



# CHAMBER CONNECTION

*A publication of the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce*

**DECEMBER 2021**



## *Ruston Christmas Parade*

The "All Things Christmas" parade will roll at 6pm on Saturday, December 11. Cathi Cox-Boniol will serve as Grand Marshal. We look forward to a wonderful time!

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Don't miss the 7th Annual Lincoln Lights Up the Pines Christmas lights drive-thru display at Lincoln Parish Park! 3 nights only: Dec. 2-4, 5:30pm-10pm.



Please join us for our Christmas Open House,  
Friday, December 3 from 11am to 1pm.  
We look forward to seeing you!

# Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Hyatt Insurance Agency, LLC



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*Ribbon Cut  
12/2, 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.



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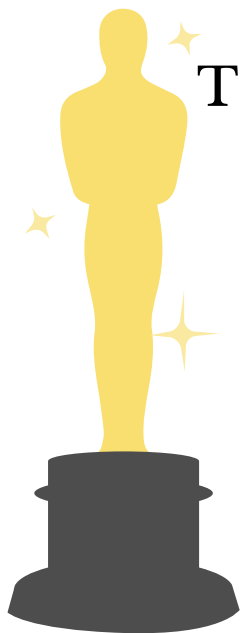


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# Save-the-Date

THE 102ND ANNUAL AWARDS  
BANQUET WILL BE HELD ON  
TUESDAY, JAN. 25, 2022 AT  
THE RUSTON CIVIC CENTER.  
DETAILS TO COME.



PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR & LEADERS TO WATCH  
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# **Leadership** **CLASS XXXV** LINCOLN

## Government Day

November's focus for the 35th class of Leadership Lincoln was government. The group visited with the LP Police Jury Administrator, Doug Postel before attending a ribbon cutting for MetroFlex Gym Ruston. They also met with Ruston City Council member, Bruce Siegmund and Ruston mayor, Ronny Walker.



Ribbon Cutting, MetroFlex Gym Ruston

Mike Jones represented Argent Financial Group. He spoke to the class about Argent and provided Newk's for lunch. The group also met with Dubach mayor, Mona Durrett Wilson, Ramona Martin from U.S. Congresswoman Julia Letlow's office and Angie Robert on behalf of U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy.

Leadership Lincoln is sponsored by Origin Bank and Hunt, Guillot & Associates along with other tiered membership levels. See [rustonlincoln.org/leadership-lincoln](http://rustonlincoln.org/leadership-lincoln) for all sponsors and info on this program.



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# S.A.I.L. MEDIA DAY



Media Day classroom time was held at Courtyard by Marriott. The day began with the students completing a "Be a Leader" worksheet followed by a group discussion of their class project. Afterwards, S.A.I.L.'s title sponsor, Centric Federal Credit Union presented BizKids, a financial initiative that educates children on money and business.

For media specific learning, the class traveled to Red Peach Radio for a tour and visited with the manager, Chuck Redden. They then met with Jerry Pye, the publisher of Ruston Daily Leader and toured the facility.

Back at Courtyard, the hotel provided lunch for the group before they were dismissed to return to their schools. We appreciate all the participants for making this day such a success.

## PROGRAM SPONSORS

Title – Centric FCU

Tshirt – Raising Canes

Travel – Skip Russell State Farm

More about this program.

December's focus will be on education. The students will also team up and help decorate at Lincoln Lights Up the Pines, Ruston's Christmas lights drive-thru display in Lincoln Parish Park.

# Happy Anniversary

## December

**100+**

Century Next Bank

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# Ribbon Cutting Celebrations

More photos on Facebook [@RustonChamber](#).



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Have you recently changed the location of your business, has the business recently changed in ownership, are you a new Chamber member? Contact Ashley to schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony and let us celebrate with you!  
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## *November Business After Hours*



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# December Chamber Happenings!

Tentative Schedule



- Dec 2 Ribbon Cutting, Creative Exchange, 10am *↖ New Member*
- Dec 2-4 Lincoln Lights Up the Pines, 5:30pm-10pm
- Dec 3 Chamber & CVB Christmas Open House, 11am-1pm
- Dec 7 Ribbon Cutting, Beehive Outlet, 10am *↖ New Owner, New Location*
- Dec 7 Ribbon Cutting, Quality Care at Home, 2pm *↖ New Member*
- Dec 9 Leadership Lincoln Education Day
- Dec 11 Ruston Christmas Parade, 6pm
- Dec 16 S.A.I.L. Education Day
- Dec 25 Merry Christmas! (Chamber & CVB offices will be closed 12/24&27)
- Dec 31 Happy New Year's Eve! (Chamber & CVB offices will be closed 12/31&1/3)

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