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## From Philly to San Francisco

On September 10, 150 of the [region's leaders](#) in business, nonprofit, and government organizations convened in Center City to participate in the 2009 Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange, "[Global Connections & the Region's Future.](#)"



If you weren't there in person, [check out our website](#) to download the presentations and audio recordings from the sessions.

And don't miss out next year! The [2010 Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange](#) will culminate with a learning visit to the Bay Area & Silicon Valley from September 13 to 15, 2010. The application process begins in February 2010. Sponsorship opportunities, many of which include free, guaranteed registration, are now [posted online](#).

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## League Hits

[PARK\(ing\) Day](#) --

Tomorrow, Sept. 18, metered spaces across the region will be transformed into temporary public parks and art installations. Read a [Friday Journal](#) about last year's event in Philly. -- *A. Kelsey*

[Global Creative Economy Convergence Summit](#) --

On October 5 & 6, members and gurus of the creative economy will gather at the PA Convention Center for a conference on innovation, creativity, collaboration, shared learning, technology, and open source thinking. -- *C. Scoville*

## In the News

[University City Science Center's impact \\$9B, study says](#), *Philadelphia Business Journal*, 9/14

[Tensions fill pension bill for Pa. towns](#), *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 9/6

[Exchange is a chance to look ahead](#), *Philadelphia Business Journal*, 9/4

[Philly Fellows help and stay local](#), *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 8/22

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### From the Archives

Take a look at 100 years of [Citizens' Business archives](#) as we celebrate our 100th anniversary.

What potential do you see to make Greater Philadelphia a world class place to establish a business and grow a community? How do we come together to tackle some of the region's toughest challenges?



We want to hear your thoughts on these questions, among the many raised at the [Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange](#). Steve Wray (Economy League) and Leadership Exchange participants Paul Levy (Center City District), Anne O'Callaghan (Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians), David Brown (BrownPartners), and Andrew Toy (The Enterprise Center) will offer their views with plenty of time for Q&A at a **panel discussion on Wednesday, September 30**, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., hosted by Montgomery McCracken and presented by the Economy League and Center City Proprietors Association. Click [here](#) to learn more or to register.

## New Study: Economic Impact of Science Center

["The University City Science Center: An Engine of Economic Growth for Greater Philadelphia"](#)



The Economy League conducted an economic impact analysis of the [University City Science Center's](#) half-century of business incubation services in the Greater Philadelphia region. The [report](#) found that the more than 15,000 jobs created by Science Center-supported companies contribute more than \$9 billion to the regional economy on an annual basis.

With an average annual salary of \$89,000, employees at the 93 companies that remain in the region contribute \$22 million to the City of Philadelphia in wage tax revenues and \$43 million to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in state income tax revenues. Click [here](#) to learn more.

## Friday Journal



Each Friday, you'll find a feature about trends, places, programs, and ideas that pique our interest. Whatever the topic, we'll focus on things germane to issues affecting Greater Philadelphia.

[A "Smart" Investment in Energy Infrastructure](#) -- *E. Johanson*

[Service and a Super Bowl Trophy](#) -- *R. Gordon*

[Policy and Canoes: New Jersey's Pinelands National Reserve](#) -- *J. Egmont*

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