



On Monday, **April 4**, from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Ben Hill County will hold its Fourth Annual Education Summit. This year, our primary focus will be on workforce development. We have also altered our format and are excited to announce that Jamie Jordan, High Demand Career Initiative Program Manager from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, will be our guest speaker at this Summit. Jamie will bring a vast knowledge on coupling education with needed technical skills in the workforce and its role in economic development.

You will also receive updates from Wiregrass, Ben Hill County Schools, CIS, and Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Development Authority. The Summit is hosted by Ben Hill County Schools, Communities in Schools of Fitzgerald/Ben Hill County, and Wiregrass Georgia Technical College. The past three Summits were very informative and essential to setting goals for our community, and we are even more excited about this year's agenda. The goal of the Summit is to share the initiatives of all three organizations with community business leaders and government officials and to open the lines of communication to all that can help create a stronger educational system for our community. The education system of a county greatly impacts economic development, and BHCS, CIS, and Wiregrass are all vital to our community and the economic development of Ben Hill County.

Please **RSVP by March 23** to april.mcduffie@wiregrass.edu.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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