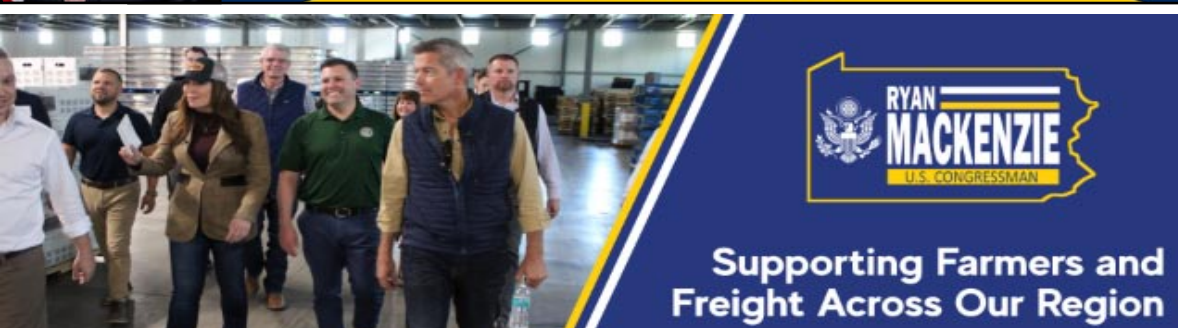




# RYAN MACKENZIE

U.S. CONGRESS



Supporting Farmers and  
Freight Across Our Region

By Congressman Ryan Mackenzie

This week, I joined U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy at Jandl Farms for a roundtable discussion with local farmers, trucking leaders, and community members from across the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos.

Our region depends on strong agriculture and transportation networks. From local farms to freight carriers, these industries help power our economy, support jobs, and deliver products to families across Pennsylvania.

In Congress, I've worked to support those efforts by securing funding for local road and bridge repairs, securing \$2 million for Lehigh Valley International Airport, delivering tax relief for farmers and small businesses, and backing additional support for agriculture programs.

During the discussion, Secretary Rollins and Secretary Duffy highlighted new efforts to support farmers and strengthen supply chains, including potential funding opportunities for ABE airport, steps to help lower fertilizer costs, and emergency assistance for farmers impacted by the April freeze.

## Press Release: Valley Youth House Secures \$767,855 William Penn Foundation Grant to Support Young Parents Experiencing Housing Instability in Philadelphia

By Sarah Pammer

PHILADELPHIA, PA - Valley Youth House has been awarded a substantial \$767,855 grant from the William Penn Foundation to strengthen both its housing and homelessness prevention programs for young families across Philadelphia. Distributed over a three-year period, the funding will directly support Valley Youth House services tailored to parents aged 24 and younger who are currently engaged with the organization's outreach and housing access initiatives.

The multi-year investment addresses critical gaps in support structures by targeting resources toward young head-of-household parents. Through this funding, Valley Youth House will expand its capacity to deliver immediate financial assistance, case management, and wraparound services designed to mitigate factors that contribute to housing insecurity.

By focusing on early intervention, the funding will enable Valley Youth House to support parenting youth by preventing instances of displacement before they occur, allowing young families to maintain stable environments for themselves and their children.

This commitment from the William Penn Foundation allows Valley Youth House to extend its existing footprint in Philadelphia, ensuring that resource distribution is both prompt and directed specifically to individuals navigating the challenges of parenthood and housing insecurity.



## 2026 Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) Forum

By Da Vinci Science

Save the Date 2026 Women in Science & Engineering (WISE) Forum  
Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026 ; 5:30-8 p.m.

Save the date for this two-part event featuring a Networking & Mentoring Reception, followed by a Distinguished Panel Discussion at Da Vinci Science Center at PPL Pavilion.

Event Details

Location:

Da Vinci Science Center at PPL Pavilion

815 W. Hamilton St.

Allentown, PA 18101

**Part 1: Distinguished Panel Discussion**

Accomplished women in STEAM will share their journeys, discuss the challenges and triumphs they've encountered in male-dominated industries, and explore the paths they've carved out for future generations. We encourage everyone who allies with girls and women in STEAM to attend.

**Part 2: Networking & Mentoring Reception**

High school girls will have the invaluable opportunity to network with women-identifying professionals in STEAM fields. This is a space designed to inspire, empower, and build connections that shape future careers.

For Students: Gain direct access to role models, potential mentors, and valuable career advice.

For Mentors and Allies: Be part of a movement that uplifts young women and fosters diversity in STEAM fields.

For Everyone: Discover real-world insights from professionals leading innovation in their fields.

Registration Details

Registration to attend the Da Vinci Science Center WISE Forum is now open. Space is limited. The event is free to attend for high school students thanks to our generous sponsors.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER at <https://us.list-manage.com/S1GjsYm2Bkt?e=b47fa539c&c2id=7b83dee0ecb6ae83106c58f06db8e769>.

**SLATE BELT RISING**

**RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.

**ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING**

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications. Visit [slatebeltring.org](https://slatebeltring.org).

**PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION**

Community Action Lehigh Valley is an anti-poverty non-profit offering programs and services in Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.

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