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Winter/Spring 2016

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The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce extends its thanks and appreciation to the following companies for sustaining their membership levels.

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BRONZE LEVEL



Welcome New Members

(September 2015 through February 2016)

3 Guys Pizza Pies

Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA)

-Greater Augusta/Fort Gordon Chapter

ATC Healthcare Staffing Services

Augsburg Haus

Augusta Balloons

Augusta Cleanpro

Augusta Ducks

Augusta Pain Center

Bank of North Carolina

Block Advisors

Blue Ribbon Awards and Gifts

Budget Blinds of Grovetown

Columbia County Concrete

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Cricket Wireless - Grovetown

CSRA Multimedia, Inc

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Freeman's Treasured Events & Florist

Georgia Business Net

Gerald Jones Auto Group

Gerald Jones Honda

GIA Wellness

Hampton Inn Gordon Hwy

- Gordon Highway Hospitality, LLC

Holiday Inn Express Augusta

- Claussen Hotels, LLC

Homewood Suites by Hilton

Horizon Senior Village

Hull Property Group

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Intellectual Concepts, LLC

Jame Geathers Consulting

Jason's Deli

Jeb Boggus Construction

Jody Hice - U.S. Representative

Kid to Kid

Kroger

Live ADHD Free, LLC

Local Trade Group

Martina's Flowers and Gifts

Meridian IT Inc.

Meybohm Realtors - Emily O'Donnell

Mosaic United Methodist Church, Inc.

Napelton Infinity of Augusta

National Kidney Foundation

Navy Federal Credit Union - Grovetown

Naya's Car Wash

New Life Church

Newberry Hall

Numotion

Peach State Federal Credit Union

Pine Knoll Farms

Pond & Company

Putt-Putt Fun Center

Rainbow International of Evans / North

Augusta

Re/Max True Advantage

- Angela Sorapura

Red Clay Market

Riverwatch Luxury Cinemas

SCORE

Seigler's Karate Center West

Select Specialty Hospital - Augusta

Sharma & Associates Tax & Accountants

SIG Management

Signarama

Sizemore, Inc. (Augusta / Thomson)

Sleep Number

Stratos Wealth Partners

Symmetry Financial Group - Debbie

Stefanek

Tailored Living of Augusta

The Snug Steak and Grill

Thirty-One Jessica Moose, Independent

Consultant

Transamerica Agency Network

TurfMasters of Augusta, LLC

Turner Realty, LLC

Unisys

Uptown Cheapskate

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant

Walnut Cut Landscaping

WCFIBER, LLC

Weed-Wackers

Whole Foods Market

Willie Jewell's Old School Bar-B-Q

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Changes within Your Chamber

The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Cassidy Harris, former Director of Programs, has been promoted to Vice President of Business Development within the Chamber. Cassidy, who has been with the Chamber for two years, started out as the Members Relations Manager before becoming Director of Programs. Previously, Cassidy was the Community Relations Manager for Heartland Hospice for four years. She holds a BA in Marketing from Georgia Southern University as well as a MBA from Georgia College & State University.

Cassidy is currently in her second year of Institute for Organization Management, a program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Institute is the premier nonprofit professional development program for association, chamber, and nonprofit professionals fostering individual growth through interactive learning and networking opportunities.

In addition to the change in position for Cassidy, two new faces have recently joined the Chamber's team. Becky Dearden, Member Relations Manager, came to the Chamber from the Aiken Standard. Becky started with the Chamber in December and has a degree in Advertising from USC Columbia.

Kathryn Freemon, Communications Manager, joined the Chamber in January. Kathryn previously worked for The Augusta Chronicle as the Community Relations Manager. She holds a BA in Communications from Augusta State University.







Women on the Way Kicks Off

The 2nd Annual Women on the Way program sponsored by Spherion Staffing began on January 26, 2016 with 19 young professionals and 6 top executive women. The purpose of this program is to pair up-and-coming professional women with seasoned executives who can mentor and guide their careers.



The 2016 WOW women are: Margaret Taylor, Blue Water Engineering Group, Corey Johnson, Holiday Inn West Augusta, Rachel Addy, Doctors Hospital, Sheila Mellen, Southern Tots, Melinda Hoag, ADP, Meredith Brazeal, Textron Specialized Vehicles, Mary Riley, Spherion, Bridgett Carrington, Boys & Girls Club of the CSRA, Lauren Smith, Augusta Regional Airport, Dana Keen, Keen Signs & Graphics, Tabitha Ashley, Regions Bank, Rebecca McGinty, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Karen Sanders, CB&I Areva Mox Services, Kimberly Maner, Comcast Spotlight, Tiffany Cannon, Electrolux, Jessica Jones, Springleaf Financial Services, Kristy Evans, Blanchard & Calhoun Real Estate, Kimberly Ross-Malson, Alzheimer's Association, and Danielle Parks, Macedonia Church of Grovetown.

Leadership Columbia County Visits the Capitol

On February 9, the Leadership Columbia County Class of 2016 spent the day at the Georgia State Capitol.

The day began with the House of Representatives opening session. They heard from several senators and representatives; as well as from Brian Kemp, Secretary of State, Legislative Director Lindsay Scott and Commissioner Ralph Hudgens from the Georgia Department of Insurance. The group also had the privilege of taking a photo with Governor Nathan Deal inside his office. Due to the size of the group, two photos has to be taken.

Leadership Columbia County will graduate 22 participants in May 2016. Applications for the Class of 2017 will be available in early March.



