

Chamber President Awarded Executive of the Year

The Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Executives named the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce President, Rick Meredith, Tennessee Chamber Executive of the Year at their annual meeting held in Clarksville, Tennessee on August 23, 2018. TCCE is a statewide chamber professional association that identifies the most effective chamber professional who has made a significant difference in a local Tennessee Chamber.

"On behalf of the Tennessee Chamber, we would like to congratulate Rick Meredith for being selected as Tennessee Chamber

Executive of the Year. The Anderson County Chamber, under Rick's leadership is truly one of Tennessee's premier Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development agencies. This award truly demonstrates Rick's success and achievement in managing a complex organization and engaging business leaders in Anderson County to ensure economic and community success. Chamber professionals like Rick are why Tennessee is consistently recognized as a great state for business and manufacturing," says Bradley Jackson, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce President.

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Back by Popular Demand: Today's Woman Expo

After a four year hiatus, the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce is excited to be bringing back Today's Woman Expo! One GREAT day of women-oriented activities and fun! The event will be held at the Anderson County High School Gymnasium, 130 Maverick Circle off Charles G. Seviars Blvd. in

Clinton on Saturday, October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advance tickets are \$8.00 and available at the Chamber. Admission at the door, \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors. This one-day premier event will cater to every aspect of a woman's life.



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MEMBER FOCUS



Alpha House Inc.

Charted in 2007, Alpha House Inc., is a faith-based, non-profit organization dedicated to changing the lives of women affected by abuse, addiction, and incarceration. Alpha House currently provides recovery resource services inside local jails, and upon release with the Alpha House God Beyond the Bars program. Through God Beyond the Bars program, women are provided services before, during and after a recovery program, such as: recovery home placement fees, clothing, transportation, visits and letters, and post-release mentors.

The organization currently has two Alpha Bitz thrift shops, where 100% of items for sale are donated. Alpha Bitz Thrift Shop at 5512 Harriman Highway, Oliver Springs, and Alpha Bitz Thriftique, located at 1726 Oak Ridge Highway, Clinton. Shop hours are: Tuesday-Friday 10a-6p and Saturday 10a-4p. Have large items to donate? The organization will gladly pick them up! Give them a call at 865-730-6323 to schedule a pick-up time.



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YOUR CHAMBER AT WORK

Networking Coffee



The Non-Profit and Community Services Organizations in Anderson County and surrounding areas hosted a Networking Coffee at Faith Promise Church on August 2nd.



Knights Flowers hosted a packed house on August 16th for a Networking Coffee.



ASAP of Anderson celebrated their 10th Anniversary by revealing their new logo on September 4th.



The Chamber has added a new honorary board member to the Board of Directors, Freddy Fagan!

Rick Meredith presented Community Partners Joe Hollingsworth, The Hollingsworth Companies, and Bear Stephenson, Stephenson Realty & Auction, with their partnership plaques on September 4th. The Hollingsworth Companies is a Copper Community Partner and Stephenson Realty & Auction is a Silver Community Partner.



MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Roane State Community College paramedic students participated in prehospital trauma training.



Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee has changed it's business model. The company now buys 70% of their food, while receiving 30% of donations.



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Oak Ridge LLC

Harold Conner, senior executive of **URS|CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR)**, has been named to the Board of Advisors of the University of Tennessee Department of Nuclear Engineering.



Consolidated Nuclear Security (CNS Y-12) has added three new executives to their staff: Doug Freund, Vice President for Operations Support; Ed Rogers, Vice President for Business Management; and Jason Trichel, Manager of Internal Audit, Ethics, and Employee Concerns



Faris Eid of Design Innovation Architects has been appointed as the Communications Chair for the Knoxville Chapter of Entrepreneurs' Organization.



Pipe Wrench Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling, Inc. received the Knoxville Chamber's Pinnacle Award for Small Business Excellence as well as being named a Top Workplace from the News Sentinel.

PARTNERS IN THE NEWS



Mae Riggins and Stephanie Bruce with **Enrichment Federal Credit Union** recently celebrated their anniversaries with the company. Riggins has been with the Enrichment for 15 years while Bruce for 10 years.



