Representative Peter J. Daley, II](#) (PA-49) a Small Business Champion for his support of small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. Daley was presented with the award by Pennsylvania SBDC State Director Christian Conroy while visiting the [University of Pittsburgh SBDC](#) during their *Planning for Profits* seminar graduation that included twenty-four local business owners.

“Today we are proud to recognize State Representative Daley as a Small Business Champion,” Conroy said. “During a period when new jobs are in demand, we are very grateful for the leadership of Representative Daley in advocating for proven and fiscally responsible programs like the SBDC that everyday work to help small companies thrive. Representative Daley’s support has been critical to ensuring that the SBDC will continue to be available to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses in Southwestern Pennsylvania and throughout the nation.”

“I’m honored to receive the award again, but the proven and fiscally responsible programs provided by Small Business Development Centers are the real story,” said Daley, whose 34 years of service in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives concludes on Nov. 30. “Small businesses create most of the jobs in our economy and the SBDCs are a great resource to grow them and promote prosperity.”

Earlier in March, the [U.S. Small Business Administration](#) announced the University of Pittsburgh SBDC as one of five winners of the [Lean for Main Street Training Challenge](#) competition. A representative from the University of Pittsburgh SBDC attended NSF’s I-Corps program in Washington, D.C. this spring, where they received guidance from instructors on how to adapt the curriculum to their own communities. Following the training, the University of Pittsburgh SBDC developed its six-session *Planning for Profits* seminar to provide in-depth training on lean methodologies and business growth strategies.

About Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

The Pennsylvania SBDC network is the only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high quality one-on-one consulting, training and information resources to empower new and existing businesses. SBDC consultants work with entrepreneurs in confidential, individualized sessions to help them with a range of business issues including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more. The SBDC program is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and 18 universities and colleges across the Commonwealth. For more information on the Pennsylvania SBDC services and impact, please visit www.pasbdc.org.

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