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*Interested in
Leadership?*

**APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY, JULY 10**

Apply for the **Leadership Rankin Program!**

Program Overview:

The Leadership Rankin program, established in 1994, provides current and future leaders a behind-the-scenes look at all aspects of Rankin County. The program begins with a mandatory overnight retreat in August and ends with graduation in May. Each month there is a full one-day session on topics including Education, Healthcare, Public Safety, State and Local Government, Manufacturing and Diversity.

Eligibility:

The program is open to individuals who have an interest in furthering their knowledge about Rankin County and community leadership and can commit to full participation in the program. Attendance is expected at all sessions.

Tuition:

Tuition is \$750 and participants are chosen through an application and selection process. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mandi Arinder at (601) 825-2268 or email marinder@rankinchamber.com.

(Application included at the end of this newsletter)



"State of the State" Quarterly Luncheon

Tuesday, June 16, 2015

11:30 pm - 1:00 pm

Richland Community Center

410 E. Harper St, Richland

Guest Speaker:

**Mississippi
Lt. Governor
Tate Reeves**



- \$15 Pay at the door
- \$200 Reserved Table of 8

RSVP to Ashlee at acoley@rankinchamber.com

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June at a Glance

- June 2, 8:15 am** Marketing Committee (Chamber, 101 Service Dr, Brandon)
- June 2, 10:30 am** RC: Pax Hospice (359 Towne Center Blvd, Ste 500, Ridgeland)
- June 4, 10:30 am** RC: Presh Tots Couture (151 W. Government St, Ste A, Brandon)
- June 5, 9:30 am** Elder Services Committee (Richland Senior Center, 410 E. Harper St, Richland)
- June 5, 10:00 am** 1st Fridays for Seniors (Richland Senior Center, 410 E. Harper St, Richland)
- June 9, 8:15 am** Member Orientation (Chamber, 101 Service Dr, Brandon)
- June 9, 9:30 am** Membership Committee (Chamber)
- June 9, 10:30 am** RC: Lost Pizza Company (1392 W. Government St, Ste A, Brandon)
- June 10, 8:15 am** Board Meeting (Chamber)
- June 11, 9am-2pm** Rankin County Job Fair (Muse Center, 515 Country Place Pkway, Pearl)
- June 11, 11:30 am** Ambassador Committee (C.W. Fins, 640 Grants Ferry Rd, Brandon)
- June 13, 9:00 am** RC: Jackson Zoo (2918 W Capitol St, Jackson 39209)
- June 13, 9am-4pm** Zoo Day (Jackson Zoo) Rankin County residents receive 1/2 off admission
- June 14** **FLAG DAY**
- June 16, 11:30 am** Quarterly Luncheon (Richland Community Ctr, 410 E. Harper St, Richland)
- June 18, 10:30 am** RC: Hello Jonsie (Outlets of MS, 200 Bass Pro Dr, Ste 540, Pearl)
- June 18, 2:00 pm** GB: The Burn Survivor Family Home (180 Chadwick Dr, Jackson)
- June 21** **Happy Fathers Day!**
- June 24, 10:30 am** RC: CapTel Outreach (Chamber, 101 Service Dr, Brandon)
- June 25, 9:30 am** RC: Peoples Bank (129 Center St, Richland)
- June 25** Chamber MS Braves Day (Trustmark Park, Pearl)
- June 26, 8:00 am** Dollars for Donuts (Donut Planet, 3086 Hwy 80 E, Pearl)

RC=Ribbon Cutting; GB=Ground Breaking; OH=Open House
 AMB=Ambassadors; LR=Leadership Rankin
 L&L=Lunch & Learn; BAH=Business After Hours

DIAMOND SPONSORS

- Abston Law Firm
- All American Check Cashing
- Ben Nelson Golf & Utility Vehicles
- Car Care Clinic
- Cartridge World
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- Cerami's Italian Restaurant & Market
- Chick-fil-A
- Coffee News
- Dependable Pest Service, Inc.
- Dickey's Barbecue Pit
- DL Granite and Cabinet, Inc.
- El Potrillo Mexican Grill of Brandon
- Elliott Law Firm, PLLC
- Fairway Foods, Inc.
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- Georgia Blue
- Goodwill Industries of Mississippi
- Hallett Group Marketing
- Hall's Towing Service, Inc.
- Heart of the South
- Hermetic Rush Services
- High Velocity, LLC
- Hillard's Septic & Vacuum Truck Service
- Home Instead Senior Care
- Hope Fellowship Church
- Hopper Properties
- Hospice Advantage
- Izzo's Illegal Burrito
- J. Gerard's Barber Salon
- Janice Shumaker
- KeyTrust Properties Paula Ricks, LLC
- Lost Pizza Company
- Magnolia Health Plan
- Massage Envy Spa-Flowood
- McIntosh & Assoc., LLC, Realtors

Leadership Rankin Graduates 2014-2015



Am I taking advantage of all my Rankin Chamber benefits?



