



# CHAMBER CONNECTION

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**AUGUST 2021**

**The R-L Chamber Legislative Committee presents**

## Coffee with Cassidy



**SENATOR BILL CASSIDY WILL OFFER AN  
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*Ribbon Cut  
8/19, 10am*



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If you would like information on joining the Chamber contact Ashley at [asmith@rustonlincoln.org](mailto:asmith@rustonlincoln.org) or 255-2031.



# #EverydayExcellence



#EverydayExcellence winners are people who regularly go above and beyond in doing their jobs.

These individuals choose to give it their all in a way that brings positivity to their fellow man. The Chamber presents this award to one person each quarter.

After seeing a shout-out on Facebook, **Josh Evans** was included in the list of contenders for the 2nd quarter #EverydayExcellence award and was voted the winner. Josh was "caught" changing a flat tire for visitors of the CVB.

"I'm just being me, I like to make people happy," Josh explained. Josh is a recent graduate of Louisiana Tech University and is the Administrative Assistant at the Visitors Bureau.

Thanks to Amanda Carrier, President / CEO of the Visitors Bureau, a surprise presentation to Josh was made on July 1. In addition to a yard sign proclaiming, "Everyday Excellence Winner Works Here" and a certificate of appreciation, Josh received a \$25 restaurant gift card from Northern Louisiana Medical Center, a 3-month fast pass from RocketFast Car Wash, \$25 gift cards from Railway Coffee and Log Cabin Grill, and a goody bag from Experience Ruston CVB.

When you "catch" someone being excellent, post your nomination for everyday excellence on Facebook @RustonChamber or email to iflowers@rustonlincoln.org. #EverydayExcellence

## DON'T MISS OUT ON PROMOTING YOUR BUSINESS AT THESE EVENTS!

8-16

S.A.I.L. APPLICATION DEADLINE

8-31

LEADERSHIP LINCOLN APPLICATION DEADLINE

9-8

A TASTE OF RUSTON AT LOUISIANA TECH

12-2-4

LINCOLN LIGHTS UP THE PINES

12-3

CHAMBER & CVB CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

12-11

CHRISTMAS PARADE

NOMINATION FORMS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS

ROBERT E. RUSS AWARD

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (BOTY)

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Lunch with Dr. Guice on Education Day at the LA Tech DAC

Applications are being accepted now for Leadership Lincoln XXXV which will begin September 9, 2021. Learn more [here](http://asmith@rustonlincoln.org) or email [asmith@rustonlincoln.org](mailto:asmith@rustonlincoln.org).



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## August

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Ivy and Stone Ruston  
Johnson Physical Therapy  
Ochsner LSU Health Monroe  
Weyerhaeuser Dodson

We wish you all a happy membership anniversary! We appreciate you and look forward to many more years!

## Listen Up!

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# Ribbon Cutting Celebrations

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## July Business After Hours



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We had a great time, played a  
new networking game, had good  
food, and even experienced new  
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your plans to  
promote your  
business!**



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**DEC. 2-4**

**RUSTON CHRISTMAS PARADE**  
**DEC. 11**



# August Happenings!

- Aug 3 Ribbon Cutting, Precision Procurement Solutions, 2pm *New Member*
- Aug 10 Ribbon Cutting, Johnson Physical Therapy, 10am *New Location*
- Aug 11 Tiger Community Welcome at GSU, 11am
- Aug 17 Coffee with Senator Cassidy, 9:30am
- Aug 10 Ribbon Cutting, Reframing For Life, 10am *New Member*
- Aug 24 Business After Hours hosted by Courtyard by Marriott, 5-6:30pm

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