

## Welcome to St. Louis - the gateway to the west

We are thrilled to be hosting the [2016 HBA Annual Conference](#) and extend a warm welcome to each of you.

Our city is filled with many great historical places and incredible dining and entertainment venues. The reception on Thursday evening is being held at our [City Museum](#), which is described as an “eclectic mixture of children’s playground, funhouse, surrealistic pavilion and an architectural marvel.” Don’t miss it and dress comfortably. Be ready to transform yourself from your polished business look into your casual, comfortable persona ready to slide down a slide and network in a jungle gym.



City Museum

[Forest Park](#) is our “jewel” with buildings created for the 1904 World’s Fair; this #1 in the US City Park houses our world-famous St. Louis Zoo, the newly expanded St. Louis Art Museum and Sculpture Park, the History Museum, the Science Center and Planetarium, and the Jewel Box, a display greenhouse. There are plenty of biking, running and walking trails, a golf course, tennis and handball courts, plus a visitor’s center with a fun shuttle ride around the park.



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### Some other great places to visit include:

- [Anheuser Busch/Inbev](#) - they offer a wonderful tour with free beer in its beer garden
- [Busch Stadium](#) and the very popular Ballpark Village
- [National Blues Museum](#) - Jazz at the Bistro (located in Grand Center area) will be featuring the Jimmy Greene Quartet in performances during the conference
- [The Gateway Arch](#)
- [The Eugene Field House and St. Louis Toy Museum](#), the home of the famous children’s poet Eugene Fields
- [City Garden](#) - a downtown sculpture park
- [The Basilica of Saint Louis \(The Old Cathedral\)](#) and the amazing [Mosaic Museum](#) of the New Cathedral (located near the Central West End area)
- The [Old Courthouse](#) located downtown, site of the famous Dred Scott decision
- Our gorgeous [Missouri Botanical Garden](#) in South St. Louis City

Our goal for this conference is that each of you will receive a personal “hello and welcome” from at least one HBA St. Louis member. Keep an eye out for us. We will be wearing special St. Louis pins so you know who we are. Please ask any of us for any advice or directions, and let us know if we can be of assistance to you in any way.



## About HBA St. Louis

[HBA St. Louis](#) was founded in 2008 by a group of diverse businesswomen seeking to network locally in the healthcare industry. We were granted full chapter status in 2009 after meeting all requirements to become an official chapter. Our chapter was named “Chapter of the Year” in 2009, a highly-prestigious honor for such a young chapter.

Since inception, HBA St. Louis has grown from 12 members in 2008 to 255 members across a wide range of healthcare fields, from pharmaceutical sales management to hospital administration to healthcare law. Diverse and varied speaker programs are offered monthly as well as local mentoring and coaching programs and networking and wellness events for young professionals and established executives alike.



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