



AMPED Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for New Tech Center on West Market Street

Community leaders and local residents gathered Tuesday morning to celebrate a major milestone for AMPED as the organization officially opened its new tech center at 1701 West Market Street. The ribbon cutting marked another step in the growth of an organization that began with a simple idea from founder Dave Christopher. His goal was to create safe and inspiring spaces where people could learn, express themselves, and build a strong foundation for the future.

AMPED started off as a free music program, which provides instruments, recording equipment, and professional guidance for youth who want to explore music production and performance. The program grew quickly and became a beloved resource for families across Louisville. Its success helped AMPED broaden its mission to include technology training, entrepreneurship, and workforce development.

As part of that expansion, RTBI was established, the Russell Technology Business Incubator. RTBI supports entrepreneurs by providing coaching, funding opportunities, structured training designed to help small businesses grow, thrive and more. AMPED also focuses on equipping residents of the Russell neighborhood and surrounding communities with the knowledge and support needed to build sustainable career in an increasingly digital economy through Technology Workforce Development Training. This training helps launch a career in Information Technology (IT) offering an 18-week paid training program that leads to industry-recognized certifications and prepares participants for entry-level jobs in IT with competitive pay and strong growth potential. Students can earn up to \$8,250 for this experience.

The new Tech Center is also the home to Melannaire Marketplace, a one-stop shop offering a variety of products from local black owned businesses. Play Cousins Collective is also located inside the Tech Center as well which offer free family support such as parent support supplies, therapy, community healing, advocacy opportuities, workshops and more. For additional information on AMPED’s Tech Center you can visit www.ampedlouisville.org.



What to Do in the Lou

- 12/9 Christmas Family Night** 7PM-8:30PM Knights of Columbus 809 E. Main New Albany, IN 812.948.5360 parks@floydcounty.in.gov
- 12/10 Network of Entrepreneurial Women Christmas Party** 6PM-8PM Semonin Realtors 410 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy www.networkofentrepreneurialwomenky.com
- 12/10 OLB December Plant Swap** 6PM-9PM Old Louisville Brewery 625 W. Magnolia Ave. www.oldlouisvillebrewery.com
- 12/10 Acoustic Jam 2015** 7:30PM Louisville Palace 625 S. 4th St. www.ticketmaster.com
- 12/10 Preservation Hall Jazz Band: A Creole Christmas** 7:30PM KY Center 501 W. Main St. www.kentuckyperformingarts.org
- 12/10 Louisville Women’s Basketball vs. Ball State University** 9PM KFC Yum! Center 1 Arena Plaza www.ticketmaster.com
- 12/11 Girl’s Night Out** 5PM-7:30PM Work the Metal 1201 Story Ave. 502.584.2841 hello@workthemetall.com
- 12/11 Faith & Science** 5:15PM St. Stephen Baptist Church 1018 S. 15th www.eventbrite.com
- 12/11 National Black MBA End of the Year Celebration** 6PM-8PM The Presley Post 734 W. Main St. Suite 106 www.eventbrite.com *free
- 12/11 Light-Up Shively 2025** 6PM The Heritage 1901 Park Rd. www.shivelyky.gov
- 12/11 CTCT’s Holiday Party** 6PM-8PM Trellis Brewing 827 Logan St. www.change-today.org
- 12/11 Violet Chachki & Gottmik: Knockout Tour Louisville** 8PM Mercury Ballroom 611 S. 4th St. www.ticketmaster.com
- 12/12-14 Christmas Gift & Décor KY Expo Center** 937 Phillips Lane www.louisvillechristmasshow.com *free
- 12/12 Dee Lucas Home for the Holidays Winter White Jazz Event** 6PM-11PM The Bay Cigar Lounge 901 Eastern Boulevard Clarksville, IN www.thebaycigarlounge.com
- 12/12 Laser Engraving Class: Make an Ornament** 6PM-8PM First Build 333 E. Brandeis Ave www.firstbuild.com/inventions/laser-cut-ornaments
- 12/12 Holiday Music Bingo** 7PM Old Louisville Brewery 625 W. Magnolia Ave www.oldlouisvillebrewery.com
- 12/12 Cirque Musica: Holiday Wonderland** 7:30PM The Louisville Palace www.ticketmaster.com
- 12/12-13 Louisville Ballet: The Brown-Forman Nutcracker** The KY Center 501 W. Main St. www.louisvilleballet.org
- 12/12 V-Groove Live** 8PM-11PM Derby City Gaming Downtown 401 W. Market St. vgroove502@gmail.com
- 12/13-14 The Flea Off Market** 11AM Mellwood Art Center 1860 Mellwood Ave www.thefleaoffmarket.org/2025-holiday-bazaar-at-mellwood
- 12/13 Winter Wonderland Event** 1PM-4PM Southwick Community Center 502.775.6598
- 12/13 Louisville Men’s Basketball vs. Memphis Tigers** 3:30PM KFC Yum! Center 1 Arena Plaza www.ticketmaster.com
- 12/13 Saddle Up Saturday** 8PM Triple Crown Pavilion 1776 Plantside Dr. www.eventbrite.com
- 12/14 Lights on Main Free Family Day** 9:30AM-2PM Frazier History Museum 829 W. Main St. www.fraziernuseum.org/exhibitions/lights-on-main
- 12/14 Holiday Healing w/Soul Santa** 1PM-5PM Republic Bank Foundation YMCA 1720 W. Broadway 502.935.9622
- 12/14 All Together Now** 4PM-8PM Foko 991 Logan St. alltogethernow502@gmail.com
- 12/14 502 Film Wrap Party** 6PM-9PM Biscuit Lounge 120 S. 10th St. www.502film.org/wrapparty

