

## Top News



## Join Us In Building A Brighter Future

The RCC and Capital Campaign Chair Monica Scott are excited to announce the launch of a \$1.2 million capital campaign to transform the chamber office. The building at 411 Belle Grove has served the chamber well for nearly 50 years, but as we evaluate current and future needs, it's clear this asset has so much more to offer!

Project highlights include:

- Member-centric contemporary design
- Layout updates to optimize square footage
- Welcoming and dynamic exterior
- Covered outdoor event area on west side
- Kitchen configured around catering needs
- Large customizable event space
- Drop-in work/collaboration area for members
- Continued proximity to updated city complex
- Donor wall with naming opportunities

*The vision is to turn the chamber office into a functional gathering place for members where the space itself becomes a member benefit.*

Construction is set to begin this fall. Chamber staff will relocate to the temporary City Hall facility at 2360 Campbell Creek Blvd. while work is being done.

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## **LR Class 40 Kicks Off With Road Rally, Welcome Dinner**

The Richardson Chamber is excited to welcome the following professionals to Leadership Richardson Class 40:

- Emrah Aktepe, Dallas College/The Dialogue Institute
- Lorjon Ali, The Counseling Place
- Janet Ballard, Mary Kay, Inc.
- Ann Banks, The Richardson Adult Literacy Center
- Elissa Barbosa, Texas Bank and Trust
- Olia Bosovik, Edward Jones
- Madison Bridges, The Heights Church
- Brittany Broussard, Verity Mortgage
- Creighton Bryan, Richardson ISD
- Jarrod Cheatham, City of Richardson
- Emily Choi, The University of Texas at Dallas
- Jet Chong, Dallas College
- Alex Daniel, Woodforest National Bank
- Michaela Dollar, City of Richardson
- Rohini Drake, First United Methodist Church Richardson

- Todd Gastorf, City of Richardson
- Cris Haest, DorianBahr
- Andrew Hervey, WAH Tex Realty Services, LLC
- Kristen Holland Shear, Children's Health
- Pamela Hughes, North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church
- Mike Jasso, Richardson ISD
- Jared Johnson, Finite Consulting
- Jack Lomax, Methodist Richardson Medical Center
- Kimberly Marino, Marsh McLennan Agency
- Jeffery Moffitt, OutLoud Dallas
- Kayvan Moghaddassi, Kayvan Consulting
- Jillian Netherland, Network of Community Ministries
- Brian Owens, O&H Brand Design
- Paul Paris, Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors
- Tracy Parlin, Local Good Pantry
- Stephen Pine, Patterson & Associates Insurance Agency, Inc.
- Sheryl Radman, Aging Life Strategies
- Tracy Ruckel, Community Impact Newspaper
- Augustine Sanders, Toyota Motor North America
- Chris Shacklett, City of Richardson
- Traci Steelman, Raymond James Financial Services
- David Swiney, Shady's and The Fifth
- Kristy Tyra, Oncor Electric Delivery
- Emily White, Family Advisor
- Mindy Wingfield, State Farm Insurance
- Sara Zwink, The Specific Chiropractic Centers - Richardson