11th Annual Banquet



Ann Jones, Trip Quest Travel Services, received the **Ambassador of the Year** Award.



Jeremie Freck, Camellia Walk Assisted Living & Memory Care, received the Volunteer of the Year Award from Tammy Shepherd, President/CEO of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce.



Darrell Byrd, State Bank & Trust Company, received the Leadership Columbia County Alumni Award from Ed Templeton of SRP Federal Credit Union.



Left, Angi Brock, 2016 Board Chair, and Michelle Piper, 2015 Board Chair, posed for a photo after Angi presented Michelle with the traditional "passing of the gavel" plaque. Below, Patrick G. Blanchard, Sr. poses with his family after winning the Lifetime Achievement Award.



Tammy Shepherd, right, addressed the over 600 guests in attendance to update them on the State of the Columbia County Chamber. Below, members from Savannah River Plastic Surgery.







Patrick G. Blanchard Sr. accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award. Columbia County Commission Chairman Ron Cross presented the Chamber's award.



Ivey Residential, Matt and Mark Ivey, received the Small Business of the Year Award. Jay Forrester of Georgia Bank & Trust, presenting sponsor for the event, presented the award.



Eric McIntyre speaks on behalf of **Georgia Power** which received the **Business of the Year Award.**

and Business Showcase



Above, **Dorothy Brandon** of Security Federal Bank, **Barbara Crenshaw** of Keller Williams Realty, and **Rhonda Banks** of Augusta University. Right, guests visited multiple vendors and utilized the business showcase/reception time for networking.

Right, Command Sergeant Major **Tom Clark**, Retired, and his wife, pose for a photo during the business showcase/reception.





EXECUTIVE LUNCHEON SERIES

March 8 • June 1 • August 31 • November 30

Savannah Rapids Pavilion 11:30 am to 1 pm \$25 members/\$35 non-members

This quarterly series focuses on economic and professional development. Reservations are required.

Presenting Sponsor



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April 28 • DoubleTree Hotel • 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

This year's Superwoman's event will feature a total of five speakers. Shaunti Feldhahn, Keynote Speaker, will speak on "Leading Well as a Woman". Business Woman and Administrative Professional of the Year will be presented.



Keynote Speaker: Shaunti Feldhahn

Shaunti Feldhahn is the best-selling author of For Women Only

\$55 All-Day (Two sessions + Luncheon) \$35 Half -Day (One session + Luncheon) \$300 Booth (Includes 1 Luncheon Ticket) \$280 Corporate Table of 8 for Luncheon

Presenting Sponsor



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September 13

November 15

Chamber Office: 7:45 am to 9 am

Free for members/\$10 guests Reservations Required

Presenting Sponsor









March 14 • 5 pm to 7 pm



3556 W Lake Dr, Augusta, GA 30907

May 23 • 5 pm to 7 pm



4022 Washington Rd, Martinez, GA 30907

Members Only/No Charge Reservations Required



Presenting Sponsor:



March 29 Chamber Office: 3 pm – 4 pm

Members Only/Reservations Required

Post Legislative Breakfast

May 10

Savannah Rapids Pavilion • 7:30 am to 9 am

Free for members/\$20 non-members

Keynote Speaker:



Gretchen Corbin, Commissioner, Technical College System of Georgia

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Leadership Columbia County Applications Available

The Chamber will accept applications for the 2017 Leadership Columbia County and Youth Leadership programs in early March.



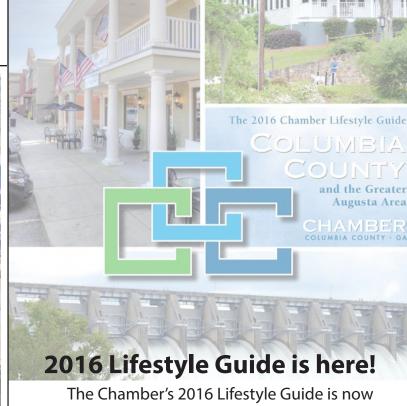
Leadership Columbia County is an adult program that explores community topics such as local government, law enforcement, health-care, industry & economic development, cultures, community service and much more. Application deadline for the adult program is 5 p.m. on April 21.

The Youth Leadership is for rising sophomores and juniors from the Columbia County public and private high schools. The students meet once a month for programs that look at various aspects of the community. Application deadline for the youth program is April 1.



Applications for both programs will be available on the Chamber's website at **columbiacountychamber.com.**





The Chamber's 2016 Lifestyle Guide is now available. The Guide is a complete resource to Columbia County and includes a directory of all the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce members.

Pick up a free copy at the Chamber office and look for the it inside May issue of Augusta Magazine.

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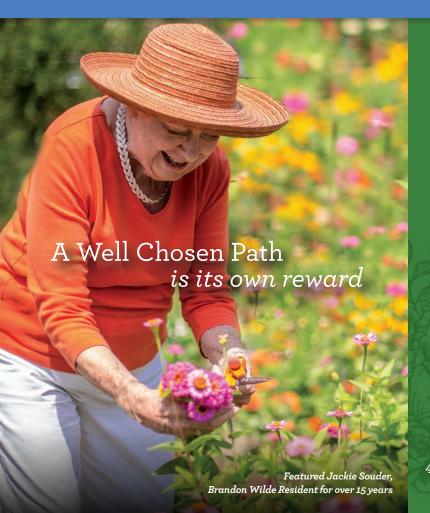
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