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Keep Going Scholarship Fund in Honor of Travis Nagdy

Founded in 1956, the Louisville Artisans Guild is Kentucky’s oldest guild dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in arts and crafts. Formerly known as, the Louisville Craftsmen Guild, the name was changed in 2003, to better reflect the purpose and membership. The scholarship recipient is awarded a **one-time \$2,000 award**, a Louisville Artisans Guild membership, and a booth at our annual Holiday Showcase in November of their scholarship year. **Applicants must apply by Mar 02, 2026.**

To be eligible a student must have a minimum 2.0 GPA out of a possible 4.0 from a Metro Louisville area high school from Jefferson, Oldham, Shelby, and Bullitt Counties in Kentucky and Floyd, Clark, and Harrison counties in Indiana or a documented home-schooled student in your school district from one of these seven counties and must be pursuing a non-performing, visual art-related major in college. Applicants must submit jpegs of the five best pieces representing their portfolio for their application to be considered. Students will be scored blindly through an online review of their applications. The top 20% (or top 3 if less than 8 applicants) will be semi-finalists. Semi-finalists will be invited to present their work in person on March of 2026. To learn more about the scholarship selection process and scoring please visit the Louisville Artisan's Guild Scholarship Brochure.

SBDC KY Free Training Events

Point of Contact: <mailto:sbdcinfo@uky.edu> (502) 977-5800

12/9/2025 Getting Your Green in the Bluegrass: Real Lenders, Real Talk

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Program Format: Online Meeting (Live)

Training Topics: Business Financing, Business Start-up/Preplanning

Description: Securing funding for your small business can feel like a maze, but you don’t have to navigate it alone! Join us for an insightful and candid panel discussion with experienced lenders who know the ins and outs of financing for Kentucky small businesses. In this interactive session, you'll hear directly from local lenders about the funding options available, what they look for in a strong loan application, and tips to improve your chances of securing capital. Whether you are starting up, expanding, or just exploring your financing options, this is your chance to ask questions and get real answers from real lenders.

What to Expect:

- * Insights on loans, grants, and alternative financing options
- * Advice on how to prepare a strong loan application
- * A chance to ask lenders your burning questions

12/10/2025 The Startup Station: Name It. Claim It. Launch It.

