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August Power in Partnership Breakfast will feature Murray State University President

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's August 6 Power in Partnership Breakfast will feature Murray State University President Dr. Ron K. Patterson. The breakfast is sponsored by Murray State University.

The Chamber's 2026 Small Business Cohort members will be recognized along with team captains for the 2026 Paducah Chamber Membership Campaign.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center. Pre-registration is required by Monday, August 3 at 2 p.m. at paducahchamber.org or by calling 270-443-1746. Power Card holders do not have to pre-register. The cost is \$25.

Dr. Ron K. Patterson became the 15th President of Murray State University on July 1st, 2025,

bringing more than two decades of leadership experience in higher education. Prior to joining Murray State, he served as President of Chadron State College and held senior leadership roles at the University of North Alabama, where he led record-breaking enrollment efforts and spearheaded major student success and philanthropic initiatives.



Dr. Ron K. Patterson

His early career encompassed 14 years as an administrator at Marietta College in Ohio, University of Central Arkansas, and University of Tennessee Health Science Center and Christian Brothers University in Memphis. He spent four years as an assistant men's basketball coach and head men's golf coach at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tennessee, and Marietta College. His 25 years of higher education experience

has developed Patterson toward a collaborative-servant leader approach which values access and affordability, continuous improvement, and innovation. He holds a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration and Leadership from Creighton University, among several advanced degrees, and remains deeply committed to the mission of access and affordability in higher education.

President Patterson believes that higher education is about relationships, resilience, and realization. His interactions with students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, legislators and friends of the university fosters collaboration, inspires partnerships, and continues the tradition of Murray State University, the finest place we know. Patterson and his wife, Jenny, have two children, Olivia, and Braylon.

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The 2026 Membership Campaign Team Captains are: (Front row, sitting, L to R) Alex Chalker, Brown & Brown; Lisa Lauck, Lauck Marketing, LLC; DeeAnn Bogaczyk, Blended Brews; Rebecca Ferch, Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership; and Reis Driver, Baptist Health Paducah. (Second row, sitting L to R) Andy Wilson, West Kentucky Community and Technical College; Justin Halvorson, Paducah Bank; Todd Buchanan, Chair of the Campaign; Keaton Faughn, CFSB; and Kenny Boyd, 2026 Chamber Board Chair and Baptist Health Paducah President.

2026 Membership Campaign kicks off August 3

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce will kick off the Annual Membership and Total Resource Campaign on August 3.

Todd Buchanan, GEO Consultants Corporation President, and current Chair-Elect of the Paducah Chamber Board of Directors, will lead the campaign as Chair. Buchanan will become the Chamber Board Chair in January 2027.

Buchanan said he is looking forward to working with this campaign to further underscore the Chamber’s deep connection to the community. “We chose the theme this year of ‘Rooted in Paducah: Investing in Our Community. Growing Our Future.’ As businesses invest in Paducah, our community grows stronger. The Chamber is proud to actively participate in that growth,” Buchanan said. “Now is a great time to engage and join as there are even more special perks



**Todd
Buchanan**

being offered to new members.”

Team Captains for 2026 are: DeeAnn Bogaczyk, Blended Brews; Todd Buchanan, Captain of the Captains; Alex Chalker, Brown & Brown; Reis Driver, Baptist Health Paducah; Keaton Faughn, CFSB; Rebecca Ferch, Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership; Justin Halvorson, Paducah Bank; Lisa Lauck, Lauck Marketing, LLC; and Andy Wilson, West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

The Campaign Celebration open to all Chamber members to greet the new members will be held on August 27 at the 1857 Hotel from 4 to 6 p.m. and sponsored by GEO Consultants Corporation.

For more information about joining the Chamber or volunteering with the campaign, email info@paducah-chamber.org or call the Chamber at 270-443-1746.

Welcome New Chamber Members: June 2026

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Connector of the Month

Mark Armstrong

Owner
Property Revival Painting

How long have you been a Connector?

"6 months"

Why do you serve on the Membership & Marketing Committee?

"When I joined the Chamber, I wanted to serve on a committee that would give me the opportunity to meet other local professionals and become more involved in our community. The Membership & Marketing Committee has been a great way to build relationships while supporting local businesses and helping promote the Chamber's mission."

What is your favorite Chamber event?

"We really enjoyed being a sponsor of the Chamber Golf Scramble. It was a great opportunity to connect with other members in a relaxed setting while supporting the Chamber."

Mark is currently...

Watching Bluey with his 6-year-old daughter, Brinkley

Reading Good to Great by Jim Collins

Listening to Comedy podcasts featuring Nate Bargatze



Ribbon Cuttings



Congratulations to Mercy Health - Lourdes Hospital on the ribbon cutting for their Phase II Radiation Therapy. It is located inside the Mercy Health Paducah Cancer Center, 285 Medical Center Dr.



