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» MAY 2022 | HALIFAX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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- Business After Hours**
Sponsored by Destination Downtown South Boston, Town of South Boston, and Stanley Jeffress
Ferry Street, South Boston
Thursday, May 19
5:30-7pm
- Community-Wide Job Fair**
Wednesday, May 25
10am-2pm
Halifax County Fairgrounds

► **THE CHAMBER'S MISSION STATEMENT:**
The mission of the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce is to serve the interest of its members, and promote economic prosperity in the region.

► **THE CHAMBER'S VISION STATEMENT:**
The vision of the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce is to be a leader and advocate for business, and provide an influential voice dedicated to economic success and quality of life.



Pictured are committee members, left to right: Josie Lopez, Halifax County Chamber of Commerce; Trevor Smith, Rogers Heating & Cooling; Keri Stegall, VIRginia International Raceway; Josh Hudson, Virginia Farm Bureau; Jerri Tuck, Brooks Lyon Funeral Home; Cameron Starke, Edward Jones; Holley Conner, Trane Technologies; Kate Reese, Hitachi Energy; and Alisha Rice, Tri-County Community Action Agency.

'NEXT GENERATION OF HALIFAX COUNTY'

2ND ANNUAL HALIFAX YOUNG PROFESSIONALS & ENTREPRENEURS SCHOLARSHIP SET TO BE AWARDED TO ONE GRADUATING SENIOR

The Halifax Young Professionals & Entrepreneurs (HYPE) will be awarding one Halifax County High School graduating senior a \$1000 scholarship toward furthering their education. HYPE is looking for a senior who has demonstrated leadership and excellence through academic achievement and extracurricular activities, including commitment to community service.

"The HYPE Committee believes in giving back to our community in any way

that we can," stated Cameron Starke, Chair of the HYPE Committee, "This scholarship is one way for us to give support to the next generation of Halifax County." The HYPE committee has also been working with the Halifax County High School Leadership class to provide meaningful speakers to help bridge the gap between high school seniors and business professionals.

Applications for the HYPE Scholarship must be submitted by noon on May 15

and can be found at www.halifaxchamber.net/hype-scholarship-app.

HYPE is a network of young professionals designed to recruit and retain young professionals to Halifax County by offering professional development, social, community service, and leadership opportunities. Additional information on HYPE and upcoming events can be found on the Chamber's website at www.halifaxchamber.net and HYPE's facebook page.

MAY 25 JOB FAIR WELCOMES JOB SEEKERS, GRADUATING SENIORS

The Halifax County Chamber of Commerce, Halifax Industrial Development Authority, Halifax County Public Schools, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, Virginia Career Works, and the County of Halifax have partnered together for a Community Wide Job Fair taking place on Wednesday, May 25 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Halifax County Fairgrounds.

Approximately 25 employers are

expected with over 250 job openings to be filled. "It is important for us to help out our local businesses in any way that we can. Right now, that means getting them face to face with job seekers. When we help out our local businesses, our community benefits," stated Mitzi McCormick, President & CEO of the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce.

Job openings will range from HVAC, healthcare, manufacturing, hospital-

ity, government jobs, customer service, and more. Any business with job openings is welcome. If your company is interested in participating, visit halifaxchamber.net/jobfair or call the Chamber at (434) 572-3085.

Job seekers and graduating seniors can visit halifaxchamber.net/jobfair to see a list of participating businesses, as well as what positions are available, the hiring process, and information required from the applicants to apply.

BUSINESSES INVITED TO WORK-BASED LEARNING INFORMATION SESSION

The Halifax County Chamber of Commerce, Halifax Industrial Development Authority, Halifax County Public Schools, and Southern Virginia Higher Education Center are hosting a Work-Based Learning Information Session Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00 am at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, Hope-Smith Classroom.

Employers are invited to hear from Dr. Betty Adams, Executive Director, Southern Virginia Higher Education

Center; JR Griffin, President, Comfort Systems USA MidAtlantic; Jimmy Popek, Career Strategies Educator, Halifax County High School; and Rebecca Saunders, Career and Technical Education Coordinator, Halifax County High School, about work-based learning opportunities for high school students.

Work-Based Learning (WBL) is a career and technical education (CTE) program that collaboratively engages employers and schools in providing structured learn-

ing experiences for students. These experiences focus on assisting students develop broad, transferable skills for postsecondary education and the workplace. WBL programs make school-based learning more relevant by providing students with the opportunity to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom to real world situations.

More information and registration can be found at www.halifaxchamber.net or by calling (434) 572-3085.

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