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Paducah Chamber's June PIP breakfast will feature Steve Powless and graduation of Leadership Paducah Class #39

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's Power in Partnership Breakfast on June 4 will feature Steve Powless on the topic "The Next Chair at the Table." Mercy Health is the presenting sponsor.

The program will also feature the Leadership Paducah Class #39 graduation ceremony. The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center. Pre-registration is required by Monday, June 1 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.

Steve Powless is the retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Computer Services, Inc. (CSI), a nationally recognized financial technology company serving finan-

cial institutions across the United States and internationally. During his 35-year career with CSI, he served as both CEO and Chairman, helping lead the company through decades of growth while building a nationally recognized workplace culture.



Steve Powless

Beyond his corporate leadership, Powless has remained deeply committed to community service, having served on more than 20 civic, educational, and nonprofit boards at the local, state, and national levels. He is widely respected for his commitment to building strong organizations, developing people, and strengthening the communities they serve. He believes the most meaningful leadership is measured not only by business success, but by how we serve others and give back to the communities we

call home.

Each year, approximately 35 to 40 individuals are selected for Leadership Paducah through a competitive application process. Class #39 began their journey with a two-day retreat in August and have since participated in monthly sessions through May. These sessions included community tours, presentations, and leadership enrichment activities that explore key aspects of the community.

The program is designed for individuals who exhibit strong leadership potential and commitment to community engagement. The program offers participants a unique educational experience that deepens their understanding of local issues and broadens their perspectives on community dynamics.

As Class #39 prepares to graduate, they join a distinguished group of alumni who are making a difference across Paducah and the region.

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Leadership Paducah Class #39 will be honored at the June 4th Power in Partnership Breakfast. Class members include from left to right (**First Row**): Row 1: Elijah Arterburn, Marcum Engineering; Cortney Bass, Gill Family Properties; Lakyn Bastani, Stone Lang Company; Rhonda Batts, Community Financial Services Bank; Angela West Bray, Mercy Health Paducah OB GYN; Susannah Campbell, Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc. **Row 2**: Benjamin Clayton, Paducah Bank. Stephen Collins, Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership; Susan Copass, KentuckyCare Pharmacy; Laura Cowles, City of Paducah; Lucas Diefenbach, Williams & Lentz, LLP; Crystal Douglas, Blythe CPAs & Advisors. **Row 3**: Erika Duncan, Office Pride Commercial Cleaning Services; Rebecca Ferch, Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership; Kalea Henderson, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce; Benjamin Hoeke, Computer Services Inc.; Steven Hulse, FNB Bank, Inc.; Brooke Jacobs, Delve Health Consulting. **Row 4**: Lori Keen, McMurry and Livingston, PLLC; Chakatoria Nicholson, Paducah Cooperative Ministry; Brittany Nielsen, Open Door Accounting LLC; Ashley Parrott, Baptist Health Medical Group; Alyssa Phares, Paducah Convention and Visitors Bureau; Lindsay Ramsey, River Discovery Center. **Row 5**: Alyssa Rickards, LivWell Community Health Services; Hector Rojas, Beltline Electric; Mikayla Rubsam, Baptist Health Paducah; Gregory Shelton, City of Paducah; Nikita Shoulta, Whitlow, Roberts, Houston & Straub; Matthew Stephens, Paducah Power System. **Row 6**: Robyn Tallent, Housing Authority of Paducah; Travis Watson, Paducah Police Department; Andiamo White, Massac County Housing Authority; Christie White, Keuler, Kelly, Hutchins, Blankenship & Sigler, LLP; Gavin Williams, Atmos Energy Corporation; Andy Wilson, West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

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May PIP Breakfast



CFSB was the sponsor for May's Power in Partnership Breakfast featuring a panel of small business owners during the Chamber's Small Business Month Celebration. Pictured from left to right: Michael Radcliffe, CFSB Chairman/CEO; Kenny Boyd, 2025 Chair of the Chamber Board and Baptist Health Paducah President; and Jason Jones, CFSB President.



The panel was moderated by Paducah Chamber President/CEO Sandra Wilson and featured: DeeAnn Bogaczyk of Blended Brews, Chamber Connector; Kevin Peck of PFGW Architects, 2025 Paducah Chamber Small Business of the Year; Carrie Signa of The Cork Room, Doe's Eat Place and Max's Brick Oven Café, 2025 Paducah Chamber Citizens of the Year alongside her husband, Paul Signa; and Mike Stone of Stone-Lang Company, celebrating 150 years in business.



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Travon Coney

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How long have you been a Connector?
"Going on 8-9 months!"

Why do you serve on the Membership & Marketing Committee?
"I wanted to be more involved with the community and of course networking!"

What is your favorite Chamber event?
"My first Chamber Power in Partnership Breakfast I went to. I really enjoyed it."

Fun Fact!
"I'm scared of heights."



