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JUNE 2021

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all the award winners and thank you to all who joined us in celebration at our 101st Annual Awards Banquet, presented by Century Next Bank.



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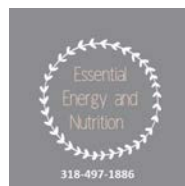
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What is my proudest accomplishment?

Definitely my 3 kids. Austin, Andrew, and Catherine.

What is my favorite thing about my career?

Tough question. So many great things. Working from home has given me a luxury that other jobs did not. It's given me time with my kids. Time with my Grandmother. Time to travel. Time to enjoy life!

What did I want to be when I was young?

I blame my Grandmothers for this one. I was going to be a soap star on Guiding Light. I was probably the only 6 year old who named her Barbie and Ken, Reva Shayne and Josh Lewis.

What would I sing at Karaoke night?

You've Lost That Loving Feeling. You've seen Top Gun, right?



Interested in joining the Chamber Ambassadors team? Contact Victoria Sexton for more information. vsexton@mycentric.org
[Ambassadors Roster](#)

MEET DANNY WALPOLE

Chamber Board Member

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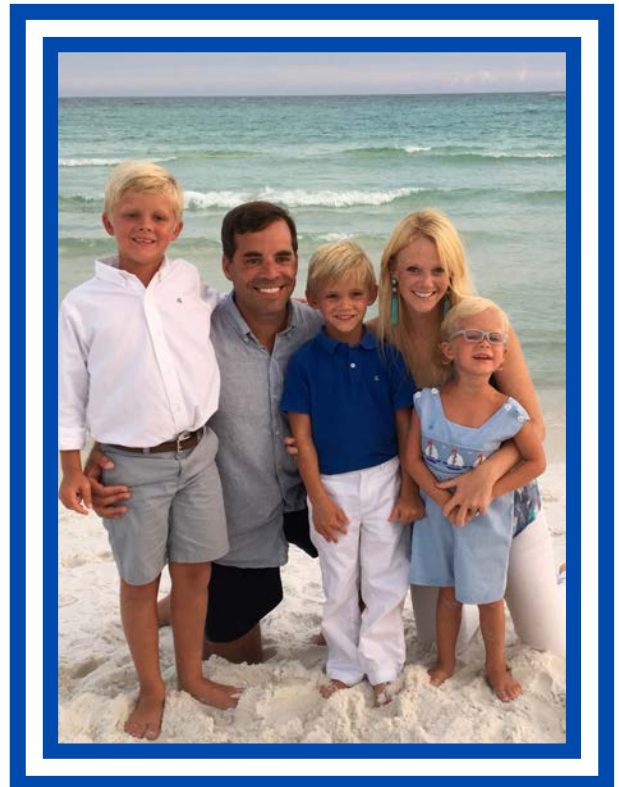
What did I want to be when I was young?

I wanted to work at Walpole Tire with my Dad & grandfather 😊

What's my favorite family recipe? This is a tough one – there are so many. I'd say it's a toss up between my mom's Chicken & Dumplings and my grandmother's Peaches & Cream Cake, which I think actually originated from Mrs. Mildred McGehee. It's also hard to beat a good family fish fry with fresh-caught D'Arbonne crappie, complete with all the cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and in-laws (or "out-laws" as we call them!)

What is my favorite thing about my career?

I love working for our third-generation family business that is deeply rooted in community and purpose. My grandfather left a unique and powerful legacy that can be felt every day through all areas of the company. I absolutely love being able to work side by side with my Dad, and hearing stories from loyal customers that have been coming for decades.



If I could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?

I'd fill it with some of my favorites and bucket list items. I'd start it off with an early-morning deer hunt on family land. Then I'd morph on over to Atlanta and play some baseball with my three sons at Truist Park. Freddie Freeman & Ronald Acuña Jr. (the boys' favorites) would be there too, of course. Then we'd squeeze in a few ski runs in Jackson Hole before teleporting over to Death Valley in time to watch LSU beat Alabama in a close SEC matchup -- from the student section. I'd end the day with a quiet kid-free dinner with my beautiful wife at The French Laundry. It'd be a busy day, for sure!

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S.A.I.L. APPLICATION DEADLINE

8-31

LEADERSHIP LINCOLN APPLICATION DEADLINE

12-2-4

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12-3

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12-11

CHRISTMAS PARADE

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Congratulations!

XXXIV GRADUATES LEADERSHIP LINCOLN



Left to right: **Ashley Smith**, Chamber Membership Coordinator; **Shardae Dixon**, Origin Bank; **Cody Lewing**, Weyerhaeuser - Dodson; **Jessie Spillers**, Origin Bank; **Jessica Duncan**, The Woman's Clinic; **Kaiden Morace**, Bethel Christian School; **Katie Watts**, Argent Trust Company; **Jennifer Mamon**, Experience Ruston; **Judy Copeland**, Chamber President

Not Pictured:

Matthew Barker, Origin Bank; **Christopher Feron**, Courtesy Automotive Team

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- June 3 Ribbon Cutting, Essential Energy and Nutrition, 2pm *New Business*
- June 8 Ribbon Cutting, Callie's Corner, 10am *New Member*
- June 10 Ribbon Cutting, Borders Poultry of Louisiana, LLC, 2pm *New Business* ↩
- June 20 Happy Father's Day! (history)
- June 22 Ribbon Cutting, J & W Music Company, 2pm *New Member*
- June 22 Business After Hours hosted by Uptown Downtown, 5-6:30pm

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