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PIM NEWS & UPDATES

Your Summer with PIM Starts Here

From Star Awards to Golf: Your PIM Summer Lineup | [PIM Events & Webinars](#)

It is June, and Printing Industry Midwest (PIM) is here to keep you connected, informed, and engaged all summer long. June brings [several valuable webinars](#) to help keep your skills sharp and up to date, along with the industry's biggest night of the year—the [Star Awards Banquet](#). Right after PIM hosts an in person [Powered Industrial Truck Train the Trainer Workshop](#) and then PIM heads to Omaha for a cup of coffee for [PIM Coffee Corner](#). In July, advertising sales open for [PIM's Print Buyers Guide](#), giving your company the opportunity to reach thousands of print buyers nationwide. Then in August, get your clubs ready for PIM's 70th Annual Golf Outing. And before we know it, fall will arrive with two favorite industry traditions—the Paper Drive and the Women in Print Luncheon. We look forward to seeing you throughout the season! [Review All PIM Benefits, Click Here.](#)

Days Away From The Biggest Night Of The Year

June 18, 2026 | Happy Hour 4:00 PM | Dinner 5:30 PM | Awards 6:15 PM

Printing Industry Midwest's (PIM) [Star Awards Banquet](#) is your opportunity to celebrate the hard work of your team and recognize the achievements of your peers. Whether you are attending to cheer on your team, celebrate award-winning work, or connect with peers, this is a night you will not want to miss! [Learn More & Register, Click Here.](#)

2026 Wage + Benefits Survey Is Now Open

Survey opens June 1 and closes Friday, July 17, 2026 | [Take Survey Click Here.](#)

Designed specifically for print and packaging operations, the 2026 Wage + Benefits Survey provides valuable industry benchmarking insights into compensation trends, employee benefits, workforce planning, and evolving staffing strategies across the industry. The more companies that participate, the stronger and more accurate the benchmarking data becomes for organizations nationwide, helping businesses make informed decisions and remain competitive in today's workforce environment. Participation also supports broader workforce development and industry advocacy efforts by contributing to a clearer understanding of compensation trends and career opportunities within print and packaging.

As an added benefit, Printing Industry Midwest (PIM) member companies that complete the survey will receive the final reports at no cost. The survey opens June 1 and closes Friday, July 17, 2026. Participants can access the survey at portal.printindustries.org. The 2026 Wage + Benefits Survey is proudly supported by Significans Automation, a company focused on

workflow automation, systems integration, and operational optimization for the print and packaging industry. [Take Survey Here.](#)



[Learn more about PIM's Partner, Riteway Business, click here.](#)

PIMEF Awards \$22,000 in Scholarships to 11 Students

Printing Industry Midwest Education Foundation (PIMEF) Awards \$22,000 in Scholarships to 11 Students Pursuing Print/Graphic/Media/Accounting Careers in 2026! Download Article, [click here](#), to view the list a students who were awarded scholarships for 2026. Congratulations to everyone!

Ready to Be Seen? Advertise Smarter in 2027

Get ready... ad sales for PIM's 2027 Print Buyers Guide & Membership Directory opens next month. This [annual publication](#) is a powerful marketing tool that connects your company with print buyers, suppliers, and industry professionals across the country through both print and online exposure. Whether you want to showcase your capabilities, highlight new services, or increase your visibility, the Buyers Guide helps put your company in front of the right audience. Watch for details on Early Bird pricing and special savings for first-time advertisers, and reserve your space early to maximize your impact.



[Learn more about PIM's Partner, Direct Logistics, click here.](#)

Who is MAWB? An Inside Look at Minnesota's Workforce Development Boards on June 3

Join us for a comprehensive overview of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) and its role within the state's workforce development system. We will explore how MAWB's collaboration with state agencies and community partners supports job seekers while meeting the needs of Minnesota's employers. We will look at the structure, responsibilities and impact of the workforce development board system, offering insight into how MAWB helps shape policy, drive innovation and ensure a skilled and competitive workforce across the state. [Learn More & Register, Click Here.](#)

Sign-up for the Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline All-Industry Forum on June 16

Join our Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline All-Industry Forum from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16. The half-day event will feature a presentation about population and education trends in Minnesota from State Demographic Center Senior Research Analyst Dr. Jeff Howison, an update about Minnesota's economy from Wilder Foundation's Research Manager and Minnesota Compass Director Allison Liuzzi, Dual-Training Pipeline program updates, an employer panel about implementing earn-and-learn initiatives, networking, coffee, lunch and more. [Learn More & Register, Click Here.](#)



[Learn more about PIM's Partner, TecnaU, click here.](#)

Build a Stronger, Safer Operation with PIM

Protect your team, stay compliant, and strengthen your operations with [Printing Industry Midwest's \(PIM\) Environmental, Health & Safety \(EHS\) Services](#). PIM provides flexible, industry-specific support including EHS audits, OSHA and EPA compliance assistance, safety and environmental training, regulatory updates, and the nationally recognized Great Green Printer program. From reducing risk and improving workplace safety to advancing sustainability initiatives, PIM's EHS experts help print companies stay proactive, compliant, and prepared. [Learn More, Click Here.](#)

Prepare Today for Tomorrow's Recognition

Never Too Early To Start Preparing For PIM's 2027 Star Awards

How many outstanding print pieces has your team produced so far this year? Who has gone above and beyond to ensure success? Now is the perfect time to begin setting aside your top projects and identifying individuals you would like to nominate for [PIM's 2027 Star Awards](#). Consider starting a "Star Awards Box" to collect your best work and gather testimonials to support employee nominations. Submission forms for 2027 will be available in Fall 2026.