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Registration Deadline: 12/10/2025 5:00 PM

Location: South Central Regional Library 7300 Jefferson Blvd, Louisville KY 40219

Training Topics: Business Start-up/Preplanning

Description: Got a business idea ready to go legit? Skip the paperwork panic. At this free clinic, we’ll walk you through registering your business with the state, applying for your EIN, and getting your local requirements handled—in 30 minutes or less. Just bring your laptop, a credit card, and your business name. We'll do the rest.

12/15/2025 Start Smart: Starting A Business in Kentucky

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Online Meeting (Live)

Point of Contact: jc.phelps@uky.edu

Description: Do you want to start a business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky? To ensure future success, there are many considerations that you need to address from the beginning. In this workshop with Kentucky SBDC Training Coordinator JC Phelps, you will have the opportunity to explore the ins and outs of entrepreneurship. Start Smart is designed to teach you how to start a business, conduct a feasibility analysis, choose the correct legal structure, analyze financial considerations, and more.

12/16/2025 Guide to Entrepreneurship

Time: 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Point of Contact: <mailto:sbdcinfo@uky.edu>

Description: Interested in starting a business? Our Guide to Entrepreneurship session provides valuable information to help you understand key pre-business concepts. This group coaching session is ideal for individuals who have never been in business and want to fully understand what is involved in starting a business.

1. Is my opportunity viable? We work through an opportunity evaluation tool to help you start evaluating the feasibility of your business opportunity.
2. What is a business plan, and what are some resources I can use to put it together? - We provide you with a simple business plan outline and review some free resources to use for researching your business opportunity.
3. What are the steps for registering my business? - We address the basic licensing needs for any business and discuss basic taxes for most businesses.
4. What can I expect when I go after funding? We address the 5 areas a lender assesses to evaluate a business loan application.

PICKUP LOCATIONS

- Xquisite Nutrition 2631 S 3rd Street
Small Business Administrative 600 M. L. King Jr. Pl.
Franco’s 3300 Dixie Hwy
Pocket Change 1510 Crums Lane
Tim Pages 2922 Taylor Blvd
AMPED 4425 Greenwood Ave
KY AAHC 1701 W. Muhammad Ali Blvd
Urban League 1535 W. Broadway
AMPED RTBI 1219 W. Jefferson Street Suite 206
Molo Village 1219 W. Jefferson Street Suite 204
The Presley Post 734 W. Main Street Suite 106
The Gruv 434 W. Market Street
Rooftop Grill 414 W. Oak Street
Southern Express Soul Food 418 W. Oak Street
Roots 101: AA Museum 124 N. 1st Street
House of Earlisious 4925 Poplar Level Road
W.E.B. DuBois Academy 3901 Atkinson Square Drive
SKS Accounting 812 Lyndon Lane
D'Luxe Hair & Cuts 3707 Bardstown Road
Russell Neighborhood Health Ctr 1425 W Broadway
My Hub 2900 W. Broadway inside the NIA Ctr
Nia Center 2900 W. Broadway
Goodwill West Louisville 2820 W. Broadway
Chestnut Street YMCA 930 W. Chestnut Street
Republic Bank Foundation YMCA 1720 W. Broadway
The Fish House & Grill 2124 W. Broadway
Wing Station 2119 Crums Lane
Greenwood Grocery Store 4501 Greenwood Ave
Hair La Flaire 1859 Berry Blvd
Discount Tint & Auto 1857 Berry Blvd
Main Library Louisville 301 York Street
Wags Hair 801 W. Broadway
Smokeasy Lounge 566 S. 5th Street
Mahogany Salon 1860 Mellwood Ave
Double Deuce 2529 W. Broadway
Smoke & Vape 2113 W. Broadway
Good Vibes Smoke Shop 2710 Rockford Lane
Zoe’s Tattoos 1161 S. 4th Street
Opportunity Corner 636 S. 18th Street
Omar’s Liquors 331 E. Oak Street
Shawnee Library 3912 W. Broadway
Ahrens Educational Resources 546 S. 1st Street
Bates Memorial Baptist Church 620 E. Lampton
Southern Hospitality 3402 W. Broadway
Black Jockey’s Lounge 630 S. 4th Street
Blak Koffee 1219 W. Jefferson St.
G Starks Realty 1219 W. Jefferson Suite 107
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Nominate Yourself or Another Business — SBA Kentucky District Office Awards

The SBA is accepting nominations for the Kentucky District Office Awards.

