



NEWSLETTER

RICHARDSON CHAMBER

Our mission: we develop and provide leadership for our members and community through advocacy, alliances, economic development and education to advance economic prosperity.



See our [calendar](#)
for upcoming
events

Every Wednesday
Business Network
Breakfast

9/1
PM Connections

9/6
Women in
Leadership
Quarterly Luncheon

9/7
International
Business Resource
Committee Event

9/8
IQ Brew

9/15
HR Committee
Lunch

9/21
Growth & Mobility

9/23
Education &
Workforce - State of
Higher Education
Luncheon

9/27
Golf Classic

10/20
WIL Holiday
Vendor Fair

11/4
Health & Wellness
Expo

From the chairman ...

As we slide into fall and hopefully some crisp temperatures, I wanted to give you an update on what's happening with the chamber.

The biggest news is that after much input and discussion, the city of Richardson will be pulling economic development internally. While we have performed that service for many years, this shift in responsibilities is a great opportunity for the chamber and city to build on our relationship as we all work to make Richardson even better.

It also gives us a unique opportunity to reshape the chamber and what it can be in the future. The chamber board recently held a strategy session where we heard some very interesting, creative and thoughtful ideas on what services we could offer to enhance our value to members.

Our next session will be to take those ideas, figure out which have the most merit and then create a new and improved Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

With a potential new direction on the horizon, we also are planning an updated look and feel for the organization. That includes a new logo that we will announce in just a few short weeks. We also plan to do a building refresh. Details are still forming but we can expect to include exciting features to attract members.

More updates will follow as they unfold, but I hope you share in my excitement for the Richardson Chamber of Commerce.

-- **Manasseh Durkin**, Durkin Enterprises



We are excited to welcome Marta Gómez Frey, Director of Collin SBDC to the Richardson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors!

Ribbon cuttings



DG's Mancave and Spa
1330 West Campbell Rd, Suite 36
<https://dgs-man-cave-spa.ueniweb.com/>

DG'S Man Cave & Spa serves first-class treatments in its flagship Richardson nail salon. The warm and friendly nail salon owner, prides herself on delivering the most excellent technical skills and great customer care. Customers leave the award-winning salon feeling indulged and reinvigorated. Why not come in today and see for yourself?



Richardson Dentistry
1150 State St., Suite 200

Richardson Dentistry provides comprehensive dental care for the whole family. Dentists provide an array of procedures, including simple and deep cleaning, digital x-rays, tooth-colored restorations (fillings), crown and bridge (caps), porcelain veneers, implant restoration (crowns, bridges and implant-retained dentures), extractions, root canals, dentures, partials, mini dental implants (MDIs), gum surgery, and wisdom teeth extraction (3rd molars)



Wildwood
1417 E. Renner Rd, #300
<https://wildwoodtx.com/cityline-richardson-tx/>

Wildwood is a locally-owned Southern kitchen with three convenient locations. It brings people together with amazing food and handcrafted drinks in a clean, comfortable, friendly environment. Chef-inspired dishes and comfort food favorites contain fresh ingredients, letting you enjoy a great meal with friends and family. Safely dine in, or get contactless curbside to-go!

Member news

Congratulations!

Best of Dallas and Richardson awards

Several members won in the *D Magazine's*
"Best of Big D" awards
Bike Mart
Lockwood Distilling
Greenville Ave. Pizza Co.

Dallas Margarita Festival's "Best Margarita in Dallas"
Sueno Modern Mex-Tex

Living Magazine's Best of Richardson and Murphy awards
TEXAS: Beef, Fish, Fowl
Cindi's NY Deli
Drury Plaza Hotel Dallas Richardson
Richardson Dentistry

Magical mooncakes: Dallas-area restaurants offer traditional treat for Mid-Autumn Festival

from the Dallas Morning News

Another locally-owned business making fresh, preservative-free mooncakes is **Jeng Chi**, originally opened as a four-table restaurant in Richardson in 1990. The founders, Yuan and Mei Teng,

Methodist Richardson Medical
Twin Rivers Assisted Living & Memory Care
Advanced OB-GYN Associates
The Reserve at Richardson
Hammack Service Company
Dean's Plumbing
UTD
Texans Credit Union

who go by "Papa Teng" and
"Mama Teng," have been
making mooncakes together
for as long as they've been
married — 50 years.