Congratulations to Paducah Day Nursery on the ribbon cutting for their new recreational and educational rooms. Paducah Day Nursery is a non-profit organization that serves children from infancy through 13 years of age. They offer a variety of educational programs for kids. Visit paducahday.com.

Ribbon Cuttings



Congratulations to Spark by Hilton on their ribbon cutting as they celebrate the complete remodel of their 3994 Hinkleville Road location. They feature 76 guest rooms and offer a complimentary breakfast. They offer pet-friendly rooms and an indoor pool.



Congratulations to TDC Roofing and Construction on their ribbon cutting. TDC offers comprehensive roof inspections, shingle and tile replacement, storm damage assessment, siding installation and more! Call 270-356-0834.



Congratulations to TownePlace Suites by Marriott on the groundbreaking for their new hotel at 3985 Coleman Crossing Circle. The hotel will offer 106 rooms. Be on the lookout for their ribbon cutting in the 3rd quarter of 2027!

PUBLIC POLICY LUNCHEON RECAP

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Public Policy Luncheon on July 10! This was a chance to thank our local legislators for their efforts in a successful session of the General Assembly and for the funding they secured for our region.



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Leadership Paducah Class #39 announced the results of their class project, which benefits Fresh Start Village, in the amount of \$105,000 during the Paducah Chamber's July Power in Partnership Breakfast.

Leadership Paducah Class #39 raises \$105,000 for Fresh Start Village

Leadership Paducah Class #39 presented a total of \$105,000 to Fresh Start Village, a program of Paducah Cooperative Ministry, during the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce July 9 Power in Partnership Breakfast. The class chose Fresh Start Village in the fall of 2025 to be the beneficiary of their project. With these funds, Fresh Start Village will remodel the interior and exterior of their Welcome Center.

The Fresh Start Village Welcome Center is often the first space residents, donors, volunteers, and community partners experience when arriving at Fresh Start Village. The current building is outdated and does not reflect the care and support needed by the residents, especially the children. This project will ensure

the space reflects the high-quality environment these residents deserve.

"It's more than just a place where people gather. It's a fresh start for women and children. This class project became about more than dollars—it became about restoring dignity to the residents at Fresh Start Village," said class member Luke Diefenbach during the presentation.

Lacy Boling, Executive Director of Paducah Cooperative Ministry, accepted the check on behalf of the organization. Boling thanked the class for all their hard work on this project.

Leadership Paducah is a program of the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce, under The Leadership Center. There are more than 1,100 graduates of the program.

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— Luke Diefenbach
class member

July PIP



HUB International was the sponsor of the July Power in Partnership Breakfast featuring the Chamber's annual "Salute to Arts and Culture!" The program featured panelists Ben Grimes, Market House Theatre; Alyssa Phares, Paducah Convention & Visitors Bureau; Bonnie Schrock, National Quilt Museum; and Brian Wilson, The Carson Center. Chamber member organizations related to arts and culture set up displays for breakfast attendees to visit before and after the program. Pictured from left to right: Heather Nesler, HUB; Kenny Boyd, 2026 Chair of the Chamber Board and Baptist Health Paducah President; and Roy Riley, HUB.

LWK Class #4 graduates



Leadership West Kentucky, a regional leadership program through the West Kentucky Regional Chamber Alliance (WKRCA) and coordinated by the Paducah Chamber, recently celebrated the graduation of Class #4 on June 25. LWK Class #4 had representation from all 15 counties represented by the WKRCA. Frank Bennett, Executive Director of the Paducah Chamber's Leadership Center, coordinated the program this year. Members of the fourth class who live or work in McCracken County were recognized during the Paducah Chamber's July PIP Breakfast. They include (left to right): Nikki Gregory, BFW/Marcum Engineering; Katie Walker, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce; Marra McMillan, Paducah Bank; Travis Spiceland, JPEC; Ike Nicols, FNB Bank; and Frank Bennett, The Leadership Center. Not pictured: Michelle Campbell, Paducah-McCracken Co. Convention Center; Kacie Daugherty, West Kentucky Community and Technical College; and Sean Jones, Atmos Energy Corporation.



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Paducah Chamber Small Business Cohort:

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DETAILS:

THURSDAY, JULY 30
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

**Join us for a reception
followed by a
special presentation
from Heath Bowling.**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS EXCLUSIVE EVENT –
THERE IS NO COST TO ATTEND!
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Register at paducahchamber.org

This is a “members only” event for
Paducah Young Professionals,
Summer Intern Initiative participants
and invited guests.