[Learn more about PIM's Partner, Federated Insurance, click here.](#)

Review Resumes. Post Your Job Openings. No-Cost Benefit for PIM Members.

Printing Industry Midwest (PIM) Employers can [select resumes](#) to be forwarded to you and can provide information about your [openings](#) so that job seekers can find you. Review more at [PIM Employment Referral](#).

PIM's Mailbox - Ask A Question & Get Answers

If you need help or have questions, please use PIM's Mailbox

PIM's Mailbox is a way of connecting members to answers, resources, and each other. If you have a questions and need extra help, please send it to PIM's Mailbox by emailing [Kristin Pilling-Davis](#) so PIM staff can help you find an answer.

UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS

[All PIM Upcoming Events, Webinars & Trainings...](#)

[Check Out PIM University:](#) *PIM University is ideal for onboarding new hires and continuing education for current employees. Targeted tracks help make sure each audience is receiving specific content tailored to their work experience.*

June 2026

[Growing Into the Leader You're Meant to Be: A Virtual Workshop for Aspiring, Emerging & Developing Leaders](#) - June 2, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (CT) an **Online-Online Webinar** - As we advance in our careers, the roles we play become more complex. To be successful, we must shift our understanding of our work from just “doing” to “doing, leading, and influencing.” In this discussion, we will explore three key ideas to help you take on these new challenges.

[PIM June Financial Executives Council](#) - June 4, 2026 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (CT) an **Online-Online Webinar** - Join us for an informative webinar covering Merger & Acquisition (M&A) matters including recent marketplace trends and metrics, common issues/concerns of the typical M&A process, specific buy and sell strategies, and more. Our presenters, Mel Enger, Managing Director at LB Transitions, will share perspectives from their personal experience of actual transactions.

[Simple Lean Impression: 4-Part Virtual Course](#) - June 9, July 20, August 6 and August 20, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (CT) an **Online-Online Webinar** - Beginning with where to start and progressing through practical implementation strategies, each session focuses on simplifying Lean concepts and turning them into actionable steps you can apply immediately. Participants will explore core principles, learn how to create sustainable improvements, and determine whether foundational tools like 5S are the right first move for their organization.

[SEO/GEO...E,I,E,I,O: Showing Up In AI Search: 3-Part Virtual Course](#) - June 17, July 17, and August 19, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM (CT) an **Online-Online Webinar** - This is designed as a hands-on 3-part monthly series that helps print businesses show up in AI search tools like ChatGPT, Google AI, and Perplexity—so your team can stay visible, credible, and competitive as buyer behavior changes.

PIM 2026 Star Awards Banquet - June 18, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 8:30 PM (CT) at JW Marriott Mall of America, Bloomington, MN 55425 – PIM’s Star Awards Banquet is your opportunity to celebrate the hard work of your team and recognize the achievements of your peers. The evening kicks off with a Happy Hour featuring refreshing drinks and delicious appetizers. Do not miss the 2026 Best of Category Winners showcase and be sure to cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award. Afterward, enjoy a gourmet dinner before the main event—announcing the 2026 Star Awards winners!

PIM In-Person Workshop: Powered Industrial Truck Train the Trainer - June 24, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM (CT) at PIM's Office, Bloomington, MN - If your organization uses any type of mobile, power-driven vehicle used to carry, push, pull, lift, stack, or tier materials—such as forklifts or powered pallet jacks—then this workshop is designed for you. This comprehensive in-person workshop will equip participants with the tools and knowledge needed to train powered industrial truck (PIT) operators in accordance with OSHA standards.

PIM Coffee Corner – Omaha - June 25, 2026 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM (CT) at Scooters Coffee, Omaha, NE 68144 - Join PIM Executive Director, Kristin Pilling-Davis, for a cup of coffee (first drink on us) at Scooters Coffee to meet with members and those interested in learning more about the association. Stop in to catch up, discuss industry trends, employee retention, and so many other topics. Kris will be available between 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

Check Out PIM's Donation Drive: As we celebrate our 70th anniversary, we invite you to be part of our legacy by making a financial contribution to PIM. Your donation helps ensure we can continue to provide valuable programs, industry resources, and events.

MEMBER NEWS

Gallagher Upcoming Webinar

Who: HR Strategy Sessions Webinar

What: Conquering Change: Equipping Employers for the Compliance Leadership Ahead

Where:

<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/5283678/5E2D9FFE7BDC15E3122158BE53536B06?partnerref=ProducerSocial>

When: June 17, 2026, 1pm CST (but automatically available on demand after this date)

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