ORAU has awarded five William G. Pollard Scholarships of \$2,500 each toward undergraduate studies for the 2018-2019 academic year. The recipients are: Radha Awasthi, Emma K. Batson, Natalie Campbell, Adam Dupes, and Olivia Mahathy.

Lt. Governor Randy McNally has renewed his Bronze Community Partnership with the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce.



Y-12 Federal Credit Union will be hosting their Y-Run 5K on November 3, 2018. For more information, go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/TN/Knoxville/YRun5K>



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Chamber Events

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Exhibitions filled with the latest products and services for women from beauty and health to families and careers-- businesses and organizations dedicated to providing each attendee with a memorable experience. Categories represented include, food, health, leisure, fashion, beauty, home, entertaining, pets, fitness and so much more!

The Chamber is accepting Early Bird exhibitor registrations for a 10' x 10' booth space for Chamber members at \$150 and Non-Members at \$200. A limited number of 6' tabletops

are also available for Members at \$75 and Non-Members at \$125. Electricity is also available on a first-come, first-serve basis for a nominal fee. Early Bird pricing is available through September 28.

For non-Chamber members \$50 of booth space may be credited to Anderson County Chamber of Commerce membership within 60 days of the event. You will not want to miss out on this soon to be annual event! For further information contact the Anderson County Chamber office at 457-2559 or visit www.todayswomanexpo.org.

Clinton: The Downtown Vision The Video Presentation

The Vision is far from over! On September 25, 2018, the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce will be presenting a brand new video highlighting Clinton: The Downtown Vision. This event will be held at Faith Promise's Anderson County Campus, 96 Mariner Point Drive, from 6:30-8:00 pm.

The Chamber has partnered with QK4, Inc. to create a video

that showcases 3D animations of the new Green Bridge, streetscapes, and more of what the vision holds. This will be the first time that the video has been shown publicly.

The Chamber encourages the entire community to attend this event! Come be a part of the vision, the Downtown Vision that is!



After the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development announced the City of Clinton as one of the 12 communities in the state to participate in the Tennessee Downtowns Program, the Downtown Committee met for the first time to get the process started on August 28th.

SCHOOL NEWS

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Student Election At NWMS

The Student Government Association at Norwood Middle school is in full swing. The elections were held for the 2018/19 school year. NWMS has elected 17 exceptional students to lead the school. This group of students will be in charge of the U-Trust staff celebrations. They will also meet with school leaders to serve as a voice for all students in their grade levels. Their first item of business was to enjoy the traditional coke float party! They look forward to meeting with Mayor Frank to learn how to become a strong community leader. NWMS is looking forward to another great year of growing responsible school leaders and future community leaders!



CMCCA Students Take on the ACT

Twenty Clinton Middle College and Career Academy 8th graders took a practice ACT Test at Clinton High School on early Saturday morning. GEAR UP Coordinator, Angela Merryman suggested the idea and luckily these CMS students took this as an opportunity to get ahead of the game. The experience was positive all around.



One taking the test, CMCCA 8th Grader, Addison Del Carmen said, "The ACT was definitely an experience I will never forget. I believe every student should take every practice that the Anderson County School system provides for free...I know a lot of students believe that they don't need to take the test this early, but high school is just next year! In my experience the ACT was very stressful, even the practice was very serious and intense. In the past, I've learned the more prepared that you are the more easy obstacles come. Honestly, I was stressed the entire time, and I feel like I was unprepared to answer 65 questions in 40 minutes, but I think that's just something I have to get used to. I will most definitely be taking any and all future ACT practice tests. Practice makes perfect or at least progress!"

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CCS Receives Highest Ranking in Student Growth

For the past several weeks, a variety of accountability data, both district and school-based, has been released from the Tennessee Department of Education regarding student results on the annual TN Ready assessment. There are two main areas of accountability – achievement and student growth. Achievement is the percentage of students who score on track or mastered in terms of meeting standards. Student growth (TVAAS or Value-Added) is a measurement of much a student grew academically in the course of one year.

