CONGRATULATIONS
2020 Student of the Year Recipients

On April 30th the Chamber had the honor of announcing our 2020 Student of the Year and Career Technical Student of the Year winners. The long standing Student of the Year award is given out yearly to the most outstanding student among a group of students from every Cullman County school. In more recent years, the Career Technical Student of the Year Award has been given to a student that excels within the Cullman Area Technology Academy. The nominees for both of this year’s awards were all excellent students that excelled in their academics, sports and other programs. Congratulations to our winners Cody Kanaday (Career Technical) and Zackery Reynolds (Student of the Year), as well as all our other nominees! All of our student nominees were very deserving of these awards. The presentation can be watched on the Chamber’s Facebook page.
Chamber’s Young Entrepreneurs Academy Investment Presentation

The Chamber’s Young Entrepreneurs Academy year came to a conclusion on June 1st with our 2019 – 20 YEA! Investment Presentation! After several months of hard work, our student businesses were virtually judged by a panel of investors from around our area to determine who would receive investment money for their business, as well as a scholarship to Wallace State and a chance to represent the Cullman Chapter in New York at the Saunders Scholars Competition. It was certainly a hard decision for our panel, due to the creativity and innovation of all of our student businesses. After much deliberation our panel awarded two student businesses with investment money. Kerry Silvers of Hanceville High School was our 2nd Place winner for her business The Bykery Bakery, and Emily Butler of Trinitas Classical Academy was our 1st Place winner for her business More Than the Reel, and will represent Cullman in New York! Congratulations to these awesome students! You can re-watch this presentation on the Chamber’s YouTube channel.
EXISTING BUSINESS

CONGRATULATIONS SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH WINNERS

Small Business Spotlight Webinar Series
To better inform our members and small business community, the Chamber offered a series of small business webinars focusing on best practices, legislation and loan navigation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The three part series featured leadership from around our State from small business development, hospitality, and retail.

We were first joined by Alabama Restaurant & Hospitality Association President & CEO, Mindy Hanan to speak on some of the ways our food service workers are working hard to provide us a delicious meal safely. To speak on the practices used by our retail professionals, we invited Alabama Retail Association Director of Public Relations, Nancy King Dennis. Our second webinar focused on the new loan legislation all of our local retailers and restaurants should be versed in when applying for their business, as well as resources the Business Council of Alabama is offering to small business owners around our State. We also take a moment to highlight Cullman area businesses that are making a difference! It was headlined by Mrs. Katie Boyd Britt of the Business Council of Alabama.

The third webinar highlighted some of the legislative and protective resources small businesses should remember as our economy continues to take steps to reopen! We were joined by the Alabama State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business, Mrs. Rosemary Elebash.

You can re-watch each of these informational webinars on our Facebook or on the Chamber’s website at cullmanchamber.org/business-webinars/

March Small Business of the Month:
Werner’s Trading Company
1115 4th St SW, Cullman, AL 35055

March Sponsor:
AK Equipment Rentals & Sales

April Small Business of the Month:
Compton’s Veterinary Hospital
1011 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055

April Sponsor:
East Side Barber Shop

June Small Business of the Month:
Kathy Sims Alfa Insurance
3188 AL-157, Cullman, AL 35058

June Sponsor:
Three Pears
Congratulations to Andrews Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Center for holding their virtual ribbon cutting on Monday, May 18th to celebrate opening their Cullman office! The office is located at 1301-A Bridge Creek Drive NE, where Andrews Sports Medicine - Cullman is adjacent to Eva Road and easily accessible from Highway 157 and I-65.