

Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber
Serving Berrien, Cass, Van Buren & Beyond.
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Background: Board Member, Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals (2022-present); Board Member, Tri-County Head Start (2022-present); Member, KitchenAid Senior PGA Hospitality Committee (2021-present); Commissioner, Berrien County Planning Commission (2021-present); Member, Berrien County Economic Development Committee (2021-present); President & CEO, Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber (2020-present); Member Advisor, Michigan House of Representatives (2019); Legislative Director, Michigan House of Representatives (2017-2018); Constituent Relations Coordinator, Michigan House of Representatives (2015-2016)

Education: B.A., Grand Valley State University (2014)

Biography: Arthur Havlicek is the President & CEO of the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce, a 501(c)6 member-based business advocacy organization serving Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. As head of the Chamber, Arthur is responsible for leading the organization's programming and personnel, advancing the economic interests of its members, and improving the overall regional business climate.

Originally from Chicago, Arthur grew up in Bridgman and graduated from Lake Michigan Catholic High School in St. Joseph. He earned his degree in political science and public administration from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, during which time he also began managing - and winning - political campaigns. After college, Arthur served as staff in the Michigan House of Representatives where he was involved with numerous significant legislative achievements.

With nearly a decade in public service experience by the age of twenty-seven, Arthur decided to return home. He assumed his current position as President & CEO of the Chamber in January of 2020 and has quickly become a recognized leader in both his industry and his community. He earned a 40-under-40 distinction in 2020, an organizational Award of Distinction in 2021, and he was one of just thirty-four industry professionals across the country to be selected for the prestigious *Business Leads* Fellowship Program through the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation in 2022.

In addition to his leadership at the Chamber, Arthur currently serves as a board member of the Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals, the Berrien County Planning Commission, the Berrien County Economic Development Committee, Tri-County Head Start, and the KitchenAid Senior PGA Hospitality Committee.

His most rewarding experience, however, has been that of husband and father. He lives in St. Joseph Township with his wife, Gabriella, and daughter, Nora, where they enjoy exploring all that Southwest Michigan has to offer.