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Upcoming GACCoM Events

- [10th Annual MERLIN Awards Gala, May 7th](#)
05/07/2010 InterContinental Hotel, Chicago, IL
- [MN Chapter: Education in a Global Economy](#)
05/15/2010 TCGIS & GAI
- [YEC Monthly Stammtisch](#)
05/19/2010 The Berghoff, Chicago, IL
- [MI Chapter: 2010 Spring Reception](#)
05/19/2010 The Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
- [Preparing for the Future of Manufacturing](#)
05/21/2010 Rockford, IL
- [Bio Energy Conference and Delegation](#)
06/21/2010 Des Moines, IA

New GACCoM Events & Forums

- [Live Broadcast: Germany versus Ghana - The Best of the 2010 World Cup](#)
06/23/2010 Goethe-Institute Chicago in cooperation with GACCoM and Lufthansa
- [Save the Date: Meet the National German Handball Team](#)
07/13/2010 Location: tbd
- [1st German American eMobility Forum](#)
11/16-17/2010 Detroit Area

Past GACCoM Events

[Please visit our website](#) for information and pictures from recent GACCoM events. You also have the opportunity to download speaker presentations and video clips from many of our conferences, panels etc..

Watch our latest broadcast:
[Green Building Innovation Conference](#)
April 20, 2010 Chicago, IL

Young Professionals Program Update

TAP - Transatlantic Program Reunion and Introducing Transatlantic Program -

Young Technology Leaders (TAP-YTL)



In February 2010, five generations of TAP participants came together for the annual Alumni Reunion in Chicago. [Click here for pictures](#) of the three-day reunion. Participants from all over the country travelled to the Windy City and enjoyed an eventful program that included career building seminars, networking and lots of fun. At GACCoM, we look forward to maintaining this great network and encourage our TAP alumni to stay connected through the Alumni platform and our Young Executives Committee.

For future transatlantic ambassadors, we are pleased to introduce the TAP successor, the "Transatlantic Program -Young Technology Leaders" (TAP-YTL). TAP-YTL aims at bringing 12 young leaders with a technical background to Germany for an 8-day trip that will be focused on a specific theme such as "Sustainable Architecture & Urban Planning." The first trip will take place September 19-27, 2010.

The goal of the program is to bring future decision makers from the US and Germany together at the beginning of their professional career or late in their studies, to build networks and promote know-how transfer through intensive, content-driven encounters and experiences. Applicants must be from the field relevant to the focus of each trip, interested in modern Germany and have a basic knowledge of the language. One of the key aspects of the program remains to promote professional development within a transatlantic mindset through alumni activities.

Application Deadline for TAP-YTL 2010: June 17, 2010

For more information on the program and participation requirements, please contact Daniela Daus at daus@gaccomm.org.

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Enjoyed your TAP experience? Stay connected through the YEC!

The Young Executive Committee is GACCoM's network for young professionals who want to maintain a continuous tie to the German American Business community. The YEC Stammtisch meets once every month and is a perfect occasion to make new business contacts and friends in a casual environment. Additional events are organized on a regular basis and YEC members enjoy reduced rates on GACCoM publications and events.

10th Anniversary Merlin Awards Gala

The German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest (GACCoM) proudly presents its 10th Annual MERLIN Awards Gala, on May 7th from 5:30 pm to 11:30 pm in Chicago, IL.

Celebrating "A Decade of Success", we will honor our [previous MERLIN award winners](#) as well as announce our 2010 winners in these three categories: Best Innovator, Best New Company and Best Service Provider. Our anniversary gala, for which we have received an incredible number of MERLIN Award applications, will be filled with many more highlights such as the keynote speech by Dr. Martin Wittig of Roland Berger Strategy Consultants. A cocktail reception and silent auction offering more than 100 items ([take a sneak peek of the items here](#)) will open the event.



For more information, [please click here](#).

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Please contact our Director of Membership and Chamber Development, **Jayne Riemer-Chishty**, at riemer-chishty@gaccomm.org or call 312 494 2169.

Member News

- **[Bosch Rexroth Recognized with "MI Earth Day Award" for Dedication to Sustainable Technology](#)**
- **[REpower and Heritage Sign Supply Contract Covering 18 MW for Michigan Wind Farm Project](#)**
- **[Hella Expands North American Footprint](#)**
- **[Siemens PLM Software Receives Automotive News Pace Award for Information Technology and Services Category](#)**

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