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#### **Next Chamber Luncheon**

#### **Thursday, June 17**

12:00 noon
London Community Center
\$10.00 per person

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# Save the Date . . .

# Tuesday, August 10 London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL BANQUET

**Sponsors** are needed for this event. Sponsorships are \$750 and include a table for 8 at the banquet.

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#### **Chamber Awards Work Ready Scholarships**



THE SPOTLIGHT

In 2016 the London Laurel County Chamber of Commerce wanted to help the businesses community with work ready employees. In order to achieve this goal we partnered with Junior Achievement and the Laurel County School System to introduce a program that would offer the knowledge and skills necessary to make students successful in the employment market. All high school students in Laurel County complete the Junior Achievement course "Career Success-How to Get Hired, How to Stay Hired". During the 7 weeks of this course, business volunteers from the community spend their time introducing the students to communication skills, collaboration, conflict management, critical thinking and other soft skills that would help make them a desirable employee. They also learn how to ace a job interview, identify their skills and interests, then relate those discoveries to high paying, in demand, long term job opportunities.

Students who successfully earn the work ethic seal have completed the necessary classes and activities along with exhibiting excellence in academics and attendance. They have shown a commitment to community involvement and exemplary behavior at school and in the community. Every student that completes the process over the course of their high school experience will receive a gold seal on their diploma certifying them by the Chamber as "Work Ready". The Chamber in partnership with Community Trust Bank awards one person from each high school a \$1000 scholarship to the school of their choice to further their education.

We continually strive to help our business community grow and be successful for the betterment of all of London and Laurel County, said Deanna Herrmann, CEO of the London Laurel County Chamber of Commerce. Thank you to Community Trust Bank, The City of London and the Laurel County Fiscal Court for your support of the Junior Achievement program in the Laurel County School System.

Congratulations to this year's Scholarship recipients: **Daria Casey** from North Laurel High School and Brady Dalrymple from South Laurel High School.

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The Chamber of Commerce is now taking nominations for

#### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on August 10th.

The following categories will be presented:
Small Business Award (< 100 Employees)
Large Business Award (> 100 Employees)
Non-Profit/Civic Club Award

To nominate a business, simply send an email to info@londonlaurelchamber.com and tell us the <u>name</u> of the business, which <u>category</u> they would fall under, and <u>why</u> you think they should be named "Business of the Year".

All Chamber member businesses are eligible to win and nominations must be submitted by July 2nd.

Nominate a well-deserving business today!



# Upcoming Ribbon Cutting...

Wednesday, June 23rd
10:00 am
Located at 417 Don's Drive

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#### **RIBBON CUTTINGS**





#### **London Lighting**

Located at 303 Madison Square Shops on S. Main St.



New Pediatric Services at Hoskins Medical Ctr.

Located at 1120 Reuben Street



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#### **RIBBON CUTTINGS**





#### Alexander & Associates

Located at 181 Old Whitley Road



Save-A-Lot
Located at 825 South Laurel Road

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#### **RIBBON CUTTINGS**





New EMS Lounge at Saint Joseph London Located at 1001 Saint Joseph Lane



#### **Town Center Park**

Located at 500 North Main Street



Opening a new business, a second location or moving to a new location?

Contact the Chamber office to schedule a ribbon cutting and let us help you celebrate!

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### South Laurel High School Principal to Attend Executive Leadership Training

Jeremy Kidd Chosen for Leadership Institute for School Principals
Class of 2022

FRANKFORT, Ky.— A Laurel County principal is set to begin a year-long executive level leadership training course usually reserved for the nation's top CEOs. **Jeremy Kidd** of **South Laurel High School** was selected in March to participate in the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Leadership Institute for School Principals by an advisory board made up of business leaders and school superintendents.

Kidd, one of 36 selected principals, will begin attending classes this summer at the Truist Leadership Institute in Greensboro, North Carolina, in partnership with the Kentucky Chamber Foundation. The Truist Leadership Institute has customized a program to meet the specific leadership development needs of school administrators. The Leadership Institute for School Principals will deliver cutting-edge training to help principals: • build a high-performance culture and lead change; • explore how knowledge of individual strengths and developmental needs can produce positive outcomes for students, schools and communities; and • practice new behaviors for positive results. Principals will also attend follow-up sessions in the fall and early next year in Kentucky.

