Welcome New Members
Join us in welcoming these new Chamber members. For the most current member directory, visit www.hamptonroadschamber.com

Meredith Caswell
New Manager of Information Technology
Meredith Caswell has joined the Chamber and brings over 15 years experience in multiple business sectors – and has sent them as far as the Wasatch Desert, with the experience and insight for IT, she now leads our Information Technology team. To balance her career, Meredith has volunteered at her church, the Virginia Aquarium and the local animal shelter.

Lisa Metcalf
New Manager of Event Productions
Lisa Metcalf has worked in event production for a local direct marketing firm, and for over 13 years she has produced events, concerts, and conferences for the Chamber. While living in Southern California, her passion for the area brought her to the Chamber. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a B.S. in Marketing and received her A.A.S. from ECPI Technical College in Programming/Web Development. She is currently an employee of Stantec, an engineering firm in Norfolk and her love for the area brought her to the Chamber.

August
Executive Assistant
Once a week the Chamber delivers a newsletter to members, produced and mailed quarterly. This newsletter reaches local and national leaders through thousands of business clients. In 2010, the Chamber’s CONTACT newsletter will be produced and mailed a new format. This newsletter will include leadership highlights, upcoming events and offers a larger, updated classroom and conference center able to accommodate 200 attendees. The new location offers a larger, updated classroom and conference center able to accommodate 200 attendees. Please plan to join us for this landmark celebration.

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Treasurer
Dave Durkan
Dave Durkan is currently a Vice President of BankSouth in Norfolk. Dave was a high school classmate of the Chamber’s Board President Jeff Motil and an active supporter of and currently serving a seat on the board of Hampton Roads Mares.

Chair
Nicholas Allen
Nicholas began his career at Norfolk Southern Railway Co. and has taught and served universities including Old Dominion University and Minnesota University. Dr. Allen is a member of the American Accounting Association and Chairman of the American Accounting Association’s Seminar Committee.

Also serving as members of the 2010 Regional Executive Committee:
- Past Chair: William S. “Stan” Magann Jr., PE
- Immediate Past Chair: David C. Davis
- Chair-Elect: Dr. Nancy Baggett
- Treasurer: Dave Durkan
- President: Bob Boyd (BB&T)
Young Family Dentistry Named Small Business of the Year

Prolonged recession, “The state government’s...for business” for the fourth year in a row! Virginia Named Best State for Business

Virginia was the only state in the top 20 in six categories for 2009. It ranked first in quality of life, second in regulatory environment and third in labor supply. Its lowest ranking was No. 20 for business costs. North Carolina came in at No. 5, a drop from last year. In September, Inc. magazine announced its “Top Ten States for Entrepreneurs” and Virginia tied for third place with New York. Virginia’s strengths were in companies that provide goods and service to the federal government. The basis for selection was the number of companies that are based in the state which are listed in Inc. 500 list. California came in at the top of the list, followed by Texas. For more, visit www.inc.com.

The Game of Business: Chamber Edition

Suburban Wins Military Citizen of the Year Award

The Chamber presented the prestigious 2009 Samual T. Northern Military Citizen of the Year Award on October 9 to Machinist Mate First Class Yuri Flores. He is involved in foster and adoptive children programs and identified a need to help keep foster children more involved in the communities they live in. Earlier this year Buse founded the Bmx for Christ Ministras Bike Club. The group was organized to provide under-privileged children the opportunity to learn about Bmx cycling, and it has raised more than $2,000 to purchase BMX bicycles and pay national licensing and entry fees for children to compete in local and state tournaments.

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Chamber Brings Members and Legislators Together

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No. 10 of the State of the Region reports may be found at www.odu.edu/forecasting

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On October 21, more than 100 people attended the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce’s annual Legislative Reception at the Town Center City Club in Virginia Beach. This reception for local legislators and members of the business community gave business leaders an opportunity to meet legislators prior to the General Assembly Session. The Town Center City Club was buzzing with conversation that was a blend of relationship building and discussion on business issues throughout the Hampton Roads region. The Chamber also presented its 2010 Legislative Priorities for the upcoming General Assembly session.

Virginia Small Business Development Centers (VSBDC) and the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce have identified 10 companies for the Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year Award. The VSBDC created this award to recognize the accomplishments of small Virginia businesses that have given their time and dedication to not only grow their business, but also their community. This year’s award was presented to Virginia State Senator, Edwin S. Edwards, Jr., for his dedication to our state’s military veterans and retired veterans located throughout Virginia. The VSBDC and the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce have joined forces to present this award.

Please submit nominations for the Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year Award to the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2009.
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To be eligible, Virginia Small Business Veteran of the Year candidates must be: Virginia residents; be at least 16 years of age; and be a member of the U.S. military service or a member of the U.S. military service who is Retired or on Long Term Active Duty (LTA).
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Treasurer
Dave Durkan is Executive Vice President and Commercial Banking Line of Business Manager at SunTrust Bank for the greater Hampton Roads market. Dave has been a SunTrust employee for the last 25 years and is currently serving as president of the Hampton Roads Chamber. Dave continues to serve the Hampton Roads Chamber's Region Committee as Regional Director and chaired the past two Sustainable Resources Campaigns. Dave is also a Board Member of the Contemporary Arts Center of Virginia.

Also serving as members of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Regional Directors:

Vice Chair, Sports Eric Moons Tomline Escondido Sports Management Tomline Escondido Sports Management
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Vice Chair, At Large Electronics/Manufacturing Scott F. Wilkinson Roberts-Mostek, Inc.
Vice Chair, At Large Medical Center, Medical Affairs Dr. C. G. Scifres, Esq. HealthPartners Medical Group
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