Nominate a standout business or leader in your community. Got a business that’s making waves? Know a powerhouse entrepreneur who deserves some serious applause? The SBA is accepting nominations for the Kentucky District Office Awards —and want to see the WBC community represented! This is your chance to highlight the leaders, innovators, and change-makers who are raising the bar in Kentucky.

Visit www.sba.gov/district/kentucky/kentucky-district-office-awards to nominate.



Gravity Magazine: A Passion Project for the Louisville Community and the Creatives in It

Louisville is a city filled with many creatives, yet still lacking a central “creative scene”. We have everything from photographers to abstract painters to EDM artists, but still so little that can bring these subgenres together and highlight their artistry in one space.

But thanks to 25-year-old Savannah Clarkson, all that has begun to change. What originally started out as a passion project for this Louisville-raised artist and photographer has turned into a two-volume magazine publication known as Gravity Magazine.

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“I wanted to create something tangible that combined my love for art, community, and storytelling,” Savannah says. “A printed magazine seemed like the perfect fit. I first had the idea while talking to my good friend about wanting to foster community in the Louisville creative scene. This was in 2021 when I was only 21 years old. Now I am 25 years old already releasing the second volume, which seems surreal.”

And created something tangible, she did. Gravity Magazine has expanded far beyond its pages; it’s also fostered a new sense of community amongst creatives in Louisville too.

“Art was the one thing that I looked forward to while I was in school, and it is something that has gotten me through the best and worst times of my life. As I’ve gotten older and more connected with my creative peers, community has been something that has grown to be just as important as art to me. I value human connection so much, and that is a big reason I got into magazine creation at all,” she states.

Savannah has used her magazine to hold free writing and photography workshops, and creative networking events. Her efforts have allowed creatives to learn skills from their peers without a paywall standing between their artistry and its advancement.

She’s also held social events to bring people together, sometimes collaborating with Wandering Treehouse, a Louisville based DIY art and event collective. Together, they’ve held events like their Picnic in the Park, Community Craft Night, and their Beats and Belonging event that was used to raise money for the LA wildfires. “Gravity is very community driven so we aren’t shy about hosting events and setting up opportunities for creatives to connect with one another. I’ve seen so many friendships blossom from events we’ve hosted, and I have also created new relationships through them. We foster an environment where creatives cheer each other on, not compete,” Savannah says.

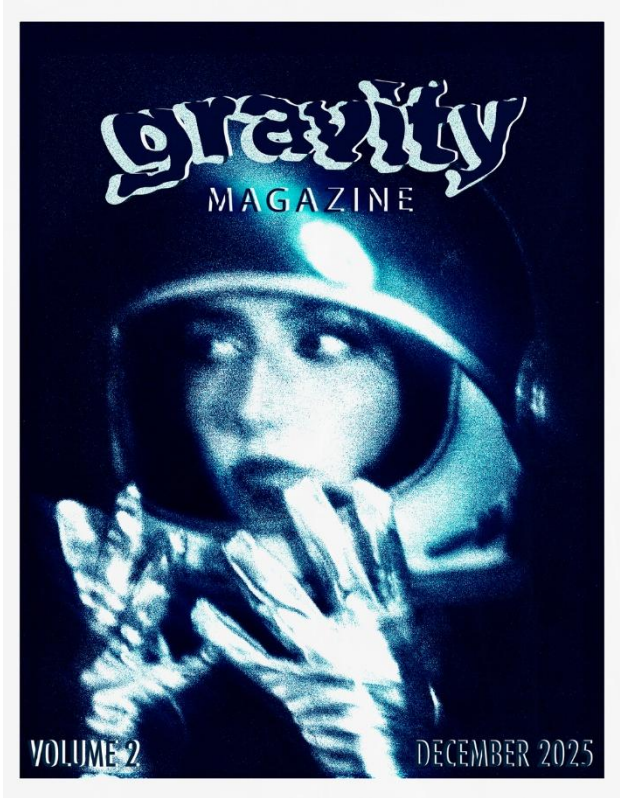
But her efforts to highlight creatives and create community don’t stop within her city, as she refers to her magazine as a “publication for creatives near and far.” The pages of her magazine cover everything from local Louisville rapper Horace Gaither to Nashville based Sueños Buenos, a Latina owned women’s clothing store. She also holds events in other cities too, creating a bridge between multiple creative communities in the process. She’s held open studios in Cincinnati and Nashville, where models and photographers can come together, meet and create art in one central space.

