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York Technical College

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Business of the Month



York Technical College President, Dr. Greg Rutherford, accepts the September 2010 Business of the Month award from GYCC President Rick Jiran in late August.

The Greater York Chamber of Commerce selected York Technical College as its September 2010 Business of the Month.

York Technical College has worked to support economic development in York, Chester and Lancaster counties for 45 years. The college exists to help men and women define success—for themselves, for their families, and for their community.

The college has a proud history of attracting new businesses, expanding jobs, and helping people find the right occupational fit for their lives.

Some important points to note about York Tech:

- Offers 90 different programs of study
- All degree programs that can be accredited are accredited
- Provides career counsel-

ing, internships, and placement services

- Enrollment is up 43% in the last four years
- Enrolled 7,774 credit and 9,732 non-credit students last year
- Offers programs designed for students who plan to continue their education at four-year colleges and universities
- In addition to its main campus in Rock Hill, the college offers programming

at 17 high schools and career centers, as well as 7 off-campus centers across 3 counties

York Technical College's commitment to providing quality education and promoting marketable skills has earned it a reputation for excellence. The college's track record of preparing graduates for a lifetime of success is one of the best in the state.

York Tech students and faculty regularly bring home awards from state and national conferences and competitions. Seven times since 2000, a York Tech student has been named the winner of the Carolina Careers Governor's Award for excellence in work-based learning, and two members of the York Tech faculty have received the prestigious Governor's Professor of the Year award.

York Technical College's one goal, established in 2008, is to maximize student success. The key to that success is a qualified and caring faculty, and student support services that are second to none. York Tech strives, in everything it does, to equip students with the skills they need to succeed in any workplace they enter. By giving men and women recognized, marketable skills and preparing them for success, York Technical College continues to make a valuable contribution to the economic development of our region and our state.

Director's Report

Attended SC Chamber of Commerce Grassroots meeting on August 25th. The meeting provides an opportunity for the businesses, individuals, local municipalities and county governments to speak out on issues and concerns they felt most strongly represent the area and should be included in the State Chamber's Competitiveness Agenda for the upcoming Legislative year. Issues raised were Comprehensive Tax Reform specifically Act 388 and monitoring the work of the TRAC Commission. It appears the TRAC Commission continues to propose tax changes with an emphasis on revenue natural, which many at the meeting felt this approach does nothing

to help the State with its financial situation. A number of ideas relating to budget were tossed out for instance look at reducing cost tackle some of the hard issues of services that might not be critical. One legislator suggested that the Chambers develop a list of cost savings they would be willing to support and champion with the General Assembly. Evaluation of possible new sources of State revenue by forming a think tank that would review sources and provide recommendations were discussed. As always a critical issue for the State is adequate funding of education K-12, technical colleges, and state colleges and universities. Local school districts' funding has been cut to mid 1990's level for the current school year with

future years not fairing much better. Several suggested the strengthening of the Department of Commerce is necessity. The Dept needs a strong clear focus on current business and small business in the State. Incentives need to be reviewed and structured to remove as much as possible the inconsistencies between counties. Border Counties tend to feel the pinch more since they must face the incentives offered by neighboring States. Two additional issues, support energy investigation of alternative sources and support new nuclear power and last the State needs to develop a position on illegal immigration. Information will be provided later as the State Chamber completes its 2011 Competitiveness Agenda.



School District to Dedicate High School, Technology Center

The York School Board of Trustees and Administration extends an invitation to the community to attend the dedication ceremony for the new York Comprehensive High School and F. D. Johnson Technology Center on Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 3 p.m., YCHS Auditorium.

Calendar

Chamber Closed

Monday, September 6
Labor Day

Business After Hours

Tuesday, September 21
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Floyd D. Johnson
Technology Ctr
275 E. Alexander Love
York, SC

Downtown Live

Featuring 'flickted'
Thursday, Sept. 16
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Whitesides Parking Lot
York, SC

Pumpkin Festival

Saturday, September 25
9 a.m. ~ 4 p.m.
Bush-N-Vine Farm
1690 Filbert Hwy
York, SC

GYCC Board ~ 2nd Tuesday
7:30 A M

Economic ~ 1st Tuesday
7:30 A M

Education ~ 3rd Wednesday
8:00 A M

Government ~ 4th Thursday
7:30 A M

Membership ~ 4th Thursday
5:30 PM

Welcome

Please take a moment and join the Chamber in welcoming our newest members.

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Downtown Live Series Adds Concert

The Chamber, with the help of additional sponsorships, added a fifth concert date to its Downtown Live Concert Series.

The September concert is slated for Thursday, September 16, from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. with a rain date of September 23.

The three-piece group, *'flicked* will perform hits from the 60's, 70's, and 80's, with DJ "Mojo" playing your favorite dance music between sets.

Downtown Live is a series of free public concerts in the parking lot of Whitesides Cleaners located at the corner of Madison and North Congress Streets in historic, downtown York, SC.

Subway will be on hand to offer fresh sandwiches and other goodies for sale, and the Chamber will offer soft drinks and adult beverages for sale.

Of course, the Downtown Live Concert Series would not be possible without the help of our many sponsors, nor without the help of the many volunteers that serve beverages, sell raffle tickets, haul ice, put out signs, and help with clean up. Thank you all for supporting the Greater York Chamber of Commerce.



Summerfest favorite, *Flashback*, brought down the house at Downtown Live's kickoff concert to Summerfest on Friday, August 27.

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