**MEMBERSHIP
ORIENTATION**

We'll help you navigate your member benefits!

SPACE IS LIMITED
RSVP to acoley@rankinchamber.com

Tues, June 9 | 8:15 am | Rankin Chamber, 101 Service Drive, Brandon

LOOKING FOR A GOOD JOB?



Make plans to attend the

**RANKIN COUNTY AREA
JOB FAIR**

Thursday, June 11, 2015

9:00am-2pm

Clyde Muse Center, Pearl MS

DIAMOND SPONSORS (cont'd)

- Melissa Ellis, REALTOR-KeyTrust Properties
- Members Exchange
- Merle Norman Studio and Spa
- Mississippi Burn Foundation
- Mississippi HomeCare Brandon
- Mississippi Trophy, LLC
- Mocha Mugs
- Mockingbird Marketplace
- Morrow Law Firm PLLC
- Palmer Law Firm
- Peoples Bank
- Pollchaps
- Preferred Care Physical Therapy
- Premier Bride/The Premier Bridal Show
- Prentiss Grant Attorney at Law
- Rankin County Chancery Clerk
- Richland Primary Care Center
- Right Weigh Clinic, LLC
- Safelite AutoGlass
- Salt Dog, LLC
- SCS Software Consulting Services, LLC
- Soccer Shots Jackson Metro
- Speed Commercial Real Estate
- Staring Trailer Sales
- Steak Escape
- Table 100
- The Alarm Company, Inc.
- The Dental Wellness Group
- The Elder Law Firm, LLC
- The Home Lending Group, LLC
- The Michael Bishop Agency - Alfa Insurance
- The Tire Depot - Reservoir
- Tiger Rock Martial Arts of Brandon
- TrustCare Express Medical Clinics
- Turn Key Properties, LLC.

Bring the entire family and enjoy a fun day at the Zoo!

Rankin County & City of Flowood

ZOO DAY

Saturday, June 13, 2015
9am - 4pm

Residents receive 1/2 off admission with valid id

OPEN DAILY: 9AM - 4PM
JACKSONZOO.ORG

THE JACKSON ZOO

RANKIN COUNTY CHAMBER

the Chamber of Flowood & visitor center

M MISSISSIPPI BRAVES

CHAMBER TICKET SPECIAL

Special for Rankin and Flowood Chamber Members Only

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
7:00 PM

CHAMBER PACKAGE

- 20 Field Level Tickets
- 20 Hot Dogs
- 20 Soft Drinks (16 oz)
- Concourse Table Display/ Booth
- Recognition over the PA
- Opportunity to supply a door prize item

Total Price: \$200 Total Value: \$500+

To purchase your Chamber Special, please complete the order form below and mail, email or fax back to the M-Braves. For more information, please call 601.932.8788 or 888-BRAVES4.

Dollars for Donuts

To Benefit:

MAKE-A-WISH
Mississippi

Location & Hosted by:
Donut Planet
3086 Hwy 80 E, Pearl (Across from Pearl Chamber)

Friday, June 26 - 8:00 am

Sponsored by Pearl Chamber of Commerce

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www.rankinchamber.com

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PEARL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
www.pearlms.org

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Members Exchange

Kyle Keeton
Region 8 Mental Health Services

Member SPOTLIGHT

Smokehouse Bar-B-Que

2227 Hwy 471, Brandon, MS 39047
(601) 829-0520

Locally owned and operated, Smokehouse Bar-B-Que takes great pride in providing high quality food and services. The friendly "down home" service from their staff makes you feel right at home.

We strive hard to please all of our customers by serving the highest quality food at the best prices while maintaining a great family atmosphere.

Need catering?

We provide a wide variety of professional corporate and private catering services. No matter what the event, we are up for the challenge!

Planning a fundraiser?

Let us be a part of your next fundraiser by calling (601) 829-0520 for more details.



"So good you'll **HUG** the cook and **KISS** the pig!"