## Help Provide LR Tuition Assistance This Giving Day

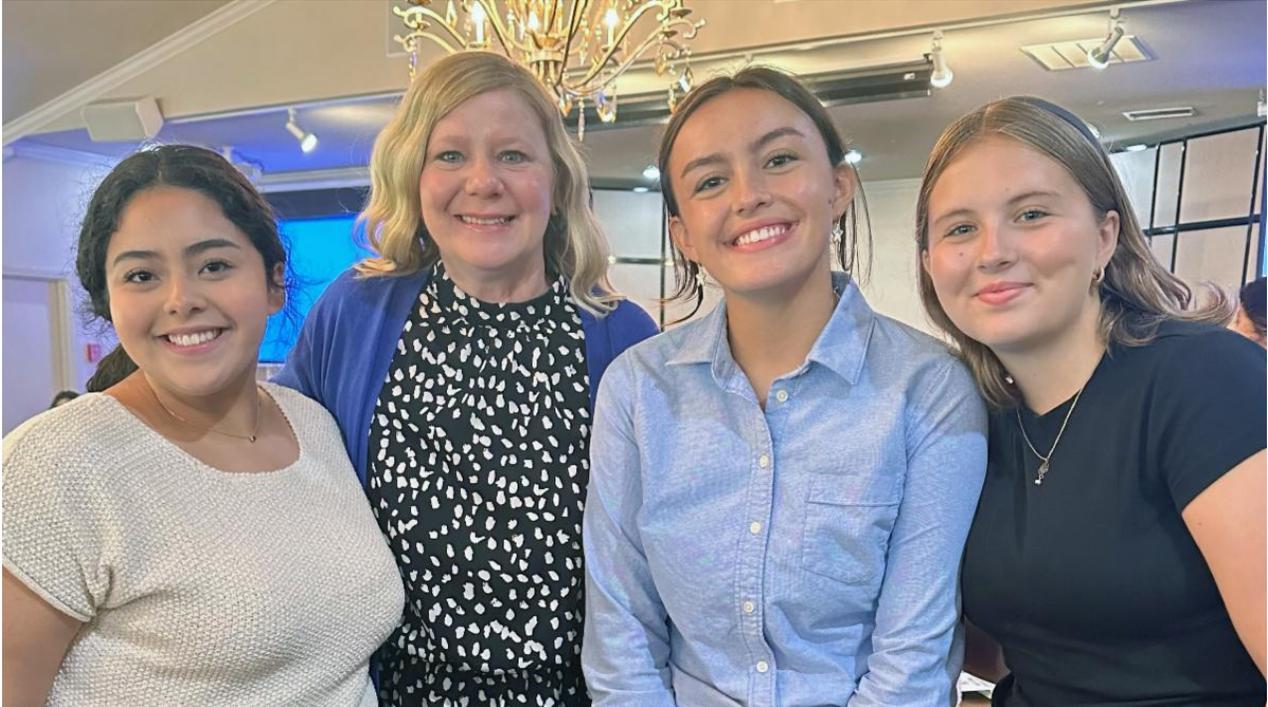
The Chamber's Foundation is a participating nonprofit in this year's North Texas Giving Day, the largest community-wide giving event in the nation.

The Foundation funds workforce development programs and provides tuition assistance to Leadership Richardson participants.

The official event will take place September 19, but early giving opens September 1.



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## **RISD Welcomes Students To Internship Program**

The Professional Internship Program (PIP) is a partnership between RISD Career and Technology Education, the City of Richardson and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. Through it, more than 100 high school seniors representing all four RISD high schools will be interning with local businesses this fall.

By participating in PIP, companies create a way for students to gain experience in their chosen career fields through an unpaid work-based learning experience.

Tuesday's kickoff breakfast featured presentations from Mayor Bob Dubey, RISD Superintendent Tabitha Branum (*shown second from left*) and Chamber President & CEO Kim Quirk.

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## **Events**

### **Golf Classic Is Nearly Sold Out - Act Now**

The Richardson Chamber's 37th Annual Golf Classic, presented by [Ryan](#), returns to Sherrill Park on Tuesday, September 24. There are just a few player spots and three hole sponsorships remaining.



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## EDGE Award Nominations Close September 6

Nominate yourself, your company or another individual, business or entity for the 2024 Economic Development, Growth & Entrepreneurship (EDGE) Awards. The EDGE Awards, a partnership between the Chamber, the City of Richardson, Richardson East Rotary and Richardson Rotary clubs, recognize outstanding and cutting-edge Richardson businesses, initiatives and people that create economic impact and sustain community involvement.

Nominations will be accepted through September 6. A select committee of Richardson business professionals and city representatives will choose one award recipient from each category.

Winners will be announced Thursday, November 7 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 1981 N. Central Expressway. The event will run from 5:00 - 8:00 pm and feature a networking hour, awards ceremony and reception.

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## Learn How Texas Public Schools Are Funded

The Chamber's Public Policy & Workforce Development committees invite you to a panel discussion on school financing with Tabitha Branum, RISD Superintendent; Kelley Thomas, Raise Your Hand Texas; and Dr. Theresa Williams, PISD Superintendent. The event is sponsored by [Assurnet Insurance Agency](#).

*Tuesday, September 10 from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm*

*\$15/person includes lunch*

*Richardson Temporary City Hall*

*2360 Campbell Creek Blvd.*

*Richardson, TX 75082*

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# WIL Luncheon Quarterly

## Luncheon: Becoming Your Legacy Now

Women in Leadership, get ready to leave the September luncheon with a renewed, bolder vision of what's possible for you and all the lives you impact each day! Keynote speaker Natalie Mendez is an executive leadership coach who works with people around the globe to define the talents, values and guiding principles that make them unique and unstoppable.



Event sponsors are [Methodist Richardson Medical Center](#), [Texas Bank and Trust](#) and [Hilton Richardson Dallas](#).