When your business is honored, let us know so we can recognize it.

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office reimaged

 **State Farm**

Donate your old computers

Computers for the Blind (CFTB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to bridging the digital divide for the community of the blind and visually impaired.

The group does this by providing affordable, accessible refurbished computers which empower individuals to lead an independent and connected life. This opens life-long opportunities for employment and digital equity.

For 25+ years, the group has provided over 17,000 computers to its customers and do not plan to slow down!

The organization depends on computer donations of used laptops, desktops, monitors, keyboards, and mice. Volunteers clean and refurbish the computers, install software (JAWS and/or ZoomText) to make them accessible for people with visual impairment to interact with their computer. All donations are tax deductible.

[Learn more](#)



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THE HOPE**

PEANUT
BUTTER
DRIVE

September 1-30

ntfb.org/peanutbutterdrive

Mark your calendars

Donate



Easy charitable giving, big impact

Join the Richardson Chamber of Commerce in making a big impact for community by contributing through our 501(c)(3) organization.

The Richardson Chamber of Commerce Foundation funds workforce development in the City of Richardson, provides tuition assistance to financially challenged applicants to participate in **Leadership Richardson**, develops continuing education and professional development programs in topics such as human resources, diversity and inclusion, sales and marketing, information technology, etc.



Sept. 1st at 5:30 PM

625 W. Lookout Dr
Richardson, TX 75080

REGISTER AT RICHARDSONCHAMBER.COM



Join the Richardson Chamber and Canyon Creek Country Club at the PM Connections Happy Hour. Hear from chamber committee tri-chairs about ways to get involved as a Chamber member!

Register

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022
5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
Canyon Creek Country Club
625 W. Lookout Dr

Women In
Leadership
September 6th
Quarterly
Luncheon



WOMEN in LEADERSHIP
Richardson Chamber of Commerce



Kyle Queal
Founder of Queal & Company

Women in Leadership Quarterly Luncheon

Keep on keepin' on:
Mapping your mission and
becoming the new you

Speaker: **Kyle Queal**, founder and principal, Queal

Free



The Richardson Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual Health and Wellness Expo - presented by Methodist Richardson Medical Center.

The free event informs consumers about products and services available from Chamber members that encourage good health and fitness, increase mobility, address special needs care, nutritional insight, and more. Make sure to stop by for some valuable information and for a chance to win fantastic prizes!

Friday, Nov. 4, 2022
 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 West Coast University
 2323 N. Central Expressway
 Free

[Register](#)

& Company

Who are you right now? What is your why? Where are you headed? How do you get there?

Many of us can get perplexed, confused, and easily distracted when it comes to experiencing concrete progress in the five fundamentals of our lives: Faith, Family, Friends, Finances, and Fitness.

In this session, Kyle will share setbacks and successes from his own story and research. You'll come away with strategic insights to help you clarify your personal and professional objectives.

Most importantly, you'll be encouraged with memorable and practical tools that will equip you to identify and overcome the obstacles that stand between you and your ongoing improvement.

[Register](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 6
 11:30 a.m.
 Network of Community Ministries
 1500 International Pkwy, Suite 300
 \$38 Richardson Chamber members
 \$48 non members
 \$300 table sponsor (seats 6)



The Women in Leadership Holiday Vendor Fair is back after a two-year hiatus! This event is FREE to attend. Register to get reminders about the event.

Sip, nibble and shop your way through the fair as you browse the wonderful items our vendors have brought.

Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022
 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
 HEXA Event Center
 2100 N. Greenville Ave.

Join the International Business Resource Committee (IBRC) to review and discuss current challenges in international business. The program will provide information about key topics impacting Richardson businesses, including immigration, international tax, and the supply chain.




International Business Roadblocks:
Three urgent issues
impacting innovation in Richardson

September 7, 2022 | 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
 HEXA Business Center
 2100 N. Greenville Ave.
 Richardson TX, 75082

Learn about **immigration, supply chain, and tax** issues that are impacting businesses in North Texas today.

