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2025  
*Annual  
Report*

# LIVINGSTON PARISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## Annual Report 2025

## 2025 Board

**Deric Murphy**  
Quality Engineering

**Angela Alessi**  
Holmes Building Materials

**Chad Bacas**  
Forte & Tablada, Inc.

**Shannon Bernard**  
Primerica

**John Blount**  
Blount General Contractors

**Todd Caruso**  
Todd Caruso, Attorney

**Sybil Cotten**  
Our Lady of the Lake

**Kevin Foster**  
First Guaranty Bank

**David Hofstetter**  
Restoration 1

**Ross Kinchen**  
The Kinchen Group

**Steve McLin**  
McLin Construction, LLC

**Brandy Robertson**  
Brandy Robertson State Farm

**Trey Sanders**  
Hannis T. Bourgeois

**Regina Scott**  
North Oaks Health System

**Aaron Ellis**  
Aaron Ellis Attorney

**Holly Rogers**  
Rogers Service Group

**Dianna Tassin**  
Mears Sand & Gravel

**April Wehrs**  
Chamber President

## 2025 - IT'S THE PEOPLE

Livingston Parish continues to attract businesses and industry through both new projects and expansions. In 2025, several projects were announced. [We've linked those here.](#)

This past year, we participated in the first Livingston Parish Day at the Capitol. It's important to represent our area at all levels. We also partnered with Livingston Parish Public Schools to launch a job shadowing program to over 400 high school students.

As an organization, we continue to attract our own talented crews through engaged board and committee members. Our staff team is solid and knowledgeable. The commitment on all levels is impressive keeping the Chamber on track and solid. You are invited to take a committee test drive to next level your business.

We hope you are as proud of being part of the Chamber as we are to have you. Our doors are always open if you have a thought, an idea, history to share and of course, talk about your business. Here's to 2026!

## 2025 CHAMBER LEADERSHIP



**2025 BOARD CHAIR**  
**DERIC MURPHY**  
**QUALITY ENGINEERING & SURVEYING**



**APRIL WEHRS**  
**CHAMBER**  
**PRESIDENT / CEO**



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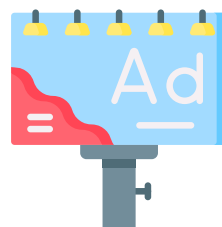
## ONLINE SEARCH 2025

Chamber Members benefitted from the online member directory reach of **2,990,245** plus **692,999** banner ad impressions.



### 146,691

Page Views website  
Reach with **90,582**  
Sessions



### 2,990,245

Member Directory  
Searches Plus **692,999**  
Banner Ad Impressions



### 2,870,688

Social Media Views  
inc. **44,043** Followers



### 35,978

Email Read  
Correspondence

## JOBS LISTINGS FOR MEMBERS

### 1,078,705

Views in Jobs Group

### 4,540

Web Job Hits

### 21,563

Group Members



How members use  
the jobs feature to  
fill open positions

## ONLINE PRESENCE MATTERS

- Press - News Releases Feature
- Livingston Parish Business Blog

- Livingston Parish Jobs Board
- We manage 18 Facebook groups



**139 / 3,259**  
**EVENTS / ATTENDEES**

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## CONNECTIONS IN 2025



**Small Biz Events**  
Events 50 or Less  
Roundtables  
Ribbon Cuttings



**Leadership Development Opportunities**  
Committees / Councils  
Leadership Development



**Signature Events with 200 or More Attendees**  
Awards / Women's  
GALA / GOLF



**Business Briefings and Governmental**  
Ongoing - plus  
New offers for 2025

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## INCLUDING

- 25,000 Employees / Jobs
- Ribbon Cuttings
- Ops to Intro your Business
- 71 Committee Meetings
- Leadership Project Reveals
- plus - Industry Updates



## Annual Meeting Highlights

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**Keynote: Ben McDonald**  
ESPN Sports Analyst  
MLB Pitcher / LSU Pitcher  
local Denham Springs native