"Thank you to the Leadership Institute and the Kentucky Chamber Foundation for allowing me this opportunity. Through positive interactions, adopting a growth mindset, and emphasizing transition readiness; our students have more abundant opportunities for life-long success. A major component that determines success is life-long learning," Kidd said. "As educators, we model this for our students while continually refining our practices to get better each day. I am thankful to be able to grow and increase my leadership capacities so that I may be a better servant-leader for my school community. Go Cards!"

Elementary, middle and high school principals from across Kentucky representing both public and private schools applied for the institute, which is supported by generous donations from businesses across the state. So far, more than \$3 million has been spent on over 400 principals from 95 Kentucky counties since the program began in 2011.

"The business community takes great pride in supporting the Leadership Institute for School Principals," said Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Ashli Watts. "Employers recognize the value of effective leadership in the private sector, and the same is true for schools. As the foundation for our future workforce, we think it is important to give our Kentucky schools every opportunity for success."





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# May Luncheon

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### New Member



Next Opportunity Events Michael Whisman

Pictured Right:
Our speaker was
Scott Broughton
with the
Advantage
Kentucky Alliance





The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses that donated prizes at our May luncheon. . .

- Eastern Kentucky University
  - Hotwire Productions.net
    - Nesco Resource
    - Regency Cinema 8
      - The Job Shop
  - World Chicken Festival





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The Chamber is pleased to welcome our newest members:



- First State Bank of the Southeast
- Laurel County Health Department
  - Local Honey
  - Southern Truckstops LLC

#### **Renewing Chamber Members**

- Adrenaline Cycles Co. LLC
- Backpack Program of Laurel County
  - C2G Development, LLC
- Center Target Firearms & Indoor Range
  - Commonwealth Cancer Center
    - Community Trust Bank
  - Day Bros Auto & RV Sales LLC
  - Dr. Jeremy W. Allen Family Dentistry
    - East Bernstadt Eye Center
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      - Family Allergy & Asthma
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    - Kemper Home Furnishings
  - Laurel County Occupational Tax
    Laurel Seafood, Inc. DBA Captain D's
    - LGC Storage & Logistics
- London-Laurel Co. Economic Development Authority
  - Martin's Peterbilt
    - Mr. Gatti's
  - Parsley's General Tire Inc.
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      - Pyles Concrete Inc.
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      - Sallie Davidson Realtors
        - Senture, LLC
        - Storm Security, LTD
  - U.S. Forest Service-London Ranger District
    - Watkins Realty & Associates
      - Wildcat Flea Market





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#### Your Chamber Membership can Save you Money



As a member of the Chamber, you have access to several discount programs that you may not be aware of. Keeping reading and find out how we can help you save!



#### Worker's Compensation Insurance Discount

Members will receive a total of 10% discount off their estimated annual premium on Workers' Compensation Insurance through ClearPath Mutual.



#### Health Insurance Benefits/Discounts

The Kentucky Chamber has teamed up with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to offer groups with 2 to 50 employees an opportunity to participate in a larger, self-funded pool that gives you financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage. This health care solution is called the ChamberAdvantage plan.

#### Office DEPOT

#### Office Depot Discount Program

This program is set up for our local Chamber by the Kentucky State Chamber and its contractual agreement with Office Depot. This offer brings exclusive savings to Chamber members with special pricing on hundreds of office depot products that you use every day! The product list is available to members upon request.



#### Constant Contact Discount Program

As a benefit of your Chamber membership, you can grow your business with Constant Contact's industry-leading online marketing tools: newsletters and announcements; offers and promotions; events and registration; and feedback and surveys. Best of all, you'll enjoy exclusive savings of up to 25%, with plans starting as low as \$20 per month.

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### Upcoming Chamber Events . . .

# **Chamber Annual Banquet**



Tuesday, August 10th
6 pm
London Community Center



# Chamber Golf Classic

Friday, October 1st London Country Club



#### Mark your calendars!



### Your Chamber **Board of Directors**



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