“My biggest goal with the magazine was to bring my creative community together and connect with those outside of my local community as well. I definitely think that I have reached this goal, and I plan on continuing to expand on it.”

Savannah just released Volume 2 of Gravity Magazine and is now available to order! Volume 2 was a collaborative project that features work and submissions from writers, photographers, and graphic designers from both Louisville and creatives across the country,” says Savannah. “We also have pieces that combine elements of social justice, cultural identity, pride, and representation with articles like “Art and Activism,” “Black Hairstyles: The Rebellion Behind the Art,” and “Creativity in the Queer Community.”

In the next few years, Savannah sees herself most likely living in Nashville, Tennessee pursuing a career in their creative industry. But she says that despite moving from her hometown, she will continue making frequent trips back to Louisville to be with her creative community here. She doesn’t plan on stopping Gravity Magazine anytime soon! Support local artists and order your copy of Gravity Magazine at www.thegravitymag.com.

By Brenan Allen ballen@theundergroundlou.com



Winter Works Ice Skating December 11-21

Location: Carter G. Woodson Library 501 S. Lake Street Gary, Indiana

First Skate: Thursday, December 11th at 3:00PM

Open Skate: Wednesday-Sunday 3:00PM-7:00PM

Group Skate: 11AM-2PM (must register)

Register: www.garyarts.org Admission: \$2.50 Skate rental: \$2.50 You can bring your own skates

Skip \$10,000 Grant 2025

Details: The Skip \$10k 2025 Year-End Grants are now open. Skip has awarded grants to more than 800 entrepreneurs in 2025.

Eligibility and how to apply:

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- Click Start Applying and complete all required questions
- Click submit Application when finished before the deadline. No late applications will be accepted

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Healthy Recipes



Chickpea, Broccoli & Rice Casserole

Serves: 9 Est. cost: \$9.00-\$12.00

Est. cost per serving: \$0.88-\$1.00

Ingredients:

- 2 cups broccoli, fresh or frozen, cut into bite-sized florets
- 1 ea onion, chopped
- 1 cup mushrooms, chopped
- ½ cup celery, chopped (optional)
- 2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 3 (12-oz) can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1 ½ cups brown rice, uncooked
- 2 ½ cups vegetable broth (or chicken broth)
- To taste, salt and pepper
- Optional toppings: parsley, cheese

*If using frozen vegetables, let them sit out and defrost before using

Equipment: 12x15 baking pan (or casserole dish) with lid, mixing spoon, oven

Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 400°F.
- Spread the broccoli, onion, mushrooms, celery, garlic, chickpeas, and rice evenly across the casserole dish.
- Pour the vegetable broth over everything and cover with a lid.
- Bake in the oven for 40-50 minutes. The casserole should absorb all the water. If there is extra water leftover, place it back in the oven for an additional 5 minutes uncovered.
- Remove from the oven, let cool for 5-8 minutes, and add any desired toppings. Enjoy!

Optional - Heat nuts in a small dry pan over medium to low heat. Toast nuts, shaking the pan often, to ensure nuts do not burn. Once fragrant, remove from heat. Top dish with nuts. Enjoy!

