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Opelika Chamber of Commerce Welcomes 2022-2023 20 Under 40 Class

Opelika, AL- (July 12, 2022) The Opelika Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its 2022-2023 class of 20 Under 40. The 20 Under 40 program, under the direction of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce, is a class comprised of 20 outstanding people under the age of 40 who live in Opelika, love Opelika and have a vested interest in shaping the direction of this city's future.

The 20 Under 40 Board had numerous applications submitted making it a competitive application process. The purpose of the program is to bring together young professionals from diverse professions and backgrounds on a regular basis to learn about the various aspects of the intricate workings of a city, school system, business, industry, and public service to give them a better understanding of how all of these separate entities come together to create a working, viable community. The 20 Under 40 Board of Directors and Opelika Chamber are pleased to announce the following class members.

Joel Alvarado, Baxter International

Walker Beams, Keller Williams Realty

Mary Katherine Brasher, Himmelwright, Huguley & Boles

Darin Brown, Garan, Inc.

Jacob Danford, Café 123

Savannah Douglas, Golden State Foods

Natalie Downs, Home Instead

Leif Espelund, Heritage House

Karen Gilmore, AO Tourism

Stephanie Graham, Alfa Insurance

Jessica Henderson, Lee County Sheriff's Office

Courtney Jones, City of Opelika

Anna Jones, Opelika Public Library

Taft Ledbetter, The Talons Group

Tamarcus Milner, Opelika Learning Center

Catherine Olen, Opelika Chamber

Eric Perry, Machen McChesney

Austin Puckett, East Alabama Health

Meghan Taylor, Ferguson Enterprises

Antez Tolbert, Golden State Foods

Preston Winkles, The Bottling Plant Event Center

Tiffany Yelder, Opelika City Schools

"We are excited for the 2022-2023 20 Under 40 Class. This year features an excellent group of professionals who are prepared to learn more about Opelika and are committed to improving our already fantastic community," shared Rosanna McGinnis, Chairman of the 20 under 40 Board of Directors. The 20 under 40 program has continued to be a success for the Opelika community since its beginning in 2006. This year's class will undergo intensive training on all things Opelika from a governmental, economic, and community centered perspective. Throughout the year, the class will meet regularly and work collectively on a service project that will culminate with their graduation on May 23rd. We are proud of the work that this program does to help shape young leaders within the Opelika community.

About the Opelika Chamber of Commerce

For more than 80 years the Opelika Chamber has been working every day to build bridges, cultivate community, and elevate business. Recognized for their operational best practices among 501(c)6 not-for-profit Chambers of Commerce, the Opelika Chamber is one of only 3 5-star accredited chambers in the state of Alabama. Representing more than 800 businesses and almost 20,000 employees, the Opelika Chamber connects businesses to each other and to new ideas, helps them grow and expands their influence, provides education & leadership development opportunities, and builds community among citizens and business owners alike.