Districts and schools are rated on a score of 1-5, with 5 showing "statistical significance" that students made more than a year's growth. Clinton City Schools received a district composite score of a 5 this year, which is the highest ranking possible. This composite score takes all subjects and combines them into one overall score. Individual schools also received a composite score. Clinton Elementary and South Clinton Elementary received a composite score of 5, and North Clinton Elementary received a composite score of 3. A level three means that a year's growth was met. Director Kelly Johnson stated, "We are very proud of our student growth scores based on 2018 TN Ready data. The composite score of a level 5 is proof that teachers differentiate instruction to meet the varying levels of our students. Many of our students come through the classroom doors with standards already mastered so it is our obligation to take each student where they are and grow them academically at least one year. Parents, teachers, administrators, students, and community members have all had their hand in achieving this ranking."

In terms of achievement, Clinton City Schools also performed well this year. Out of 144 districts, the 6th grade cohort was ranked 3rd in the state in Math and 2nd in the state in English/Language Arts. Our 3-5th grade cohorts are in the top 15% of districts across the state. The "Tradition of Excellence" at Clinton City Schools continues by holding high expectations with an abundance of support.



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CHS Alumni Graduates From MIT

When CHS foreign language teachers returned this fall they found the student had become the teacher. Dylan Stiles, a 2014 CHS graduate, is now writing programs for Duolingo the world's most popular way to learn a language. After graduating in June 2018 from MIT in Boston, the world's top university according to QS World University Rankings, Stiles had multiple job offers but chose Duolingo.

"I interned with Appboy and I even have the code on my phone to change the lights on a Times Square building, but I actually avoided the city. There are too many people there and the movies were expensive," said Stiles. "I thought education might be a better way to give back to society."

As humble as he is intelligent, Stiles offers his advice to high school students- "You can have a dream school, but don't get your hopes up for a dream school. Apply to a bunch. Play the numbers game. I got into MIT and Princeton but not into Vandy and Duke. In high school, take AP and rigorous classes if you want a chance at a top school. Be involved in competitions in clubs (Stiles was a state winner in FBLA and a competitor with First Robotics at CHS) because the playing field isn't equal at all high schools. My friends took 16 AP classes, CHS offered 3. While I don't think these are the most appropriate measures they are the measures so be sure you have high grades and get good test scores if you want a chance at a top school." While Stiles topped out at 36 on the ACT math, he could never get in the 30s on the reading subtest, but that didn't hold him back. He applied to MIT and other top schools through a program called Questbridge which seeks to find high achieving students in low income areas.

"Because MIT matches your demonstrated need 100% I actually paid less than I would have paid to attend the University of Tennessee," says Stiles.

When asked about how it feels to send your child off to a big city, Dylan's mom, Beth Duncan, says, "The worst words Dylan ever spoke

to me were 'Mom, if I get in MIT I am going'. These were also the best words. I had some anxiety until we visited with GEAR UP and I saw he was in his element. Parent meetings at the preview weekend helped me see that the campus was safe. We have to step back and let our children follow their dreams. My children were first generation college students and I knew nothing about college. I am glad I was able to step back and let them go." Dylan's sister, Hannah, recently just graduated from the University of Tennessee.

Stiles realized early on into his college career that he would not be coming home to work after graduation.

However, he says there may be a possibility in the future of him being able to return to Tennessee to work remotely. For now, he is in the Pittsburg area writing programs that are being used through Duolingo at Clinton High School, as well as in countries around the globe. As a college student, Stiles studied Japanese and Chinese while earning his Bachelor's degree in Computer Science and Engineering. "I just thought language was interesting", he says. Now he makes it interesting for the next generation of students.



NMS Partners Up With Crayola and TerraCycle

Sixth grade Norris Middle School students in Technology class with Mrs. Jones are responsible for collecting and sorting the school's recycling. In addition to collecting regularly recyclable items such as cardboard, cans, and paper, Norris Middle has partnered with Crayola and the TerraCycle Company to collect items that are typically not recyclable and help reduce the school's

environmental impact.