The Chamber thrives off of the contributions of our members. The dues that each of you pay is key to the day-to-day running of our offices. However, the volunteer hours that you and your employees offer to us are also instrumental in making our Chamber function properly. Each month this section features Chamber volunteers who have demonstrated extra effort for the month. It is our hope that we will see each of you in this column soon.

Ambassador of the Month



Lindsey Dancy

(601) 919-4200

lindsey.dancy@communitybank.net

Congratulations Lindsey!



Community Bank

140 East Metro Drive
Flowood, MS 39232

Member of the Month



Congratulations to **Outlets of Mississippi**, for being named Member of the Month. Thank you for providing outstanding support and participation to the Rankin County Chamber and the community!

Outlets of Mississippi

200 Bass Pro Drive, Pearl
www.outletsofms.com

Billboard Spotlight of the Month



Ben Nelson Golf & Utility Vehicles

401 County Place Parkway, Pearl

601.664.7117

www.BenNelsonGolfCars.com

Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

CapTel Outreach
Dunkin Donuts
Grants Ferry Parkway, LLC
Hello Jonsie
Miss Priss
Pax Hospice
Residential Hardware & Interiors

NEW DIAMOND SPONSOR

Lost Pizza Company, Brandon

NEW BRONZE SPONSORS

Germany Dental

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

New Staff? Job Openings? Late Breaking News?

We want to hear from YOU!

We are proud to offer members the ability to post press releases on our website!

Go to www.rankinchamber.com; click MEMBER LOGIN and follow the prompts to post press releases, job openings or special offers. You may also email the information to rmadden@rankinchamber.com.

Forgot your login or password?

Click the "Forgot Password" link and enter your email address. Your password will be reset and sent to you in an email.

Call the chamber office at (601) 825-2268 if you have any questions.

Thank You!

To our members who renewed their chamber membership in May

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Allstate Insurance Zack Ball
Amada Senior Care
Ashford Place Apartments
Baker Law Firm, P. C.
Brookdale Brandon
Capitol Pest Control
Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons
Copeland, Cook, Taylor & Bush, P. A.
Corner Bakery Cafe
Crossgates Methodist Children's Center
CSCI Corporation - Computer Service Center
Currie Johnson Griffin & Myers, P.A.
Cycle Service Plus
Duke's Steak House & Restaurant
First Baptist Church of Florence
Flagstar Construction Company, Inc.
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Holmes Company of Jackson, Inc.
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Integrity Lexus Repair
Jackson Academy
Jackson Preparatory School
Jani-King of Jackson
J's Mobility Unlimited Inc.
Landmark Homes, Inc.
Marcus E. Martin, PLLC Attorney at Law
McAlister's Deli-Brandon
MedScreens, Inc.
Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Rankin, Scott & Simpson Counties
M-TEC, Inc
Nola Lending Group, A Division of Fidelity Homestead Bank

Oakdale Animal Hospital
Ott & Lee Funeral Home, South Rankin Chapel
Paper Wholesale of Jackson
Pearl Public Schools
ProMedia Processing, LLC
Randy Berg Builder, LLC
Rankin County Co-op
Rankin County School District
RideABILITY Therapeutic Riding Center
Senior Care Plus
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SmokeHouse Bar-B-Que
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The Strength Center Physical Therapy, LLC
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Towne Station Homeowners Association
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Wisteria Gardens

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BankFirst Financial Services
TempStaff, Inc.

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Cerami's Italian Restaurant & Market
Right Weigh Clinic, LLC

We Appreciate Our Members!

The Chamber encourages all members to conduct business with each other. The new and renewing members listed here have made an important investment in their businesses and their professional careers by being a member of the Rankin County Chamber.

Please consider them for your personal and professional needs. When you do, let them know you learned of their business through the Chamber!

May Ribbon Cuttings & Groundbreakings

Ribbon
Cuttings



May 4, 2015

OsteoStrong

1149 Old Fannin Rd, Ste 22, Brandon
(769) 230-4586



Friday, May 15, 2015

**Downtown Brandon
Lighting Project**



May 19, 2015

Prentiss Grant, Attorney at Law
1084 Flynt Drive, Flowood



May 27, 2015

Cruise Planners-Chris Hildebrand
(601) 591-7402



May 4, 2015

Brandon Fire Dept
1058 Star Road, Brandon



May 18, 2015

Brandon Fire Dept
147 Kennedy Farm Pkwy, Brandon

Celebrate with a Chamber Ribbon Cutting!

A ribbon cutting is a great way to introduce your business to the community and your fellow Chamber members. Ribbon Cuttings are available to new members who have paid their dues in full and for existing members who have relocated, expanded, had major renovations or those who have changed ownership or under new management.

