

**Third Quarter 2020** 



# Franklin College benefits local businesses and community

Franklin College will welcome students and faculty back to campus in late August and invites Chamber members to connect in the following ways throughout the academic year:

- → Discover future employee talent by hosting an internship, participating in a classroom panel, conducting mock interviews or mentoring a student through the B.O.S.S. professional development program. Virtual options available.
- → Hone your professional skills in a workshop hosted by Leadership Johnson County at Franklin College. Future topics include interacting effectively at work, entrepreneurial marketing and vision casting. The popular women's leadership workshop will be February 12.
- → Be inspired by attending student art, music and theatre shows, and enjoy lectures on contemporary topics by national leaders, educators and authors.
- → Learn local history through the Honorable Roger Douglas Branigin Archives. He was a 1923 Franklin College graduate and Indiana's 42nd governor. His are the only gubernatorial archives maintained outside of Indianapolis and include correspondence from former U.S. president John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. View the collection digitally or within B.F. Hamilton Library.
- → Promote your business by sponsoring a college event or program that builds an awareness impression with your target customers.



- → Stand up and cheer for the Grizzlies' 21 athletic teams, powerhouses in the NCAA Division III.
- → Take a selfie with Ben Franklin, as he studies the Declaration of Independence. The bronze statue, pictured above, by Colorado artist George Lundeen has graced Dame Mall since 2004.
- → Take a 1-mile wellness walk around an urban forest in Grizzly Park and look for tumbling grizzly cubs affectionately named Ruff and Tuff.
- → Meet President Kerry Prather, scheduled guest speaker for the November 12 Franklin Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

Future events may be impacted by emerging health and safety guidelines related to COVID-19. Please consult www.FranklinCollege.edu or 800.852.0232 when making plans.

→ Learn more at franklincollege.edu



#### **TIMELINE**

11:00 a.m. Registration/Box Lunch

**12:00 p.m.**Golf Shotgun Start

**5:00 p.m.** Dinner/Awards

#### **DOWNLOAD**

sponsor and player registration forms at franklincoc.org

#### LOCATION



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# **LEARNING TO ADAPT**

## in times of crisis



DIRECTOR'S NOTES
Rosie Chambers,
executive director

When I interviewed for a position at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce seven years ago, I was asked a traditional interview question -

something like, "Tell us how you handle things not going as planned". Quickly, I said, "I over prepare, then go with the flow". I was pleased with my off-the-cuff pat answer. I am pretty sure it was a Facebook inspirational meme that pierced my subconscious! It has stuck with me over the years as a truth about myself. I do over prepare. I do have the flexibility to go with the flow. But what happens when we are hit with a COVID tidal wave? How can we ever prepare, and how can we avoid detriment to

ourselves and our businesses when we navigate such an unexpected and unprecedented flow – and murder hornets?

Like you, the Chamber has shifted the way we do things. We have become flexible with our hours and staffing. We've added new words and phrases to our vocabulary like: unsettling, unprecedented, new normal and social distancing. We've changed the way we disburse information by expanding our use of virtual mediums. We converted our meetings to on-line or small groups; we even held our member-favorite cookout as a drive-thru event.

The Franklin Chamber has been serving the greater Franklin community for 110 years and we are determined to ride



this wave to calmer waters. Let's try to remember the lessons learned about flexibility, determination and courage when we are on the other side of this crisis. Because we know, historically speaking, we *will* get to the other side and be stronger for the journey.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance. The Franklin Chamber is here for you, your employees, your business and our community. I look forward to seeing you very soon!



Board Member Jeff Dutton delivers a drivethru lunch at the Franklin Chamber Annual Member Appreciation Cookout.

# Look for event details and updates on the events calendar at www.franklincoc.org

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Social distancing will be observed at all events.** Events
may be impacted by emerging health and
safety guidelines related to COVID-19. Visit
franklincoc.org for latest event updates.

#### **AUGUST**

#### **CHAMBER MEETING**

Date: August 13, 2020 Time: 12:00-1:00 p.m. Location: Virtual Program: TBD

### **HOMEVIEW COLOR BASH 5K**

Date: August 22, 2018 C

**Location:** Province Park, 396 Branigin Blvd., Franklin

#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### **CHAMBER LUNCHEON\***

**Date:** September 10, 2020 **Time:** 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Garment Factory Events, 101 E. Wayne St., Franklin

Program: TBD

#### FRANKLIN YP NETWORK

**Date:** September 17, 2020 **Time:** 4:30-6:30 p.m

**Location: TBA** 

#### **OCTOBER**

#### **42nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

Date: October 1, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m. registration and box lunch, 12:00 p.m. shotgun start **Location:** Hillview Country Club, 1800 E. King Street, Franklin



#### **OFFICE HOURS**

#### **CHAMBER OFFICE IS CLOSED:**

- Labor Day September 7
- Columbus Day October 12

# MEMBER BENEFITS DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know...The Franklin Chamber has been a fixture in the community since 1910?



↑ 1920s Franklin Chamber Board

#### **CHAMBER LUNCHEON\***

Date: October 8, 2020 Time: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Location: Beeson Hall, Franklin

Program: TBD

#### **CHAMBER BASICS**

**Date:** October 29, 2020

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m., RSVP required

**Location:** Chamber office

**Program:** Maximize Chamber Benefits

\* For all monthly luncheons please RSVP by the Tuesday prior to the event. Lunch is \$20.

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