Through these efforts, NMS collected nearly 500 markers last year that were shipped to Crayola and converted to liquid fuel.

This is a wonderful way to teach students the value of recycling and how it helps our world!



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Cultural Exchange at CES

On Monday, August 13, Clinton Elementary School (CES) welcomed a small group of parents and students from Japan. A local resident (born and raised in Japan) asked CES to provide some visiting friends a glimmer into the culture of a traditional school in the United States. In education, we call this impromptu exchange a “teachable moment.”

There were some interesting comparisons made by both Clinton City Schools and our Japanese visitors. The Japanese adults and students were intrigued by our low student/teacher ratios and large physical classroom size. Japanese students and teachers are accustomed to 30-40 students in a classroom that is not as spacious as classrooms in our district. While walking the halls and visiting classrooms, an excited interest in the visual representations of our district’s “Growth Mindset” philosophy was evident.

Many pictures were taken of teacher made posters, banners, and other visual cues related to Growth Mindset. An appreciation for student work (both artistic and academic) was also noted. Evidently, such visual accompaniments are not common practice in Japan. The guests took particular note of the cleanliness of the school. In Japan, the students are involved in the general cleaning of the schools, including bathrooms, garbage, and sweeping.

Opening our CES doors to such interesting guests began as a gesture of good will—just being a good neighbor. The reward for opening our doors and spending a bit of time with folks that appreciate our school so much was invigorating. We indeed live in a wonderful community that values educating all children providing high expectations according to individual needs.



CCS Begins Blaze Project H2O

Blaze Project H2O will begin its inaugural year in October 2018. This after-school club will be held in all three schools for 1st and 2nd grade students. Angela Teffeteller, 1st grade teacher at South Clinton Elementary School, will spearhead this project for CCS. Mrs. Teffeteller completed the ORAU course Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) this summer and received her certificate to be a Project WET educator. Project WET is a National Science and Technology Association (NSTA) recommended curriculum.

science lab materials to initiate curiosity, listen to storytelling to encourage thinking, integrate the arts to communicate thinking and solutions, and use interpersonal skills to work in groups to test hypothesis and generate conclusions. All of the highly interactive activities focus on one of our greatest natural resources – water. Plans for expanding this after-school club to higher grade levels are in the works for next year. A special thanks to 3M, a Clinton Manufacturer, for awarding a grant to CCS to make this project possible!

Mrs. Teffeteller believes students who are exposed to hands-on science learning will be empowered to make a difference in their world. “Since we are educating students for careers that are not yet defined, we need to allow students to explore and discover science concepts through fun and engaging experimentation. Water is essential to all life and if we teach our elementary students to value this resource, we can truly help define the 21st century”, stated Mrs. Teffeteller.

Blaze Project H2O is designed to allow students to explore environmental science, physical science, life science, earth science, conservation, health, math, as well as a bit of geography and history. The activities and experiments will intertwine several subject focuses. Project H2O looks different from your typical classroom experience. Students will use



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LCMS Student of the Week

Every week Lake City Middle School honors different students. These students are individuals that have exceeded everyday expectation and deserve recognition for going above and beyond. This year the Lakers have a new Student of the Week sign displayed in the front lobby of the school. The new sign is a wonderful way to visually highlight our students that are truly working hard within our school community. Come by next week and see who is on the sign!



Rockin' The 40 Book Challenge

Students at Clinton Middle College and Career Academy are still rockin' the 40 Book Challenge this year. The staff at CMCCA plan to reward consistent reading in an effort to create strong readers. This is all in hopes that CMCCA students will be AMAZING READERS FOREVER! The goal for every student is to try to read as many books as possible with an ultimate goal of 40. That's about a book a week. The CMCCA Staff are counting all books read over the summer as well, and any book over 300 pages counts as two books.

Students who read 10 books by Fall Break will get an afternoon to hang out and watch a movie. Students who read 18 books by Christmas Break will get a special Christmas Breakfast and gift. Students who read 30 books by Spring Break will get to go on a special trip of some kind. Students who read 36 books by May 1st will get an invitation to meet a special visitor, hopefully an author, to CMS.