Health Benefits:

Mushrooms- Mushrooms are a great source of copper, B vitamins, potassium, and fiber. Mushrooms contain beta glucan, which is a type of soluble fiber that has been shown to improve heart health and reduce cholesterol levels. As well, copper is needed for regulating connective tissues and blood vessels. Try mushrooms in a soup, stir fry, or salad.

Broccoli- Broccoli is packed with vitamin C, vitamin K, folate, vitamin A, and fiber. Vitamin C is a powerful antioxidant and can reduce stressful damage inside the body. As well, broccoli is high in lutein, which is a phytonutrient that has anti inflammatory properties and improves eye health. Try broccoli roasted with garlic, in a salad, or raw as a snack with hummus.

Recipe provided by Kristin Schaefer, 2023

Garlic Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes

Serves: 4 Est. cost: \$5.90

Est. cost per serving: \$1.50

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cauliflower, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped or 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 2/3 cup potato flakes
- 1/4 tsp salt, or to taste
- ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup heavy cream or milk
- 2-3 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

Equipment: medium pot or steamer, cutting board, knife, blender or potato masher, clean towel, strainer, large bowl

Directions:

- In a medium pot over high heat, bring the cauliflower and water to a boil. Cook 5-10 mins or until tender. Alternatively, steam cauliflower until tender, about 5 10 minutes.
- Remove 1/3 cup of the water and set it aside. Drain the cauliflower and remove excess water by using a clean towel to absorb some of the moisture. (If using a steamer, gather 1/3 cup of hot water).
- Add cauliflower, 1/3 cup water, garlic, potato flakes, salt, and pepper to a large bowl and mash with a potato masher until smooth (or add to a blender and blend on medium to high until smooth). Taste and adjust seasonings.
- Place the mixture in a serving bowl. Add butter, cream, and parsley and stir to combine. Enjoy!

Health Benefits: Cauliflower - high in choline, which is a nutrient that supports the integrity of cell membranes, the synthesis of DNA, and metabolism. This nutrient aids in brain development and a healthy nervous system.

Recipe provided by Reanetta Perkins, 2023



Nutrition Facts

Serving size: 1 cup	
Servings: 9	
Amount per serving	
Calories	383
	% Daily Value*
Total Fat 5.4g	7%
Saturated Fat 0.7g	4%
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 241mg	10%
Total Carbohydrate 67.9g	25%
Dietary Fiber 13.7g	49%
Total Sugars 8.4g	
Protein 17.6g	
Vitamin D 28mcg	140%
Calcium 99mg	8%
Iron 5mg	29%
Potassium 849mg	18%

*The % Daily Value (DV) tells you how much a nutrient in a food serving contributes to a daily diet. 2,000 calorie a day is used for general nutrition advice.



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Amount Per Serving	
	% Daily Value*
Calories	144.2 kcal 7 %
Total Fat	8.7 g 13 %
Saturated Fat	5.4 g 27 %
Trans Fat	0.3 g
Cholesterol	24.4 mg 8 %
Sodium	202.1 mg 8 %
Total Carbohydrate	14.9 g 5 %
Dietary Fiber	3.6 g 14 %
Sugars	3.5 g
Protein	4.1 g 8 %
Vitamin A	6 % • Vitamin C 134 %
Calcium	5 % • Iron 5 %

* Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19 Temperance is a card of balance and moderation. Receiving this card signifies a need to keep a more go-with-the-flow attitude, practicing patience and adaptability as best you can. Perhaps you've been resisting a change in your life or letting a stressful situation get the best of you. If this is the case, change your approach this week. Allow things to slide off your back instead of meeting them with resistance. By finding your inner balance, you set yourself up to find your outer balance once again.

Taurus 4/20-5/20 The 10 of Swords acknowledges you are going through a painful time right now. Perhaps you've been betrayed, or it could be you're experiencing a period of things crashing down on you. These types of experiences are never pleasant to go through, but this week you're being called to focus on the new beginning that this ending can make way for. Even though you may feel like you've hit rock bottom, take solace in the fact that there's nowhere else to go but up. Remember, obstacles can be opportunities in disguise.

