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**Edward Jones Honored for Exceptional Training  
Firm Named to '2017 Training Top 125' for 17th Consecutive Year**

Financial-services firm Edward Jones once again has been named a top company for training, ranking No. 29 on Training magazine's 2017 Training Top 125 list. This was the firm's 17th consecutive appearance on the list, dating back to the debut of the Training Top 50 in 2001.

Edward Jones was the top-ranked financial services firm and moved up three places from last year's ranking on the prestigious list. Training magazine announced the honored companies at a Jan. 30 awards gala during its Training 2017 Conference & Expo in San Diego, CA.

"Great training is just one reason Edward Jones is a great place to work," said Jonathon Hibbard. "Whether we are brand-new hires or veterans, Edward Jones offers training to help us deliver the best possible service to clients. My branch office administrator and I even train together on industry-leading client tools and financial solutions our clients want."

Edward Jones consistently earns high marks as an employer of choice in national rankings. For the 17th year, Edward Jones was named one of FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For 2016." The firm took the No. 10 overall spot on the exclusive ranking. Also in 2016, Great Place to Work® and FORTUNE named Edward Jones the No. 2 Best Workplace for Parents and to Retire from, No. 7 for Women, No. 10 for Millennials, No. 20 for GenX, No. 23 for Flexibility and No. 6 in the Financial Services and Insurance industry.

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# PAINTING PARTY

EVENING MEET & GREET  
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## We're mixing things up this month with a **PAINTING PARTY!**

**Who:** All Ladies of Vision and friends of L.O.V.!

**What:** An evening meet & greet painting party! We'll have appetizers provided, canvas, and paint! Artist Denise Abner will lead us in making our own masterpieces to take home. **We MUST have at least 20 attend the event**, while the room holds up to 60!

*Secure your spot* with a \$30 payment that may be dropped off at the London-Laurel Co. Chamber of Commerce on Main Street, beside City Hall by Friday, Feb. 24th. The Chamber is open Mon-Fri 9am-4pm -- *if the office is closed, please just slide the payment through the door.* Checks may be made out to Denise Abner.

**When:** Tuesday, Feb. 28th at 7pm

**Where:** At Shiloh's Steakhouse in Shiloh's Party Room.

**Why:** Because girls just wanna have fun!



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## 2017 Redbud Ride may be Largest Ever

After growing consistently in its short history, the Redbud Ride is poised to take a giant leap forward in 2017, if early registrations are an indication.

To date, 841 cyclists have registered to participate in the **April 22nd** event in beautiful downtown London, the “cycling capital of Kentucky.” That number, along with the potential to have 500 walkups, means this year’s ride could become the largest one ever.

Redbud Ride organizers are tickled with the response, naturally, but are nervous about all the work that has to be done to accommodate about 1,600 cyclists. “It’s a good problem to have with this number people wanting to participate,” said ride organizer Rodney Hendrickson, executive director of the London-Laurel County Tourist Commission. “But it concerns me because we’re going to need a lot more volunteers and a lot more sponsors.”

Hendrickson and committee members have put out a call for volunteers and civic groups to help the Redbud Ride through this growth spurt. “Providing food, refreshments and support for 1,600 cyclists is a monumental effort,” he said. “We’re so thankful for all of our sponsors. They’ve got us to where we are. We just need more of them right now.” So far, sponsors are heeding the call. Highbridge Springs and Old Town Grill of London signed up this week as new sponsors.

Whether or not the 2017 Redbud Ride is a record breaker is “weather dependent,” Hendrickson said. In 2015, severe thunderstorms limited the turnout to only 700 of the 1,000 cyclists who had registered. The weather was perfect last year, which led to about 500 walkups the day of the ride, swelling the number to 1,404. “We are trying to reduce the number of walkups because it’s hard to make provisions for that number at the last minute,” he said. “That’s why we are encouraging the early registration.”

The Redbud Ride began in 2008 with just 26 riders. Since then it has grown each year while garnering praise from riders and accolades from the world of cycling. In 2011 it was selected as the “**Best Century Ride in America**” by Active.com.

Hendrickson said the ride’s success is due to the amount of preparedness and organization put forth by volunteers and sponsors each year. “We try to go above and beyond what any other ride does,” he said. “This includes the before and after activities. We try to give them much more than they expect at a lower price.”

To date, registrations have come from 20 states and one Canadian province. Cyclists from California, North Dakota, Idaho, Maryland, New York and other states, including more than 100 from Ohio, will descend on London the weekend of April 22nd.