Don't miss this chance to meet congressional staff from the offices of **Senator John Cornyn, Senator Ted Cruz, Congressman Colin Allred, Congressman Lance Gooden, Congresswoman Beth Van Duyne, and Congressman Van Taylor** and hear from the International Business Resource Committee about important international issues impacting your business!

Networking 8:30 to 9:00 AM | Program 9:00 to 10:00 AM

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Register

Wednesday, Sept. 7
 8:30 a.m. -- Networking, coffee
 9 a.m.-10 a.m. -- Program
 Hexa Co-Working
 2100 N Greenville Ave.
 Free

Register for events

Education and Workforce Committee presents annual State of Higher Education Luncheon

Luncheon presentation

A panel of three leaders in the local higher education community will give an update to chamber members on Sept. 23.

Dr. Richard Benson, president, UT Dallas; Dr. Justin Lonon, chancellor, Dallas College; and Dr. Neil Matkin, district president, Collin College will speak.

The conversation will cover continuing impacts of COVID-19, updates on institutions, impacts of previous legislative sessions and what issues to watch for during the 88th legislative session.

Register

Friday, Sept. 23
 11:30 a.m.
 Dallas College Richland Campus
 Sabine Hall
 12800 Abrams Rd

\$40 members
 \$50 non members
 \$400 table of eight




STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION LUNCHEON

Friday, Sept. 23
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
 Richland College - Sabine Hall
 12800 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75243

Hear discussions on the continuing changes of COVID-19, impacts of previous and upcoming legislative sessions and learn more about how your business and organization can support our educational institutions.


 Dr. Richard Benson,
 UT Dallas


 Dr. Justin Lonon,
 Dallas College


 Dr. Neil Matkin,
 Collin College

What is the Education & Workforce Committee?

The chamber's Education & Workforce

The committee is run by Tri-Chairs Debbi Richards, Beth Brown and Suzanne Williamson.

Committee facilitates the business community's sustainable impact on building an emerging workforce through two primary goals:

- Enhancing awareness of education needs amongst the business community.
- Providing visible ways for the business community to support education.

All Chamber members are invited to actively participate on the Education & Workforce Committee. Meetings are held at 8:30 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month.

Debbi Richards, Director, Community Engagement, Outreach & Recruitment, Government Relations, Dallas College

Debbi's 50 plus years of progressive experience and responsibilities include work with local, state, and federal workforce agencies, chambers of commerce, ISD's and both large and small business entities.

Beth Brown, CTE Coordinator, Richardson ISD

Beth works to provide students in RISD with intentional and meaningful career-focused programs of study. She supports students and teachers with real world learning opportunities through business partnerships and industry relative experience. Beth has coordinated iDream with the district and Chamber since it began in 2018.

Suzanne Williamson, Senior Program Manager at Raytheon

Suzanne is a graduate of Texas A&M and serves on the chamber's board of directors.

Member profiles

President's Club profile: State Farm



For 100 years, the mission of State Farm has been, and continues to be, to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected, and realize their dreams.

State Farm and its affiliates are the largest providers of auto and home insurance in the United States.

Richardson is a hub for State Farm, employing nearly 10,000 at the CityLine Campus. State Farm's state-of-the-art regional hub offers more than a modern and lively workspace. Employees can continue their education, walk the trails, and get healthcare needs met, all on campus.

In a small farm town in Central Illinois, insurance salesman G.J. Mecherle didn't think insurance was priced fairly for farmers. His boss didn't agree with him, so G.J. left and started his own insurance company. In 1922, G.J. founded State Farm on the principle of fairness. Long story, short: It took off.

State Farm has held its own since then as the number one insurer of auto and home in the nation. Its more than 19,400 agents and approximately 53,400 employees serve over 87 million policies and accounts – which includes auto, fire, life, health, commercial policies, and financial services accounts.

The State Farm® mission is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected and realize their dreams. Our purpose to help people guides our daily actions. We empower people to be good neighbors and protect what matters most, according to Michael Tipsord, chairman, president, and CEO.