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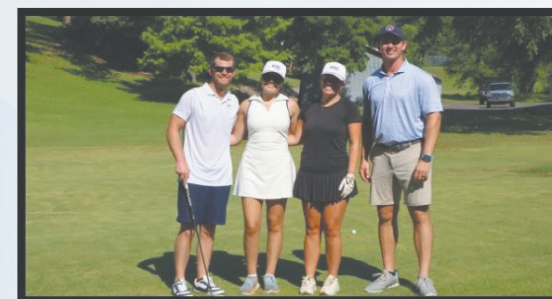
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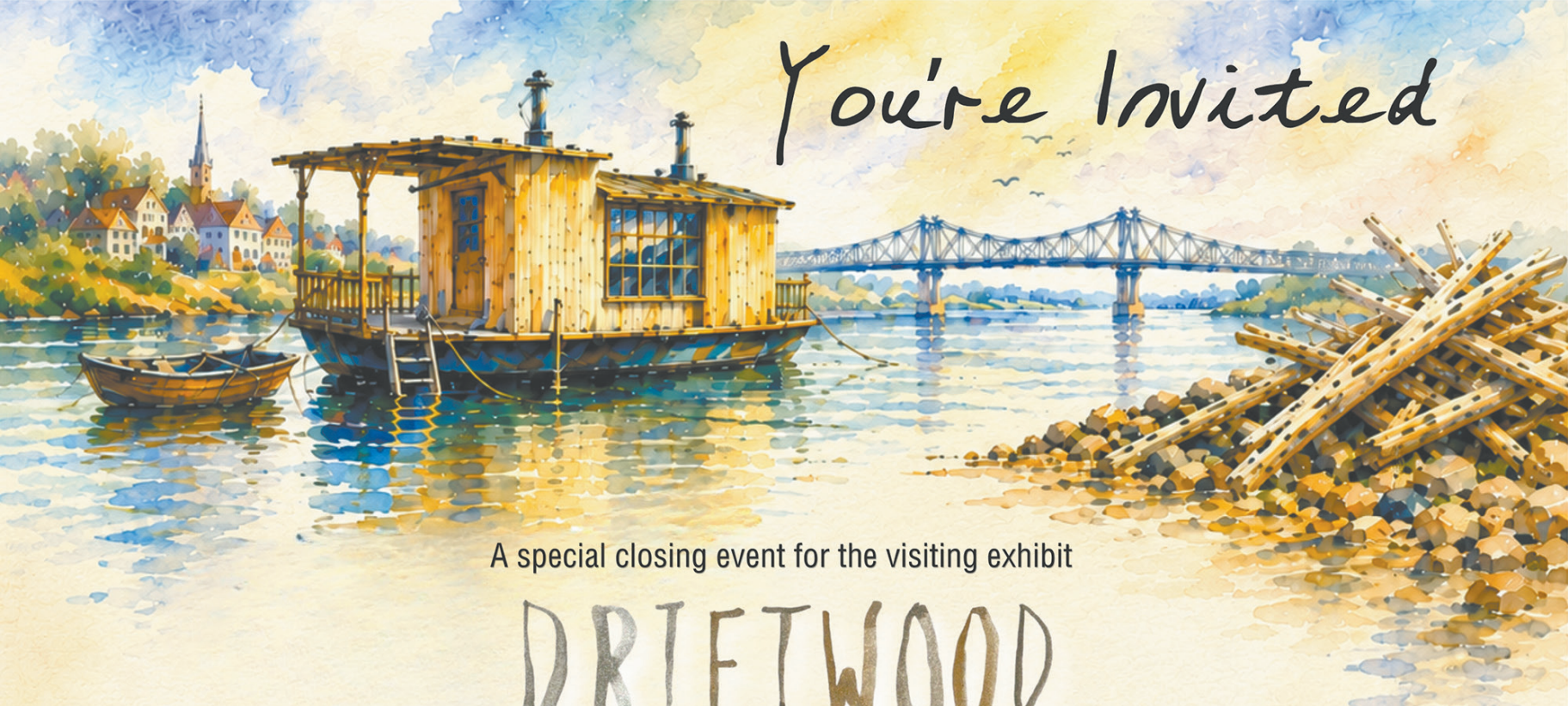
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**We have held a variety
of events for our
2026 Summer Intern
Initiative in collaboration
with our Paducah Young
Professionals.**

**The Initiative is designed to assist interns who
are working in our community to network with
our growing population of young professionals,
meet other interns who are working in our
community, become more informed about our
community, develop professional and social skills,
and enjoy their summer in Paducah.**



You're Invited

A special closing event for the visiting exhibit

DRIFTWOOD

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Join us to meet exhibit curator and Harlan Hubbard biographer Jessica Whitehead, view the celebrated Kentucky artist's watercolor paintings housed here in Paducah and on display at The Commerce Center, and celebrate Hubbard's art, writing, and life along the Ohio River. The exhibit is on display at The Commerce Center from the permanent collection of the Yeiser Art Center.

Friday, August 7 | 3-5 PM

The Commerce Center
300 South 3rd St, Paducah, KY

Please RSVP by August 2
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