Plus: featured music by local  
recording artist, **David St.  
Romain**



**Ben McDonald - MLB Pitcher - ESPN Sports Analyst**

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## Livingston Parish Business, Professional Awards

**Small Business of the Year**  
Alvin Fairburn & Associates

**Medium Business of the Year**  
Baton Rouge Physical Therapy

**Large Business of the Year**  
Martin Brower

**Legacy Business of the Year**  
Denham Springs Radiator

**New Business of the Year**  
Marlie's Restaurant

**Main Street Business of the Year**  
Cavalier House Books

### Women's Leadership Awards

- Nancy David
- Maurice Durbin
- Shayna Landry
- Bobbi Jo Guerin

### Livingston Future 5 Awards

- Kevin Triche
- Dr. Celeste Carlo
- David Hofstetter
- Jenny Richardson Fore
- Justin Bryson

### Community Impact Award

- Sheriff's Christmas Crusade

# Governmental Affairs Business Priorities

## Hot topics - 2025

Moratorium / Zoning \* CCS \* Insurance reform \* Tariffs \* BBB – Big Beautiful Bill \* Announcement of the DS Conference Center | Hosted:

## Local items

Parish President Randy Delatte, State of the Parish, \* Mayor Gerard Landry, City of Denham Springs \* Hosted WSP – to line out the zoning and maps \* Bootcamp for candidates partnership \* fire district tax / PARDS tax

## State

Livingston Parish Day at the Capitol \* I-12 Corridor – Day at the Capitol \* LABI's – State Business Priorities Update \* Insurance reform bills \* Richard Nelson – LA Department of Revenue / Secretary on the ballot amendment.



**Randy Delatte - Parish President**  
Chamber's Annual State of the Parish



**Mayor Gerard Landry / Denham Springs**  
Announces the Conference Center / Hotel at the Chamber's October Meeting



**I-12 Corridor  
Chambers  
Day at the Capitol  
Governmental Affairs**



Keep up with  
current  
programming  
here -

## Education Initiatives

### Career & Workforce

For decades, the Livingston Parish Chamber has been proud to partner with Livingston Parish Public Schools in support of our Livingston Parish students and future workforce.

Through our education initiatives, thousands of students have benefited from the collective business community's involvement facilitated through the Chamber, its Education Committee, and its members. What began as a scholarship program over 30 years ago has escalated into career exploration and mentorship for students.

Today, we are excited to take this partnership even further.

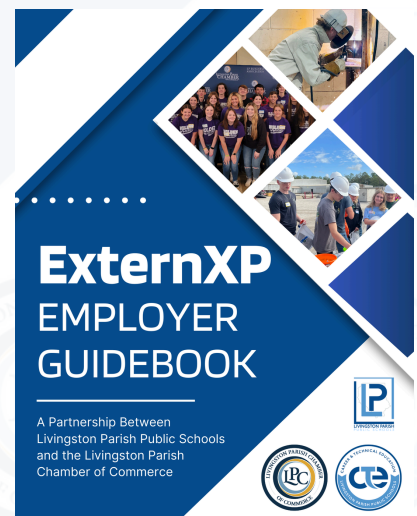
Together, we are launching Extern XP — a job-shadowing initiative designed to connect students with career experiences. By leveraging the Chamber's existing business platform, which includes over 500 local employers, students will be able to explore career paths and gain hands-on insight into various industries.

The Chamber will provide a simple "How-To Guide" to help you list your externship (job shadowing) opportunities on our site, where students can explore available positions and learn about your organization. Our Chamber team will also be available to assist with listings and updates throughout the process.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership, your generosity, and your shared commitment to the success of Livingston Parish.

