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## 2019 Safety Awards Banquet



**Tuesday, April 16, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Rock Spring Center**

Safety awards recognize companies with no work-related fatalities at the site and an incidence rate of at least 50% below the industry average. Million-hour awards recognize companies for working one million man-hours, or multiples thereof, without an injury or illness requiring days away from work.

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Cherie Berry  
NC Labor Commissioner

Presented by:

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## 2019 PITT COUNTY BUSINESS EXPO

Presented by:

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**GREENVILLE CONVENTION CENTER**  
**Friday, May 17, 2019 • 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

The Pitt County Business Expo is one of the best ways to reach thousands of potential customers and interact with hundreds of business owners and their employees in a single day. The Business Expo features products and services from local businesses throughout Greenville-Pitt County and eastern North Carolina.

For business owners, the Expo offers the perfect opportunity to develop and strengthen your brand image locally and discover new resources with some of the area's most established and well-respected businesses. In addition to building a network of new contacts, businesses will also gain valuable face time with customers and have access to public relations and partnerships.

Expo attendees will be able to engage with over 100 businesses and organizations to learn more about products and services. The Greenville Community Summit, hosted by Inner Banks Media, will take place from 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon and feature relevant panel discussions with local business leaders.



For more information, visit [greenvillenc.org/businessexpo](http://greenvillenc.org/businessexpo).

## President's Message

Leo Corbin's retirement from the Chamber a few short weeks ago allowed our staff, volunteers, members and community a chance to reflect on the past three years of his leadership, and countless years of his service to the Chamber, Greenville and Pitt County. Under Leo's leadership, the Chamber participated in, created and led new initiatives to grow and strengthen eastern North Carolina, local businesses and our community. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work alongside Leo during his time as President.

As I step in to the "big shoes" left behind, I am fortunate to have an incredible team of talented individuals on staff to continue the great work of our past and look forward to building upon the work to strengthen our businesses and community. In addition to the staff, our volunteers lend a tremendous amount of support, knowledge and leadership to the work of our Chamber, all for the greater good of Greenville and Pitt County. Ask anyone around and they will tell you the same. Your Chamber of Commerce is doing great work and making an impact on businesses, employees and the citizens of our community. A strong Chamber is a direct reflection of its business community and volunteer support, and I am thankful for both, as they empower us to accomplish great work.

Greenville and Pitt County are growing by leaps and bounds, and it's an exciting time to be in the middle of such growth. This community has changed so much in my 16 years as a resident and I can only imagine what the next 16 years have in store.

It is an absolute honor to serve as your Chamber President. Great things are on the horizon and I'm excited to be a part of it.



Kate Teel

Sincerely,

Kate Teel  
President  
Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce

## Ambassador Spotlight

• **Nathan Cohen:** "It is an honor and privilege to be a Chamber Ambassador and to be a part of the only 5-Star Accredited Chamber of Commerce in North Carolina. To me, being an Ambassador means helping eastern North Carolina grow and become a better place. I am very active in the community and it is because I love ENC and want to do all I can for this community. I see myself making an impact on the community as an Ambassador by volunteering my free time and further learning about what makes the businesses in this community tick. Being an Ambassador aligns with my personal goals and objectives as well as those of my company because we want to help our clients/members grow and succeed in life while also being there for them at all times. I want to be there for anyone in the community that needs help and be thought of as a trusted advisor in the community where they can turn to."



Nathan Cohen  
Howard and Cohen  
Financial Consulting Group  
of Wells Fargo Advisors

• **Crystal Corbett:** "I am honored to be an Ambassador for the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce. Being an Ambassador means that I am directly investing in my community and encouraging others to participate in member initiatives. My employer understands the importance of a strong Chamber and supports my role as an Ambassador. Networking has been an integral part of my career and being a Chamber Ambassador allows me the opportunity to network with current business owners as well as recruiting new members. The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce is vital to the success of our community."



