

Top News

Tech Titans Becomes Standalone Organization



The Richardson Chamber of Commerce has announced Tech Titans®, the technology trade association it launched in 1994, has received its own 501(c)6 status and is officially a standalone entity.

“This opportunity is an exciting new chapter in the history and evolution of Tech Titans and will allow us to make an even bigger impact across North Texas,” said Amy Wheelus, chair of the Tech Titans board of directors. “We are continuously inspired by our member companies. Because of the work they are doing, the next 30 years of technology are sure to be as transformative as the last 30.”

Formerly the Metroplex Technology Business Council, the scope and influence of Tech Titans in the region has grown tremendously over the past several decades. The mission of the MTBC was centered around the interests of Richardson’s telecom companies, but as other technology sectors arrived across the Dallas Fort - Worth area, the group diversified its programming and reach and rebranded to Tech Titans in 2015. Its mission today is to connect the technology community to collaborate, share and inspire creative thinking across the region.

“The Richardson Chamber is proud of its role in establishing and growing the largest technology association in North Texas,” said Randy Ford, chairman of the board of the Richardson Chamber of Commerce. “It will be exciting to see how the organization grows and evolves while furthering its mission to connect tech companies and attract top talent and high-paying jobs to the area.”

Tech Titans represents a quarter million employees through its more than 150 member companies, from startups to Fortune 500 companies. The organization’s investments in STEM initiatives are helping to build the workforce of tomorrow, and its advocacy for public policies support innovation and create a climate friendly environment to foster technological advancements.

The Richardson Chamber and Tech Titans will continue to share offices and resources.

Help Us Welcome Lake Highlands Businesses To The Richardson Chamber

The Richardson Chamber is growing in an agreement with the Lake Highlands Chamber (LHC) to acquire its membership.

Founder Ted Hill recently made the difficult decision to close the LHC, but he didn't want to leave members without the networking, educational and marketing opportunities that come with chamber membership. After a thorough search, he chose the Richardson Chamber as the best fit for LHC members going forward.

“We are very excited to welcome Lake Highlands’ members to the Richardson Chamber family,” said Bill Ballard, VP of Member Services. “We recognize the unique community that exists in Lake Highlands and are busy meeting with its small businesses and getting them plugged into all the Richardson Chamber offers.”

Join us for a Happy Hour with new friends!

We look forward to all the new connections that will be made at our first RCC/LHC event! Oak Highlands Brewery is very influential and active in the Lake Highlands community, so it's the perfect location to celebrate.

Thursday, May 23 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Oak Highlands Brewery
10484 Brockwood Road
Dallas, TX 75238



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Leadership Richardson Turns 40; Applications Due June 2



Leadership Richardson Class 39 will wrap up its program with a graduation ceremony next month, which means it's time to welcome a new group of aspiring leaders! The application for Class 40 is now live on the [Chamber's website](#) and is due June 2.

For four decades, Leadership Richardson has been growing leaders who can cross divides, build bridges and solve complex issues. Participants learn how to manage change, assess risks and influence others.

The program's almost 1400 graduates hold leadership positions in their communities and workplaces — running non-profit organizations, sitting on boards, launching successful startups, serving as public officials and much more.

In addition to honing leadership skills and learning about the community, Leadership Richardson fosters friendships that last a lifetime.

RISD Seeks Donations For 5th Annual Backpack Bash

Richardson ISD and The Richardson ISD Foundation

believe every child deserves the opportunity to start the school year confidently with all the tools they need to succeed. The goal of Backpack Bash is to provide a backpack filled with school supplies to every elementary-aged child at a high-need RISD campus.



Last year, more than 4,000 backpacks and school supply kits were distributed, but the need is nearly four times that amount. With your help, RISD wants to grow the annual donations to match the need. Every \$20 donation is equivalent to one more RISD child starting school with a new backpack and new school supplies. Please donate, volunteer and help spread the word!

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Events

Pinstack - Allen To Host Member Connections On May 16

Member Connections



Come ready with your business cards as we mix business with pleasure at Member Connections, our after-hours happy hour event. RSVP now to secure your spot for an evening of bowling, games, drinks and networking! There's no cost to attend for members; \$10 for future members.

Thursday, May 16 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Pinstack

635 N. Central Expressway

Allen, TX 75013

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More Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 30: **[Ribbon Cutting at Catalyst Behavior Solutions](#)**

Tuesday, May 7: **[Business Advancement & Local Business Engagement Luncheon with Attorney Lynnsee Starr](#)**

Friday, May 31: [Public Policy & Workforce Development Lunch & Update with RISD & PISD Superintendents](#)

Wednesday, June 5: [Women in Leadership Quarterly Luncheon with Sandy Diaz Haley](#)

Friday, June 28: [Annual Bowling Tournament](#)

Recent Events



***Dr. Rym Zalila-Wenkstern**, center, professor at UT Dallas, was the keynote speaker at yesterday's Growth & Mobility Luncheon, sponsored by the [City of Richardson](#). Also pictured from left to right are City Manager Don Magner, Mayor Bob Dubey, Council Member Ken Hutchenrider and Council Member Curtis Dorian.*

Membership

New Members

Bruster's Ice Cream

Chase Oaks Church

Curtis King

Dallas Mavericks*

Digital Realty*

Frisco RoughRiders

Lone Star Wind Orchestra

Miss Pasta

Presbyterian Village North
Taste of Richardson

Renewing Members

40+ Years

David Blanchard
Halff*

10+ Years

Origin Bank
Pharmco International

5+ Years

The Drawing Board
McCarthy Building Companies
Meredith G. Davis, DDS
North Dallas Adventist Academy
The Standard at CityLine