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SRO Organizes Party for Student

Clinton City Schools has always been proud of our SRO (School Resource Officer) Program. Not only do the officers keep the schools safe, they also serve as role models for students. Seeing the close relationships unfold between officers and students has been one of the most significant positive outcomes of this program. Officer Pack and Luke have a very special relationship. Luke was born with seven different heart defects and has spent a great amount of time in the hospital undergoing

treatments. Although he is only five years old, he dreams of being a police officer when he grows up. On his birthday, the Clinton Police Department (CPD) organized a birthday party where Luke could be an honorary policeman for a day! You can tell by the smiles that this was the best birthday present ever! This special story is just one of many across the district. The partnership between CCS and the CPD is truly impacting the lives of our young ones in the city of Clinton!



CCS Teacher: WBIR Teacher of the Week

Clinton City Schools would like to congratulate Mrs. Jean Fielden for being chosen as WBIR Educator of the Week in September! Mrs. Fielden is a 3rd grade teacher at South Clinton Elementary School where she has begun her tenth year of teaching. Prior to coming to SCES, she took time off from being an educator to raise her two children. When walking into her room, you might likely find her in a pirate costume or handing out beaded necklaces to visitors as they enter

the room. Student relationships are very important her, and she uses these positive interactions to hold students to high expectations. She is an advocate for all students and works diligently to see students succeed. We are proud of her accomplishment. She is currently competing for the TN Lottery Educator of the Month.



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LAC Participants enjoy an afternoon ride on one of Sequoyah Marina's houseboats.



A visit to Green McAdoo Cultural Center with stories by Jerry Shattuck is a must do!

Leadership Anderson County Class of 2019 took on Arts, Culture, and Tourism Day on August 21st. The Leadership Class started the day off with a tour of Green McAdoo Cultural Center, followed by storytelling with Jerry Shattuck. After Green McAdoo, the class toured the Museum of Appalachia, and visited the Appalachian Arts and Crafts Center. The highlight of the day was lunch at Sequoyah Marina followed by a late afternoon cruise on Norris Lake. After the class took a little houseboat break, the group visited the Oak Ridge Playhouse for a behind-the-scenes tour. The eventful day ended with a visit to the Oak Ridge Rowing Center. Sounds like a wonderful day exploring Anderson County!



Eliane Meyer greets the LAC Class of 2018 as they spend some time at the Museum of Appalachia.

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On receiving the award, Meredith says, "It is an honor to win this prestigious award. I am very thankful for the support of the Chamber Board of Directors, our membership, the ambassadors, and all our committees. My staff and I look forward to continuing to keep up the momentum in Anderson County. We've accomplished a lot, but we still have a great deal of work to do!" The Chamber will be hosting a reception in honor of Meredith winning

the award. The reception will take place on September 12, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Chamber Office, 245 N. Main Street, Clinton.



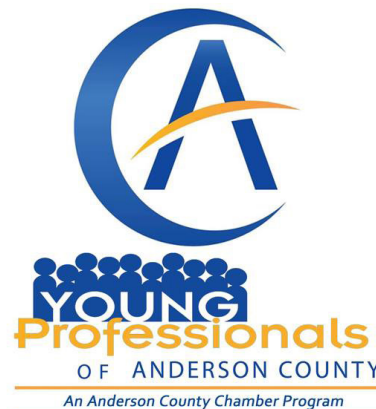
Nominations Begin for The YP of the Year Award

It's time to nominate the Young Professional of the Year! The Young Professionals of Anderson County want to recognize the contributions of young adults throughout the county. This is a perfect way for your business or organization to recognize the outstanding contributions of the individuals inside of our community.

The following nominee must must be a leader with passion for making Anderson County a better community through professional and philanthropic efforts. Candidates must be no more than 39 years old as of December 31, 2018. All finalists will be invited to the Chamber's Annual

Business Luncheon where the winner will be announced at that time. Nominations will be open until November 2, 2018. To

nominate for the Young Professional of the Year Award, entries can be submitted here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ZDau2AFhhPaYmpCl1>





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