Crystal Corbett  
Vidant Health Foundation

• **Allison Gamble:** "I am so incredibly excited to be a 2019 Chamber Ambassador! To me, being a Chamber Ambassador means volunteering and serving to better our community, welcome new businesses and chamber members with great hospitality and kindness, and to serve as a liaison between the Chamber and business community. The Hilton of Greenville has been a Chamber member for many, many years, and we are fortunate to be able to work with the Chamber in a multitude of ways throughout the year. As a new Ambassador, I am excited to serve and give back to our community, build long-lasting relationships, and grow personally and professionally among other amazing individuals!"



Allison Gamble  
Hilton Greenville

## TRAVEL WITH THE CHAMBER IN 2019

### UPCOMING TRIPS



#### NOVA SCOTIA & THE CANADIAN MARITIMES

DEPARTURE DATE:  
AUGUST 14, 2019

#### POMPEII & AMALFI

DEPARTURE DATE:  
OCTOBER 29, 2019

For more information on Chamber Trips,  
please visit [www.greenvillenc.org/trips](http://www.greenvillenc.org/trips)



## March Power Luncheon

Michael Waldrum, MD, MSC, MBA  
Chief Executive Officer - Vidant Health

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 • 12 Noon - 1:00 PM  
Hilton Greenville • 207 SW Greenville Blvd.

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# Focus on Business ... Spotlights, Ribbon Cuttings and News!

• **The Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce** held a retirement celebration for Leo Corbin on Friday, February 22 at Brook Valley Country Club in Greenville. Corbin retired as president and CEO of the Chamber, effective Friday, March



1, after serving in the position since August 2016. Under Corbin's leadership, the Chamber effectively carried out its three-year strategic plan that began in 2016 and maintained its status as the only five-star accredited Chamber in North Carolina. In addition to his role as Chamber president for the past two and a half years, Corbin also served on the boards of various community organizations, including: Uptown Greenville, Pitt County Committee of 100, Parents for Public Schools-Pitt County, and Pitt County Educational Foundation. Corbin has been involved in chamber activities since the late 1970s when he moved to Greenville to work at Proctor and Gamble. He served in various leadership positions during that time, including chairman of the chamber's board of directors in 2015. Corbin's successor, Kate Teel, officially began her role as Chamber President on Friday, March 1.

• **Denny's** held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 1 to celebrate the renovations to its restaurant located at 808 South Memorial Drive in Greenville. Denny's is America's Diner, where guests have come for over 65 years to sit back, relax and enjoy classic American comfort food and everyday value 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. From breakfast anytime to satisfying lunches and dinners, if you're in the mood for it, chances are Denny's is serving it. Denny's has locations in 26 cities across North Carolina and over 1,700 locations nationwide. For more information, visit [dennys.com](http://dennys.com).



• **Riley's Army and Delcor Heating, Cooling and Plumbing** are hosting the 7th Annual Teed Off at Cancer Golf Tournament on Friday April 12 at Greenville Country Club. The tournament is presented by Delcor, Inc., a local family owned heating, cooling, and plumbing company.



The Delcor family has been supporting the Greenville/ Pitt County area and Pirate Nation for over 40 years. 100% of the funds raised from this charitable event are given to Riley's Army, Delcor's charity of choice. This year's tournament will feature two flights, 8AM and 1PM. For more information and to register, visit [rileysarmy.com](http://rileysarmy.com).

• **The Ronald McDonald House of Eastern North Carolina** held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, February 26 to celebrate the renovation and expansion of its location at 529 Moye Boulevard in Greenville. The new 10,000 square foot addition added four new larger bedrooms, relocated three bedrooms and added an updated kitchen, playroom, laundry room and dining area. With the help of AbbieVie, the RMHENC was able to fully renovate their existing 18 bedrooms, as well as their already planned remodel for the downstairs of their House. The RMHENC provides a temporary "home away from home" for families of seriously ill or injured children receiving treatment from area medical facilities. For more information, visit the RMHENC online at [rmhenc.org](http://rmhenc.org) or call (252) 816-3764.



