



2018
Annual Summary



Championing business and community

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MISSION

To drive economic growth and
community advancement
in the Wichita region



The Wichita region
is the premier place to grow
companies, careers and communities.

VISION



Celebrating our accomplishments

Advocating for a better regulatory and business environment for our region is the cornerstone of the Chamber's work. Both the Chamber's Government Relations Committee and the Chamber's Political Action Committee (PAC)

have worked diligently this election year to provide even greater value and results for our members.

Convening and partnering with our elected officials and other area leaders differentiates us from other membership organizations. Our work with these influencers has also helped us in our other goals, including building a more inclusive workforce. Those efforts are critical as we compete for the talented workers we need to advance our companies, organizations and community to the next level.

Through these efforts, we've been able to produce positive and tangible results for our members this year, including this partial list of positive outcomes shown on the right.

I appreciate the work of our affiliates and partners in championing our businesses and our community. It's been a pleasure to work more closely with our dedicated members, board and staff this year in my leadership role.

Thank you for your continued support in maximizing every opportunity we have to fulfill the Chamber's mission and vision. Your membership is the foundation of our current success and our future achievements on behalf of this community.

William (Bill) Wood
Partner, Foulston Siefkin LLP

2018 Chairman of the Board of Directors
Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

Top 2018 *Achievements*

Thank you to our members, Board of Directors, partners and employees for helping us produce these results:

- Worked with state and local government to accomplish 17 legislative pro-business wins and 6 partial wins
- Endorsed 30 business-focused candidates in the 2018 election process
- Created an Advanced Manufacturing Task Force that secured \$5 million in additional funding for the National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) and helped restore \$5 million in funding for the National Center for Aviation Training (NCAT)
- Secured full funding for the state's Excel in Career Technical Education (CTE) initiative
- Invested in Project Wichita and facilitated 9 focus groups with 274 participants
- Initiated the Wichita Connect website and mobile app to improve employee recruitment
- Activated small-business engagement in inclusion, policy, talent and quality of place activities
- Recognized for Diversity and Inclusion work with an award from the Wichita Business Journal
- Connected 42 young professionals with 14 community leader mentors
- Initiated the Mission Wichita program to connect young professionals with high-achieving airmen from McConnell Air Force Base
- Recognized by analyst James Chung for the Wichita flag and #ILoveWichita movement in improving local perception issues

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Four *Focus* Areas

ADVOCATING

Representing Business Interests with Government

Advocating for responsible regulations and policies

CONNECTING

Providing Opportunities to Build Business Relationships

Helping members become more profitable and competitive

INFLUENCING

Provide Political Action

Impacting the election process

PROMOTING

Championing the Community

Attracting top talent and improving the quality of life

2018 Strategic *Priorities*

EDUCATION POLICY

GOAL: Advance a multi-faceted plan to address urgent educational and workforce demands of the aerospace industry and other advanced manufacturing

BOARD LEADS: Walter Berry of the Berry Companies and Vice Chair of Government Relations; Lyndy Wells with the Greater Wichita Partnership

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

GOAL: Identify and activate a committee to assist with small business engagement in inclusion, policy, talent and quality of place activities

BOARD LEADS: Andrea Scarpelli of Emprise Bank and Vice Chair of Membership and Engagement; Joy Eakins with Cornerstone Data and Vice Chair of Small Business

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

GOAL: Champion the competitive advantage of having a diverse and inclusive business climate

BOARD LEADS: Junetta Everett with Delta Dental of Kansas, Inc., and Vice Chair of Inclusion

QUALITY OF PLACE

GOAL: Advocate for a transformation of the convention center, performing arts center and riverfront as part of a bold vision for Wichita's future.

BOARD LEADS: Ben Hutton with Hutton, and Vice Chair of Quality of Place

Chamber Affiliates

Our five affiliates also work diligently to support our business community, partnering with the Chamber to make this region the premier place to grow companies, careers and communities.

Friends of McConnell • Wichita Educational Foundation • Wichita Chamber Political Action Committee (PAC)
Wichita Manufacturer's Association (WMA) • Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW)