



## The Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce has great things planned for 2022

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We had an awesome start in January. There was an influx of new members that joined our chamber family. We received and have begun distributing our 2022 chamber directories, printed by D-R Media. On Jan. 20, we had a Tourism 101 Lunch & Learn presented by Visit Central Florida and catered by Colon Bakery. The Lunch & Learn was hosted in our chamber boardroom, and we were happy to have a full room of attendees. We were also able to send both our Adult and Youth Leadership groups on an overnight trip to Tallahassee to learn about our state government and meet some of the elected officials.

We concluded the month with our 43rd Annual Awards Banquet at the Tom Fellows Event Center in Davenport on Thursday, Jan. 27. This annual event featured an awards ceremony for our 2021 Small & Large Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year and 2022 Hall of Fame inductees, a passing of the gavel ceremony, introduction of the Chamber's Leadership Class XII, a fabulous catered dinner by the Catering Company of Central Florida, Entertainment by Gaby Violin & more!

For February, we had two events planned. The first event is the Annual Education Celebration Luncheon. That was held on Thursday, Feb. 17, at the Tom Fellows Event Center, 207 North Blvd. W., Davenport. We recognized our local schools' nominees for Teacher of the Year and School Related Employee of the Year. A recap of the luncheon is on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/northeastpolkchamber>).

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We will host a ribbon cutting for MIDFLORIDA Credit Union's new Haines City location. The ribbon cutting will be on Friday, Feb. 25, at 2:30 p.m., 35849 U.S. Highway 27 North, Haines City. This event is open to the public and free to attend.

Looking ahead, we have numerous other events planned. We will be hosting monthly luncheons. Some of the scheduled speakers and topics include the Early Learning Coalition of Polk County, Sheriff Grady Judd, Youth Leadership Graduation, Adult Leadership Graduation, Non-Profit Showcase, and more. More information will be shared as each luncheon date nears.

Our next major annual event is our 10th Annual Youth Leadership & Scholarship Golf Tournament. It is scheduled for Friday, May 6. We are finalizing details now and will share more information soon. We will also be hosting our 40th Annual Pig Roast & Political Rally on Friday, Aug. 5, at the Lake Eva Event Center in Haines City.

Information on all of our events can be found in our weekly emails. To be added to our email distribution list, please email us at [info@northeastpolkchamber.com](mailto:info@northeastpolkchamber.com) with your request. Information can also be found on our website at [www.northeastpolkchamber.com](http://www.northeastpolkchamber.com) and on our social media platforms (Facebook & Instagram - @northeastpolkchamber | Twitter - @NEPChamber). We look forward to connecting and growing with you in Northeast Polk County.



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