The Redbud Ride will once again be the first ride of the Kentucky Century Challenge and the brand new Kentucky Cycling Challenge. The challenges feature five of the most popular touring rides in Kentucky.

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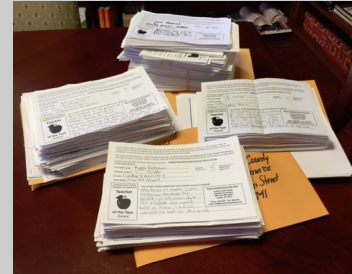
Teacher of the Year Nominations are In!

In early January, the Chamber delivered Teacher of the Year nomination forms to all Laurel County schools. A week later the nominations began to roll in for all the awesome teachers that encourage and inspire our students each and every day.

Now comes the hard part for our Education Committee, who must go through each nomination and decide which well-deserving teachers will be selected.

Teachers will be selected in these categories: Elementary, Middle and High School. The winners will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on March 7th and will each receive a check for \$1000. This monetary award is sponsored by L&N Federal Credit Union.

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**Pictured Left:** Daniel Carmack, with Sallie Davidson Realtors and Member of Lexington Bluegrass Association of Realtors addresses the luncheon attendees.



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- ◆ Regency Cinema 8
- ◆ The Job Shop





## “Going Up, Anyone?”

Life is made of choices, some are simple and others are tough, life-changing choices. High school students across the United States are facing many choices in their lives right now, class schedule, the decision to attend college, go to vocational school or straight into the workforce and of course, the big question, what do I want to do with my life after high school? Students in Laurel County are not immune to this quandary, but through the partnership and support of volunteers and community organizations students are receiving some additional guidance.

Each high school hosts a series of career panels for students to attend and ask questions of professionals from a variety of careers. Recently local realtor Daniel Carmack with Sallie Davidson Realtors and Leading Real Estate Companies spoke with students at South Laurel High School about careers in real estate and being a part of the community. Mr. Carmack explained to students the importance of building relationships both professionally and on a personal level to work together toward common goals for the betterment of their community. He encouraged students to be involved in their communities and to ask questions.

When asked why he volunteered he explained the importance of community leaders being involved as they are “investing in our future leaders and workforce.” The Pew Research Center estimates that by 2030 over 18% of the US population will be age 65 or older. The need for qualified skilled workers will continue to grow, students of today will be those employees.

Mr. Carmack said he was surprised with how highly engaged the students were with current issues. He said many asked good questions and were eager to learn how a career in real estate worked. However, he also noted that when students were asked what their future plans were, very few students expressed definitive decisions.

Students have endless opportunities, but must compete in a global economy. Students require both a strong education and hands-on experience with a mentor. Do you have the time and dedication to invest in a future employee or leader? The Laurel County Public School system, through partnership with organizations like the London Laurel Chamber, have many opportunities for you to serve as mentor or open your business to allow students to shadow a typical work day. Will you be like Mr. Carmack and make the investment in the future of our young people and community? Mr. Carmack summed up his volunteer service with a quote by Kevin Spacey, “If you’re lucky enough to do well, it’s your responsibility to send the elevator back down.” Are you going to send the elevator back down to bring our young people up?



*Article submitted by the Laurel County School District*





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The Chamber Ambassadors continued their "patrol" last month and surprised six of our members with balloons and cookies in hand. Each business was also presented a "free lunch" certificate to our general membership luncheon. The purpose of the Ambassador Patrol is to let our members know that we appreciate their commitment and support of our Chamber and to encourage further participation in Chamber events.

*Be on the lookout. . . next month they might be visiting you!*



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### Chamber Calendar



- Feb. 16—Chamber Luncheon at 12 noon  
London Community Center**
- Feb. 16— Ladies Night from 6 to 8 pm at  
Chiropractic Health Solutions**
- Feb. 17 — Ribbon Cutting at Elysian Med Spa 12 pm**
- Feb. 21— Leadership Tri-County Banquet  
5:30 am at the Corbin Center**
- Feb. 22 — Regency Cinema 8 Event  
11 am—12 pm**
- Feb. 28 — Ladies of Vision Painting Party  
7 pm at Shiloh Roadhouse**
- Mar. 7 — Chamber Annual Banquet  
6 pm at the London Community Center**

*For more information on any of these events, contact the Chamber office at 864-4789 or [info@londonlaurelchamber.com](mailto:info@londonlaurelchamber.com)*

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