With sincere appreciation,

April Wehrs  
President & CEO  
Livingston Parish Chamber of Commerce





## GALA

Theme: "Masquerade"  
Registered: 275 Date: March 2025

Our biggest year to date! Supporting the Livingston Chamber Foundation and the LP Community.  
[Get the recap here.](#)



PRESENTING SPONSOR - RESTORATION 1

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## GOLF OUTING 30TH ANNUAL

2025 marked 30 Years of the longest running golf outing in Livingston Parish.

**Theme:** "Party Like It's 1995"  
**Attendees:** 320 plus  
**Teams:** 38  
**Hole set-ups:** 35, a record, hole sponsors set on the course

[See all the fun photos here.](#)



Presenting Sponsor:  
REV Business takes the win with their theme!



# Livingston Chamber Foundation

The Livingston Chamber Foundation was formed in 2017 to support community initiatives important to the local business community.



GALA tie in - When businesses support Gala, they support each of the projects across the parish. All funds raised stay here, impacting thousands of local citizens, causes, and initiatives. These projects range from parks built throughout Livingston Parish to support for local schools, law enforcement, and animal control initiatives for 2025. All playing a part in better quality of life and place.

## 2025 LP Community Impact

**\$ 87,400 funds \* 1870 Volunteer Hours \* 6060 + Impacted  
Plus \$ 20,000 donations \* 150 hours Gala team**



**2025 - Walker DISC Golf Course**  
**Funds: \$ 40,000**



**2025 - Bullet Proof Vests for K-9's**  
**Funds: \$ 5,685**



**2025 - The Adopt a Senior**  
exploded to over 400 seniors. In addition, the foundation sponsored the Council on Aging Thanksgiving lunch for seniors.



## 2025 - LP Women's Conference

### Women's Leadership Conference - "Bet on Yourself"

#### Keynote Speaker - Kiran Chawla.

Kiran's journey from front line news anchor to running her own business was a story that truly resonated with betting on yourself.

**Jen Gomez** - The Joyful Strategist

**Presenting Sponsor:** Alexis Ducoriber  
State Farm

**Over 325 Registered    14 Expo Booths**



**CELEBRATING  
10 YEARS!**

## 2025 - Young Professionals

### Celebrating 10 Years!

2025 marked the 10 year anniversary of the launch of the program. The program experienced a reset that included bringing back the YP Conference with speakers Justin Barksdale, Laine Hardy - American Idol Winner and Paxton Moreaux - CEO of Off the Hook Restaurants. The conference had nearly 100 attendees.

There are 80 members of the [LYP program](#).



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## LEADERSHIP LIVINGSTON + COMMUNITY PROJECTS



### Leadership Class of 2025

Left to right: April Wehrs - Facilitator, Lisa Frey - City of Walker, Hailey Russell - The Kinchen Group, Shane Rogers - Rogers Service Group, Sandy Acardo - LP Clerk of Court, Jessica Perrault, Brandon Cohea - Florida Parish Human Services Authority, Kayla Rogers - Ochsner, Duane Black - DS City Court, Laura Dunlap - LP Sadd, Don McPherson- Bank of Zachary, Marlie Stilley - North Oaks Health System, Jim Gilbert - DS City Council, Amanda Cook - Robertson State Farm, Lauren Crow - DSLD, Steven Lea - Martin Brower, Stephanie Harris - Rev Business, David Gray - Livingston Parish Library, Jessica Legath - Entergy, Jason Harris - LPSO, Colleen Bible - OLOL, Diana Tassin - Mears Sand & Gravel, Chris Anderson, LP Government, Grace Kennedy - Forte & Tablada, Inc.



### Dog People of Lp Project



### Beds for Foster Care Project



### Pine Ridge Library Project

### 2025 Projects -

**The Zoomies Facility Upgrades**  
Funds: \$ 12,115 | 200 hours

**Pine Ridge Library Upgrades**  
Funds: \$ 7,500 | 100 hours

**Beds for Foster Care**  
Funds: \$ 21,600 | 100 hours

TOP 25 INVESTORS FOR 2025