Please call the Chamber Office (601.825.2268) at least 2-3 weeks in advance to schedule your event.



Fax to
(601) 825-1977

LEADERSHIP RANKIN

2015-2016 Confidential Application

Deadline: 4:00 pm Friday, July 10, 2015

Please make sure all pertinent information is included on this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date: _____

Name: _____ Sex: ____ M ____ F Race: _____

First Name or preferred nickname: _____

Present Employer: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Cell _____

Can you receive text messages? ____ Yes ____ No Cell carrier: _____

Spouse Name: _____ Children: _____

Length of residency in Rankin County: _____

EDUCATION

Include high school, college, business or trade schools and/or specialized training:

School	City/State	Dates Attended	Degree	Major

EMPLOYMENT

Present Employer: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Website: _____

Title or Responsibility: _____ Start Date: _____

Previous Employment: *(Account for all significant employment, including military active duty).*

Employer	Title or Responsibility	Dates	
		From	To

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Please list community civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic, or other organizations of which you have been a member.

Organization	From	To	Official Position Held

Special Honors or Awards:

Elected Public Offices (include dates of terms of office): _____

How much time each month do you commit to community, civic, professional and other organization activities? _____

GENERAL INFORMATION

What do you consider to be your most notable achievement to date?

List any information, which has not been discussed above that you feel would be helpful to the selection committee: _____

What do you feel to be the most significant problems facing the Rankin County area? (Limit three)

What do you feel are the most notable opportunities that Rankin County has to offer? (Limit three)

List any special needs (physical, dietary, etc) that should be considered:

EMPLOYER COMMITMENT

This application has the full approval of this firm and the applicant has our full support, which includes the time required to participate in the program, and (if agreed), includes paying his or her tuition. We understand that not all applicants can be accepted for this program in any given year, and that all applications are held confidential.

Firm: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

APPLICANT COMMITMENT

I understand the purpose of the Leadership Rankin program and, if I become a participant, will devote the time and energy necessary to make it a successful experience. I have the full support of my employer for the time required to participate. I will be able to attend all sessions and understand that two absences will result in removal from the program. I understand that the tuition fee must be paid in full prior to the retreat and will not be refundable at any point after the retreat. I also understand that my submission of this application does not guarantee my acceptance into the program.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION & 2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION TO:

Mail To:

Rankin County Chamber of Commerce
P O Box 428
Brandon, MS 39043

Deliver To:

Rankin County Chamber of Commerce
101 Service Drive
Brandon, MS 39042

DEADLINE: 4:00 pm Friday, July 10, 2015

All applications are subject to confidential evaluation. Applicants selected will be notified by letter.

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

Tuition for the Leadership Rankin Program is \$750 and must be paid by the opening retreat. Tuition covers the cost of the retreat, all class materials, refreshments, meals and the graduation luncheon for you and a guest.

A limited number of need-based partial scholarships are considered on a case by case basis for applicants who are self-employed or work for non-profit organizations or companies with limited financial capacity.

_____ I will need scholarship assistance. Amount requested: \$ _____

Reason for request: _____



LEADERSHIP RANKIN

A program of the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Applications for the Leadership Rankin Program are requested from individuals interested in participating.
2. Applications are reviewed and a committee selects participants. The number of participants is limited to approximately 24 in order to encourage maximum personal participation. Efforts are made to balance participants according to business, professions, geography, race, and sex.
3. Tuition for the program is \$750 and must be paid by the opening retreat. Tuition covers the cost of the retreat, all class materials, refreshments, meals and the graduation luncheon for you and a guest.
4. Applications will be accepted through **4:00 pm Friday, July 10, 2015**
5. Applications should be printed in ink or typed and should include as much information as possible.
6. By submitting an application to the program, the applicant is indicating his/her willingness and his/her ability to attend all sessions. Leadership Rankin begins with a skill building retreat at Twin Lakes Camp & Conference Center. In addition to the retreat, there will be a minimum of six monthly sessions each lasting a full day.
7. Applicants must submit at least two letters of recommendation with this application.
8. Participants, divided into teams, will be involved in a project to improve or enhance the quality of life in Rankin County. Participants must be willing to commit the necessary time to the project phase of the program. The schedule for the project work is determined by the participants.
9. Applicants must be a resident of Rankin County or work in Rankin County.
10. Applicants must be at least 21 years of age.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

A complete application consists of the following items:

- This completed form
- Two letters of recommendation