Gemini 5/21-6/20 The 8 of Wands represents high energy and forward momentum, signaling a time of getting things done and making things happen. You might feel as though a lot is coming at you this week, and it could become difficult to figure out what you should pay attention to. Combat these distractions by honing in on a single goal and removing any distractions so you can focus on it. By using this energy to your advantage, you will turn this into a period of great productivity and progress.

Cancer 6/21-7/22 The Ace of Pentacles is signaling that an abundance of new opportunities in your material world is emerging for you this week. Have you been feeling stalled in your career? Has an investment not paid off the way you thought it would? Have you been unable to make money from an idea you had? That could all change now! Keep your eyes and ears peeled as a new beginning in any of these areas could be just around the corner. Whether you decide to take advantage of it is up to you, but the option is certainly there.

Leo 7/23-8/22 The 2 of Swords indicates you could be experiencing a bout of indecision at this time. In fact, you may be so unsure of how to proceed that you've actively been putting off facing this matter. This week you're being reminded that no matter how much you try to avoid this situation, it won't simply go away. Instead of focusing on the consequences of making the wrong decision, consider what might happen if you don't make a decision at all. Inaction can often lead to greater issues down the road.

Virgo 8/23-9/22 It could feel like you're caught up in conflict this week! The 5 of Wands indicates you've been trying to work toward some type of goal but are being met with obstacles that get in the way of your progress. Perhaps you feel as though your point of view is being challenged, or it could be you're finding it difficult to work with a specific person. Either way, you're being challenged this week to truly listen to others' opinions. You might find that what initially seemed like criticism was actually constructive feedback that will help you in the long run.

Libra 9/23-10/22 Get ready to sit high upon your throne this week! The Queen of Swords is incredibly perceptive, embodying an intellectual sharpness and maturity that helps her tune out the noise of emotion and outside opinion. You could be facing a decision now or in the near future, and this card is serving as a reminder to rely on your logic and to look at all the facts before proceeding. You have an abundance of experience and wisdom that you can draw upon, so make sure to utilize it.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21 You're being encouraged to choose your battles wisely this week. The 5 of Swords signals that a conflict is currently brewing in a particular area of your life, and a confrontation could take place soon. When it does, you may be tempted to win the argument at all costs -- but have you considered what those costs are? In your attempt to prove you're right, you may say or do things you regret later, as well as sabotage your relationship with the other person (or people). Before going to battle, consider how winning in the moment could lead to a long-term loss.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21 Let the good times flow! The 3 of Cups is a card of celebration and friendship, so you could find yourself in "party mode" this week with those closest to you. Organize a night out on the town with friends. Host a dinner party for family. Gather a few coworkers and hit up a happy hour. This isn't so much about what you do as it is the camaraderie you'll feel with those around you. Life isn't all about responsibilities and commitments, so let loose and enjoy yourself right now!

Capricorn 12/22-1/19 This week you're being called to separate yourself from a disappointing situation or unfulfilling relationship in your life. The 8 of Cups acknowledges that this split will be painful, especially since you've devoted so much time and energy to it. In fact, this could be one of the reasons you haven't moved on already. Rather than focusing on what the situation could have been or hoping things will change, accept reality for what it is. Remember, leaving will hurt you temporarily, but staying could hurt you more in the long run.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18 Your mind is your greatest asset this week! You may be facing a major decision or exploring uncharted territory in a specific area of your life. The King of Swords is encouraging you to use logic and intellect to navigate this situation, rather than allowing yourself to get swept up in emotion. You will only define the right road to go down once you've truly gotten to the heart of the matter, and this can only happen when impartiality is exercised. Give yourself the opportunity to view this through a much clearer lens and you'll see the path appear.

Pisces 2/19-3/20 Receiving the 9 of Cups could signal that this is the week when your stars will finally begin to align. When this card appears in a reading, it is a signal from the universe that everything in your life is as it should be. This dose of fortunate energy could mean feeling perfectly content in your job, your relationship, your friendships -- your emotional cup could truly runneth over! Take the time to stop and appreciate the abundance of blessings life is offering you right now. Tarot.com