• **N'AWLINS PawCasso For the Cats -**

Have a great evening and support the Cats and Kittens of Beare Garden Plantation Animal Rescue. This New Orleans themed event will be held at on Thursday, April 25, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Brook Valley Country Club. There will be great Cajun food, beverages, an art auction (animals of course) and an auction for donated items including jewelry from Bailey's Fine Jewelry. Tickets: Admission ONLY (does not include alcoholic beverage) - \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Tickets: Admission plus two (2) glasses of wine or two (2) beers per person - \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. 100% of the ticket price goes to help the animals of Beare Garden and community animals. Get your tickets early! For more information, visit [bgpanimalrescue.com/events](http://bgpanimalrescue.com/events).



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## *New Members*

The following businesses have recently joined the Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce. We welcome them and encourage you to do business with them.

- Beare Garden Plantation Animal Rescue
- Cancer Services of Eastern North Carolina
- CPG Staffing
- CresCom Bank
- CresCom Bank - Greenville Blvd
- CresCom Bank - Winterville
- G&W Equipment, Inc.
- Greyson S. Morgan & Associates, LLC
- HALLTEC HVAC
- Headway Workforce Solutions
- JhAy Hart Music
- KK & CO
- Main & Mill Oyster Bar & Tavern
- Meridith Andrews, Realtor
- Mr. Electric
- Purilum
- Shine Factory Express Car Wash LLC



## *Renewing Members*

The following businesses have recently renewed their Chamber membership for another year. Remember to do business with fellow Chamber members.

- B.J. and Sarah J. Whitehurst
- Blue Ox Games, LLC
- Boneyard Harley-Davidson
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County, Inc.
- Brand U Promotional Products
- Cannon Law Offices, PLLC
- CareMaster Cleaning Systems
- Carolina Fire Protection, Inc
- Carraway Office Solutions
- CenturyLink
- Clegg's Termite & Pest Control, Inc.
- Copper Beech Townhome Communities 30, LLC
- Domtar Personal Care
- East Carolina Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram
- East Carolina University
- ECS Southeast
- Edwards-Greenville
- Eneco East LLC
- FASTSIGNS of Greenville
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Finn Educational Consulting, LLC
- Fuji Silysia Chemical USA, LTD.
- Glenn Perry
- Greene County Health Care
- Greenville Little Leagues
- HERMES Medical Solutions, Inc.
- Hill, Chesson and Woody
- Holiday Inn
- Horne & Horne, PLLC
- Howard and Cohen Financial Consulting Group of Wells Fargo Advisors
- Humane Society of Eastern Carolina
- Irons & Irons, P.A.
- Jimmy John's
- Jimmy John's
- Katura Dance Academy
- La Casetta Italian Restaurant
- LBA Group, Inc.
- LeBleu Ultra Pure Bottled Water
- Lee Kia of Greenville
- Maleku Jewelry and Studio
- Mellow Mushroom
- NC Works Career Center - Pitt County
- ONE SOURCE Communications LLC
- Opendoor Church
- Parrott Canvas Co.
- Pass Family Chiropractic
- Pepsi-Cola-Minges Bottling Group, Inc.
- Physicians East- Corporate
- Pitt Community College
- Pitt County Girls Softball League
- Pitt County Schools
- Practicon, Inc.
- Riley's Army
- Ron Ayers Motorsports
- RSM US LLP
- Sam Jones BBQ
- Servpro of Pitt/Greene Counties
- State Farm Insurance Company - Cassius Williams
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- The Law Offices of Ashley-Nicole Russell, P.A. Family Law Practice
- The Seahorse Family Restaurant
- Trader Construction Co.
- Unifirst Corporation
- Union Bank
- Waste Industries
- WNCT - TV 9 On Your Side