



The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Accomplishments and Presents Awards at the 156th Annual Meeting

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The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce and the Macon Economic Development Commission hosted their 156th Annual Meeting on Thursday, December 8th at Middle Georgia State University. Attendees were presented a recap of economic development success for 2016. In addition, accomplishments of the 2016 Board of Directors were highlighted and celebrated and outgoing Board members were recognized and thanked for their service.

During the meeting, the following business and community leaders were presented with awards to honor their extraordinary service during 2016:

Citizen of the Year: Benjamin W. (Benjy) Griffith III
Robert F. Hatcher Award: Mayor Robert Reichert
Chamber Chairman's Award: Maj. Gen. Bob McMahan (Ret.)
Ambassador of the Year: Patty Burns
MEDC Champion Award: Navicent Health

Before concluding the meeting, George Greer, 2016 Board Chair, passed the gavel to incoming 2017 Board Chair Isaac Culver.

The 156th Annual Meeting was held at Middle Georgia State University and was presented by Cox Communications. Other sponsors for the event included Gold Sponsors: Armstrong, GEICO, Georgia Power and Macon Occupational Medicine; Celebration Sponsors: Jones Cork, LLP, McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLC, Certified Public Accountants, Northwestern Benefit Corporation of Georgia and Northwestern Mutual; Silver Sponsors: BB&T Insurance Services, B&D Industrial, James-Bates-Brannan-Groover-LLP, Kumho Tire, L.E. Schwartz & Son, Macon-Bibb County, Navicent Health.

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About the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1861, the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce is the area's largest business services organization and primary advocate for the Macon business community. The Chamber supports the growth and development of business by offering networking and marketing opportunities, providing valuable benefits to its members, advocating for legislative issues that will promote a healthy business climate, and with its partners, leading the economic development efforts for Macon and Bibb County. With its vision being To Create the Best Place for Business, the Greater Macon Chamber is helping to grow the local economy one business at a time. For more information, visit www.maconchamber.com.

The Macon Economic Development Commission (MEDC) is a public-private partnership funded by the Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce, Bibb County, the Macon Water Authority and the City of Macon-Bibb to act as the single point of contact for economic development projects. MEDC is responsible for recruiting new business and industry (primary jobs) to Macon and Bibb County; working with existing business and industry on expansions and retention; the development of the Downtown Industrial District; and assisting the partners with the development of the downtown. For more information, visit <http://www.maconworks.com>.