*Thursday, September 12 from 11:15 am - 1:00 pm*

*\$45/members; \$55/nonmembers*

*Richardson Woman's Club*

*2005 N. Cliffe*

*Richardson, TX*

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## *Upcoming Events*

Wednesday, September 4: [Business Network](#)

Tuesday, September 10: [Public Policy & Workforce Development Lunch - School Finance 101](#)

Tuesday, September 10: [Ribbon Cutting at Micro Technologies/Lynx Systems](#)

Friday, September 20: [WIL Social](#)

Thursday, September 26: [RYP Happy Hour](#)

## *Save the Dates*

Friday, October 18: [RYP Color Games](#)

**Membership**

## *Ribbon Cuttings*



### **AppleTree Court**

870 W. Arapaho Road  
Richardson, TX 75080  
(469) 529-5553



### **Bonchon**

904 Audelia Road, Suite 300  
Richardson, TX 75081  
(469) 320-5028

## ***New Members***

BGA Construction & Development  
Bonchon  
Compu-Med Vocational Careers  
Desperados Mexican Restaurant  
FAST Photonics  
Law Offices of Richard C. McConathy  
Lisa A. Stengel  
Micro Technology Services-Lynx Systems  
Natural Waterscapes  
Shredder Ski  
Texas Security Bank  
Texas Tree Surgeons  
To Be Like Me  
Twin Rivers Assisted Living & Memory Care  
Voda Cleaning & Restoration

## ***Renewing Members***

### *40+ Years*

Credit Union of Texas

### *20+ Years*

Apex Supply Company  
Carter BloodCare  
Fobare Commercial, L.P.  
The Heights Baptist Church  
Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse

### *10+ Years*

Angela McCants, Dave Perry Miller  
Citadel Partners  
**Hill & Wilkinson General Contractors\***  
Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP  
Metroplex Self Storage  
Richardson Woman's Club Charitable Foundation Inc.  
Texas Bank and Trust  
Texas Roof Management  
Twin Rivers Senior Living

### *5+ Years*

Junction at Galatyn Park  
Nothing Bundt Cakes Richardson  
Spring Valley Athletic Association

### *1+ Years*

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson TX  
Bike Mart  
Children's Health  
Cynthia Roldan  
Lifetime Companies  
Manny's Uptown Tex-Mex  
Mees Sandhu CPAs PLLC  
NextCare Urgent Care  
Republic Title  
Retro Fitness Richardson  
Talley Riggins Construction Group  
Texas A&M University – Commerce  
Trellis Canyon Creek

**\* Indicates President's Club Member**

## ***Spotlight on Methodist Richardson Medical Center***

**Methodist Richardson Medical Center** celebrated its 10th anniversary at the corner of Renner and George Bush Highway this year.



When it opened in 2014, the hospital was four stories, had 125 beds, 8 operating rooms, two cardiac catheter labs and about 900 employees. Today, Methodist Richardson is six stories, has three cath labs, 9 ORs and by the end of summer almost 400 beds and 2,100 employees.

“The meteoric success of Methodist Richardson is due to the growth and success of our surrounding communities,” says President Ken Hutchenrider. “We have prepared for the future with a strategic master plan that reacts to the evolving needs of the communities we serve.”

In 2018, Methodist Richardson underwent an \$85 million expansion that included the 104,000-square-foot addition of floors 5 & 6 with 150 new all-private acute care suites. The project also added the hospital's ninth operating room and a seven-story parking garage.

This summer, the hospital wrapped a \$46 million dollar expansion of the Emergency Department, Lab and Pharmacy, along with the completion of the hospital's fifth floor. Next up? Construction will begin before the end of the year on three new ORs.

Methodist Richardson is designated as a Level III Trauma Center, as well as a Comprehensive Stroke Center. The hospital's specialties include cardiology, orthopedics, complex GI, neurosurgery and world-class cancer treatment. It's the care you can trust, right where you need it.

*Jan Arrant, Director of Community and Public Relations at Methodist, serves on the Chamber's Executive Committee as Immediate Past Chair.*

## ***Spotlight on Pavillion Bank***

Proudly serving the Richardson, Plano and North Dallas communities since 1983,



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Pavillion Bank remains at the forefront of providing our clientele with unprecedented customer service, professionalism and a loyal and knowledgeable staff. As a community-focused, neighborhood bank, the smiles and handshakes of customers and staff remain the essence of the Pavillion Bank family.

We listen and offer banking solutions that work for you – delivering financial services and leveraging technology to help you or your business fulfill your banking needs with convenience and efficiency.