“Our vision for the future is to be the customer's first and best choice in the products and services we provide. We will continue to be the leader in the insurance industry and we will become a leader in the financial services arena. Our customers' needs will determine our path. Our values will guide us. Our success is built on a foundation of shared values — quality service and relationships, mutual trust, integrity and financial strength. Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there. It's more than a slogan; it's who we are.”

President's Club profile: Dallas College



More than 50 years ago, a visionary board of trustees that included such Dallas luminaries as R.L. Thornton II, Mrs.

Margaret McDermott and Dr. Bill J. Priest,

founding chancellor, set a daunting goal: Create the best community college district in the United States. Dallas College is one of the largest community colleges in Texas, and since 1965, has helped almost 3 million people on their educational journey.

Since its formation, **Dallas College Richland Campus** has focused on teaching, learning and community building. Richland's richly diverse student population provides a global experience to enhance students' future success in the broader world community.

Dallas College Richland Campus was founded in 1972 and is the largest campus in the college, featuring about 20,000 students. Located on the old Jackson farm, the campus comprises 155 acres including Thunderduck Lake.

Chamber board member, Dr. Kathryn K. Eggleston, serves as president of Richland. She joined Dallas College in 1973 as a faculty member for associate nursing degrees.

Today, Richland houses cutting-edge science teaching labs designed by faculty and science lab experts and cutting-edge advanced manufacturing, electronics technology and engineering labs using contemporary industry-standard equipment.

In 2005, the Richland Campus became the first community college to receive the **Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award**.

It has been designated as the first two-year institution in Texas as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education (CAE2Y) for academic years 2011-2016. CAE2Ys receive formal recognition from the U.S. government, as well as opportunities for prestige and publicity for their role in securing our nation's information systems.

In 2013, Dallas College Richland Campus developed a skill standard for Digital Forensic Technician. Its Cyber Security program was recognized by the Texas Skills Standard Board (TSSB) as the first and only institution in Texas to meet this statewide standard.



Event photos

Did you miss an event? Here are a few photos of recent activities. Follow the chamber's social media for all the latest happenings!

Leadership Richardson



Ambassadors

Women in Leadership



Business Network



AMBASSADOR OF THE MONTH



Congratulations

Danny McGaugh
PURE PLUMBING



Richardson in the news

from Community Impact

- [Richardson approves new budget, lower tax rate for 2022-23 fiscal year](#)
- [Richardson City Hall closed until further notice after fire damages building](#)
- [Q&A: Get to know Plano ISD's new superintendent Theresa Williams](#)
- [Richardson planning to dedicate nearly \\$7 million on street repairs in next fiscal year](#)
- [Abigail Kauffman hired as Richardson's Network of Community Ministries CEO](#)

from Dallas Morning News

- [These North Texas employers are among the best in Texas, Forbes Magazine says \(dallasnews.com\)](#)
- [Methodist Richardson Medical Center kicks off \\$46 million emergency department expansion \(dallasnews.com\)](#)
- [This D-FW suburb is best place in U.S. to buy a house, study says \(dallasnews.com\)](#)
- [Richardson looking to update economic development plans \(dallasnews.com\)](#)

New and renewing members

Please welcome our new and returning members through August.

New members

Welcome! We're so glad to have you!

President's Club

Caddo Office Reimagined
BRYJO Roofing and Remodeling

Kristian Hutchings Portraits
NextCare Urgent Care
AR Workshop Garland
Remington Transitional Care of Richardson
WealthCare Financial

20+ years

Apex Supply Company
McNeff Commercial Real Estate
Einstein's Eyes Web Design

10+ years

Texas Restaurant
Twin Rivers Senior Living
Texas Roof Management Inc
Metropak Inc
Citadel Partners, LLC
Corsair Ventures LLC

5+ years

Bridge Builder Academy
Nothing Bundt Cakes Richardson
JLL

1+ years

Community Impact Newspaper
The Monarch at Richardson
Shaddock Caldwell Builders & Developers LLC
Criss Law Group, PLLC
International Chem-Crete Company
Jeng Chi Foods Corporation
Brandon Schweers
D/FW Gujarati Samaj, Inc.
Raise Your Hand Texas

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