Congratulations on your Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Baptist Health Paducah on their ribbon cutting to launch their Ronald McDonald Happy Wheels Cart. The Happy Wheels Cart is operated by volunteers and is stocked with snacks, blankets, toys, books and basic toiletries. The Happy Wheels Cart is offered to patients and their families at no cost thanks to the support of Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Ohio Valley and the Love Family McDonald's.



Congratulations to The B.L.O.O.M. Initiative on the ribbon cutting of their Paducah Theatre located at 523 Broadway. This space will allow local artists to showcase their talent! Visit bloompaducah.org.



Congratulations to Cat Daddy's Lounge, 521 Caldwell St., on their ribbon cutting. Cat Daddy's mission is to provide a welcoming lounge experience for guests 40+.



Congratulations to Chris Greenwell with Greenwell Insurance, 649 Lone Oak Rd., on their ribbon cutting. Greenwell Insurance provides personal, auto, home, business, and life insurance to all of Kentucky. Visit www.greenwellinsurance.com.



Congratulations to Opal Rivers Spa and Wellness, 627 Broadway, on their ribbon cutting. They are located at 627 Broadway, Suite A. They offer a variety of spa services and are a full-service salon. Call 270-534-5157.



Congratulations to Paducah Tilghman on their new softball field located at 2450 Brooks Stadium Dr.

Congratulations on your Ribbon Cutting



Congratulations to Mike and Debbie Stone and the staff at Stone-Lang Company on celebrating 150 years in business. Stone-Lang provides durable medical equipment, hearing aids, and rehabilitation products. Stop by one of their three locations, 2620 Broadway in Paducah, 210 S 12th Street in Murray, and 424 Lake Street in Fulton. Visit www.stonelang.com.

Paducah Chamber
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SUMMER 2026

*Does your company have interns?
Let us know! Email
khenderson@paducahchamber.org
to get them registered for our full calendar
of events this summer.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 2ND

**Breakfast
with the
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Paducah Young
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LOCATION: CFSB (2550 IRVIN COBB DRIVE)
TIME: 7:30AM - 9:00AM

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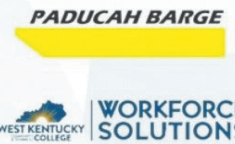
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Winners announced at National Civics Bee®, Western Kentucky regional competition

The Western Kentucky regional competition of the National Civics Bee® was held April 25 at The Carson Center in Paducah. The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce was selected as the host for the regional competition by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The Presidential Sponsors for the event were Data Records Management Services and The Carson Center.

After three rounds of competition, these students from local middle schools were the top winners:

1ST PLACE: Sharon Shi, Lone Oak Middle School

2ND PLACE: Konnor Knott, Lyon County Middle School

3RD PLACE: Naomi Dean, Calloway County Middle School

These three students will advance and compete against other middle school students from across the state at the Kentucky Chamber National Civics Bee® later this summer. Prizes awarded included: \$500 for first place, \$250 for second place, and \$125 for third place. All finalists received tablets, courtesy of Liberty Sponsor, Comcast.

The Western Kentucky regional competition featured student finalists representing seven middle schools in the region. Each finalist was judged not only on their essay but also on their performance in multiple-choice civics quiz rounds and a final round of interview-style questions based on their essays. The five students with the high-



The winners of the Western Kentucky regional competition of the National Civics Bee were (left to right) Trystan Gurrola, President of Data Records Management Services (Presidential Sponsor); first place: Sharon Shi, Lone Oak Middle School; second place: Konnor Knott, Lyon County Middle School; third place: Naomi Dean, Calloway County Middle School; and Brian Wilson, Executive Director of The Carson Center (Presidential Sponsor).

est scores after the first two rounds advanced to the third round, where they answered questions from a panel of judges. The cumulative scores from

all three rounds determined the top three winners.

The National Civics Bee® is an initiative by The Civic Trust of the U.S.

Chamber of Commerce Foundation, aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities.

Leadership Paducah Applications Open for Class #40

Applications for Leadership Paducah Class #40 are available and will be accepted through May 29. More than 1,100 people have graduated from the program during its 39-year existence.

The online application is available on the Paducah Chamber's website, paducahchamber.org, and the deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 29. Multiple scholarships are available and are listed on the program information.

The Paducah Chamber sponsors the program with

approximately 35 to 40 participants chosen for the class. The selection process is competitive. Class members are selected based on past leadership experience, leadership potential, community volunteer experience, quality of application and a passion to serve our community.

Established in 1984, Leadership Paducah is a highly recognized and competitive program designed to develop the leadership potential of men and women in the Paducah/McCracken County area. The class-

es are comprised of individuals with diverse backgrounds who have demonstrated a talent and commitment for leadership. Through this program they become acutely aware of social and economic changes and the impact of such changes in the local community.

For more information, go to paducahchamber.org, call the Chamber at 270-443-1746 or email info@paducahchamber.org.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO START FRESH

LEADERSHIP PADUCAH CLASS #39 PROJECT BENEFITING



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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. Fresh Start Village is Paducah Cooperative Ministry's transitional housing program for women and children.

Your contribution will be used to enhance the interior and exterior of the building including:

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