Pavillion Bank wants to make banking easy for you. Reach out to one of our Bankers at 972-380-0700.



# HERBERT LAW GROUP

**WE GIVE A VOICE TO THE INJURED**



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## ***Spotlight on RYP Sponsor Herbert Law Group***

**Tell us about your business.**

We are a small personal injury law firm that specializes in personal injury litigation. We represent injured people who have been hurt by others' negligence. Cases that we take on include car and truck wrecks, slip and falls, dog bites, and other negligence cases. As a firm, we give a voice to the injured. We work hard to ensure that our clients' voices are heard and to help them get back on their feet after an injury. Navigating the insurance claims and legal processes can be daunting and time-consuming, but we take that burden off our clients' shoulders so they can focus on recovery.

**How long has your business been a chamber member?**

Since our inception in 2017.

**Which member benefit is most valuable to your business?**

We love the networking events put on by the chamber. Richardson is our home, and we support other Richardson businesses when possible. It's great getting out and meeting

other chamber members in fun settings.

### **Why is it important to sponsor the RYP committee?**

Since we are a small local law firm, we want to keep our sponsorships local and “grass-roots.” We don’t have TV, radio, or billboard ads. We want to make sure our community knows about us in case any of their loved ones need us. By sponsoring the RYP, we get to meet other professionals in the area, get the word out about what we do, and have some fun in the process!

### **What makes Richardson a great place for business?**

Our founder and owner, Zach Herbert, lives, works, and plays in Richardson. He likes to joke that he has his “bubble” and rarely leaves. His kids attend RISD schools, and he plays softball every week at Huffhines Park. Zach grew up near Richardson and remembers riding his bike in the empty fields that now make up Cityline. Richardson has it all, and that’s why Herbert Law Group is here to serve anyone who needs help after being hurt.

## ***Member News***

### **Altrusa's Annual Outstanding Women Of Today Awards Luncheon Set October 18**

## **Get To Know The Chamber Team**



*We thought our members would like to learn a bit more about the friendly faces that greet you at our office, events and meetings, so we're continuing this feature highlighting our dedicated staff!*

## ***Johnette Alter, Board & Governance Manager***

### **How long have you been with the chamber and what is your job?**

I just celebrated my one-year anniversary at the chamber. It is my pleasure to work with our dedicated chamber board as the Board and Governance Manager and staff liaison to the Public Policy Committee.

### **Tell us about your family.**

I grew up with one foot in Gainesville, Texas, on a ranch, and the other in DeWitt, Arkansas, on a farm. Our family has managed these lands for five generations. Recently, while sorting through boxes from my grandmother's house on the farm, I found some old ribbons. She'd lived through the Great Depression and kept everything.

My grandmother was a huge influence on me and my cousins. She attended college when it was rare for women and worked in a WWII munitions factory filling ordnances with her hands through special blast "resistant" glass. The ribbons revealed that she and my grandfather were delegates to the Arkansas Junior Chamber of Commerce Convention in 1955, which was surprising since women weren't allowed as members until 1984.



This discovery led me to explore the Junior Chamber of Commerce's history. I learned that Dallas played a key role in its growth, hosting the second national convention in 1921, and that both Little Rock and Dallas were among the first 12 founding chapters. I was surprised to learn that the two states that shaped my life also influenced chamber history. I'm still debating which state has the best BBQ!

### **What is a fun fact no one else knows?**

I was a limo driver for a short time.

### **What's your favorite board game or sport?**

Monopoly was a contact sport in my family. No special treatment for age. Winner take all or go home. It's been fun to see our sons become Monopoly fans too. We now have 5 or more game editions from the boys' birthday wish lists (and my husband who collects old board games) including local city editions, a vintage edition (which is just for looks), a Fortnite edition and (most used now) a PlayStation version that my youngest somehow convinced his grandmother to play with him.

### **Describe your perfect day.**

My perfect day starts with a strong cup of fresh coffee and real cream, enjoyed from an Adirondack chair outside our favorite cabin on the outskirts of Terlingua. It's nestled among several mesas with a cheesy but very satisfying old west replica town, Ace Reid vibe on the edge of the Chihuahuan Desert.

We make this annual trek during Spring Break, but still mindful of the heat we get moving early. A hearty breakfast burrito from a Terlingua gas station fuels us for a hike at Big Bend National Park. Starting with a favorite, the Upper Burro Mesa Trail, which amazes with its shifts in elevation and striking rock formations, ending with a colossal drop off to a lower canyon from a giant, smooth, bowl-shaped cave carved by rushing water. These days, each time we complete the trail, I wonder when I may be too old to climb back up the slippery, smooth rock surface, to exit the cave. So far so good!