1+ Years

Aboca's Italian Grill
Carrie Dallman, Realtor
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
Chint Power Systems America
Dent Mechanic Group
Dialogue Institute Dallas
Encompass Health
Jennifer Hurst
Platt Richmond PLLC
Repertory Company Theatre
Restland Funeral Home
Servpro of Richardson
Spectra Bank

*** Indicates President's Club Member**

Spotlight on Halff

Halff is an award-winning, employee-owned, diverse and multidiscipline professional engineering firm that improves lives and communities by turning ideas into reality. For nearly 75 years, Halff has provided smart solutions for clients throughout the United States. The people-first



firm is committed to continuously investing in its employees and fostering a culture of collaboration.

Halff has more than 30 offices in Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. The firm was recognized as the 2023 Texas & Louisiana Design Firm of the Year by the Engineering News-Record. Halff is ranked No. 85 in the 2023 Top 500 Design Firms rankings by ENR. Halff is the No. 16 Top Workplace nationally in 2024 as ranked by Enrgeage for businesses with 1,000 to 2,499 employees.

Spotlight on RealPage



RealPage provides a technology

platform that enables real estate owners and managers to change how people experience and use rental space. Clients use the platform to gain transparency into asset performance, leverage data insights and monetize space to create incremental yields. Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Richardson, RealPage currently serves more than 24 million units worldwide.

Our Company History

We were founded in 1998 with the acquisition of Rent Roll, Inc., a provider of industry-leading, on-premise property management systems for the conventional and affordable multifamily rental housing markets. Three years later, we released our first on-demand property management product and since then, expanded our on-demand software solutions to include a number of value-added services from property management to renter's insurance and more.

In addition to our products' success, our growth is supported by acquisitions that enhance our product development and sales and marketing efforts and expand the types of rental housing properties we serve.

Our Products

Our suite of solutions benefits owners and managers of various rental property types, including conventional, affordable, military, student, single-family, senior and vacation housing. We also provide commercial and mixed use property management solutions. We've evolved our products from the desktop to the cloud, with many available both online and for mobile devices. Our products manage everything from marketing to pricing and other property operations.

Member News

[Chamberlain Ballet, RSO Receive Arts Grants](#)

Council Approves Permit, Development Plan For Lockwood Distilling

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 launching this new feature highlighting our dedicated staff!



Andrea preparing to participate in her favorite sport off the coast of the Big Island in Hawaii.

Andrea Young

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

I have been at the Richardson Chamber since May 2016. As Programs and Web Content Manager, I am the staff liaison for the Women in Leadership program; I am the director of the Richardson Chamber Golf Classic; I manage the webpage; and I'm the internal IT administrator.

Favorite thing about working at the chamber?

Through my Chamber work, I am exposed to so many people, speakers, businesses, municipal, educational, and nonprofit organizations; it's always something new! This keeps my work interesting and ever-changing.

Family?

My husband Paul is an engineer and we've been married 25 years. We have 3 children: Trevor, who is also an engineer and lives in Austin; our daughter, Camille, who is about to graduate high school and go into the welding industry; and our youngest, Simon, who is a freshman in high school.

Favorite board game or sport?

I can get lost in a good 1000+ piece jigsaw puzzle. I'd rather be snorkeling than just about anything else.

What is a fun fact no one else knows?

Well now, that's a lot to ask for a profile my employer will post publicly... but since you asked, most people probably don't know that I'm a major JRR Tolkien fan. I've read his major works multiple times and some of the more obscure ones, and I participate in worldwide online communities devoted to his work.

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

Ambassador of the Month

AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

Rachel Cook
IBNRG

Richardson News

Welcome To Our City!

- Asya Trading LLC, 1601 N. Glenville Drive #103
- Campus Chef Millennials, 1980 Nantucket Drive #103
- Condom Sense, 425 N. Central Expressway
- Dallas Pain Consultants, 399 W. Campbell Road #302
- DAS Technology Services, 670 International Parkway #170
- Glazer Financial Network, 300 N. Coit Road #1300
- Impact Church Lonestar, 2121 N. Glenville Drive
- J&J No-Limit, Inc., 425 N. Central Expressway
- Jay Ball Equipment, 678 N. Glenville Drive
- Just Vendors, 608 Business Parkway
- KTK2 Wellness, 1651 N. Collins Blvd. #307

- Landmark Grill, 1600 N. Plano Road #800
- Lucky Property Two LLC, 250 E. Arapaho Road
- Macbot Corporations, 411 Industrial Drive #103
- Only Deals, 1425 E. Belt Line Road #130
- SJM Enterprises, 500 E. Arapaho Road #608
- Smart MDX Laboratories, 1723 Analog Drive
- Stogius Maximum Distribution, 2050 N. Plano Road #220

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

City News & Events

[City Maintains Highest Credit Rating For 15th Consecutive Year](#)

[Calling All Art Lovers: Cottonwood Art Festival Is May 4-5](#)

[Citywide Bicycle Rodeo Set May 11 At Huffhines Park](#)

[Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival Coming May 17-19](#)



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Patterson & Associates Insurance
Prosperity Bank
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West Coast University

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submissions will be accepted. Also contact Andrea for advertising possibilities.



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