

PARIS-HENRY COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

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FEBRUARY CHAMBER COFFEE HOST Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT)

"A national model for technical education which is catching the attention of organizations such as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation," is how James King, Vice-Chancellor for Technical Education describes the 27 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology. The local college, with a main campus located at 312 S. Wilson Street, currently offers 13 training programs and serves approximately 350 students with extension campuses in Dresden and Camden.

Following 12 to 20 months of education, students graduate armed with diplomas, licensures or certifications which prepare them well for the local workforce. Part of this training often includes internships and co-operative learning opportunities with many area business and industry.

Beginning in 1969, Rep. Willie J. Neese began the process of securing state appropriations for the College, which was initially a branch of the McKenzie Campus. The schools were originally called State Area Vocational Technical Schools. Opening its doors on

**Help us welcome our
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March 1, 1972, the Paris College originally offered Nursing and Electronics programs. The original building has been renovated twice with the first being a 23,000-square-foot addition in 1973. A 6,000-square-foot addition and renovation occurred in 1997-98.

Through the years, the "Vo-Tech"-- as it was often called-- has evolved-- with name changes to Tennessee Technology Center in 1994 and to TCAT in 2013. One thing that has remained constant is the fact that the only course of study to been offered continuously through the past four decades is the Practical Nursing program.

Please Join Us!
312 S. Wilson St.

February Calendar of Opportunity

February 16 / President's Day / Chamber Office Closed

February 19/ Executive Committee Meeting / Chamber Office / 8 am

February 20 / Lunch & Learn / Chamber Office / Noon

February 24 / Chamber Coffee / Tennessee College of Applied Technology / 8 am

February 25/ 12@12 Membership Luncheon / Chamber Office / Noon

February 26 / Board of Directors Meeting / Chamber Office / 8 am

Leadership Henry County will meet February 17th for the Local Government Session.

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The Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and the Paris-Henry County Industrial Committee, a cooperative effort of the city and county, work jointly as the Henry County Alliance to achieve the economic development goals of Henry County.

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