Next a well-deserved lunch and a beer in the cool, contrasting ecosystem of the Chisos Mountain Basin. Time permitting, a final excursion to swim in the Rio Grande (if it's flowing that year) at the foot of the awe-inspiring Santa Elena Canyon. After washing off the day's considerable grime back at the cabin, we venture out for dinner and several adult beverages to mull over our grand excursions - either over the best pizza this side of the Rio Grande at Long Draw Pizza or a rowdier meal with live music at the iconic Starlight Theatre. We end the day happily exhausted, falling asleep to the quiet of the desert.

***Thank you, Johnette, for all you do to support and grow the chamber!***

**Ambassador of the Month**

# AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



*Congratulations*

Bill Schaid

## Richardson Economic Development News

### Welcome To Our City!

- Art Be You, 500 E. Arapaho Road, Suite 101
- Art of Twisted Nail, 1200 Executive Drive W.
- Avodroc Custom Printing, 1300 E. Arapaho Road, Suite 206
- Blockwise, 1115 Hampshire Lane
- Childress Engineering Services (relo), 2505 N. Plano Road, Suite 400
- CityVet Richardson, 2050 E. PGBH, Suite 120
- COP Enterprises, 2600 NCX, Suite 110
- Cre8tive Beauty Salon, 804 W. Shore Drive, Suite 9
- Dallas Renaissance Sword Guild, Suite 900
- Dry Island, 705 N. Bowser Road, Suite 124
- EGL Motor, 3110 Shiloh Road, Suite 200

- Fanah Café & Bakery, 139 N. Plano Road
- Galaxy Beauty School, 1725 Analog Drive
- Kalos & Muse, 101 S. Coit Road, Suite 20
- Leap Metrics, 2400 Lakeside Blvd., Suite 200
- M5 Distro, 797 N. Grove Road, Suite 101
- Merakids Fun & Party, 2010 N. Plano Road, Suite 103
- Metrotex Framing, 709 Lingco Drive, Suite 112
- Pristine Healthcare Solutions, 1951 N. Jupiter Road
- PV National, 1124 Commerce Drive
- Shoo Loong Kan Hot Pot, 400 N. Greenville Ave, Suite 16
- Tacos y Mas, 1000 NCX
- Texas Superbikes, 405 SCX, Suite 100
- The 9th Chakra, 630 SCX, Suite 106
- The Joy of Music and Movement, 805 Business Parkway

*(List of new businesses provided by the City of Richardson)*



## **Richardson Forms Partnership With Startup Runway To Attract International Companies**

Following an economic development trip to India earlier this year, Richardson officials unveiled a partnership that will bring around 10 companies to The IQ®HQ, which is located at 1302 E. Collins Blvd.

Officials announced the partnership with Startup Runway, a company that assists in facilitating new companies' relocation to the United States for the first time, at an event within the IQ®HQ August 27. One goal of the partnership is to create a premier

technology hub within Richardson, City Manager Don Wagner said.

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## **City, UT Dallas Help Bring 5G Testing And Evaluation Facility to The IQ®HQ**

Under the leadership provided by AT&T and Verizon, a new research and development lab has been established at The IQ®HQ facility as part of a nationwide collaboration to pursue research, testing, evaluation and development of the next generation of 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) products and services.

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## **Chris Shacklett Becomes New Richardson Economic Development Director**

City Manager Don Wagner has announced the appointment of Chris Shacklett as Richardson’s Director of Economic Development. Shacklett has served as the Interim Director of Economic Development since February 2024.



Shacklett previously served as Assistant Director of Development Services-Planning, a position he assumed in August 2022 after having served in the position in an interim role for the previous year. He has been with the City of Richardson for more than 17 years, having been hired as an Engineering Technician in the Development Services Department. He also served as a Planner, Senior Planner and Development Review Manager before being named Assistant Director. Prior to coming to Richardson, he worked in the commercial real estate industry for four years providing GIS, marketing, demographics, and research support for The Weitzman Group.

### ***Other Headlines***

**[Nominate A Deserving Property For A Community Revitalization Award](#)**

# [From Police To Pitchers: A Richardson-Based Radar Gun Company Is Expanding](#)

## [TxDOT Seeks Input On Future Of US 287 Corridor](#)

## [Six Restaurants Recently Opened In Richardson](#)

## [Richardson Alamo Drafthouse Reopens](#)



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