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August 31, 2022 | 8am - 12pm

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Welcome Note:

The Dulles Chamber is focused on the region's workforce as we build the economic engine of the future with a leading international airport, new metro expansion, and non-stop new business growth.

During the post-pandemic phase, the Chamber is making it their goal to provide solutions and resources to the surrounding Dulles region so they can return even stronger.

The Chamber believes businesses, non-profits, and local government should be involved in understanding the community's challenges and working together to provide innovative insights into how to better serve the region's business environment.



The President of the Chamber, John P. Boylan said, "The focus on workforce is a result of our Board of Directors raising key concerns on housing and transportation. We couldn't run the event without the support of these community leaders, especially our title sponsor, Aeronautical Systems Inc (ASI) and their CEO, Felipe Rodriguez."



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Event Agenda:

7:30am: Registration & Networking

8:00am Welcome from the Dulles Chamber: John Boylan, *President*

8:15am Opening Remarks: Victor Hoskins, *President & CEO*, Fairfax County Economic Dev.

8:35am Panel - Tech & Trades:

- Moderator: Dip Chandra, *Executive Director*, BNI Northern Virginia North
- Michael Murphy, *Workforce Development*, Rosendin Electric
- Scott Settar, *Academy Administrator*, Chantilly High School Academy
- Keeler Hunt, *Owner*, Flowthrough Plumbing Co. LLC

9:30am Panel - Healthcare:

- Moderator: Nathan Vooy, *CEO*, StoneSprings Hospital
- Dr. Shelly Powers, *Provost*, NVCC Medical Education Campus
- Rebecca Kiesling, *Exec. Director*, NAMI Northern Virginia
- Colleen Gillis, *Partner*, Cooley LLP

10:20am: Break & Networking

10:40am Panel - STEM

- Moderator: Dr. McNiff, *Executive Director*, Tomorrows Engineers
- Karl Schwarz, *Vice President*, Parsons Federal Proposal Operations
- Chris Gregory, *Chief Engineer*, Hawkeye360
- Charles Yetter, *Deputy Vice President DC PM/CM*, McKissack & McKissack

11:30am Conclusion: Colleen Kardasz, *Assistant Director*, Loudoun County Economic Dev.

12:00pm Board and Speaker Sessions: Problems. Impact. Solutions.



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Our Chamber Speaker



John Boylan, *President, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce*

John is a retired US Air Force Lt. Colonel and currently serves as the President of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. He served in the Air Force for 20 years, flying as a Navigator on KC-135 air refueling aircraft. He led the command's Combat Flight Instructor Course for Navigators where he provided classroom lectures and inflight training. He also worked at legacy agencies to the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency where he was the Chief of Staff for the Deputy Director, Systems & Technology. At the Pentagon he served the Secretary of the Air Force's International Affairs where he led the technology transfer and export controls policy for Space, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance systems. John was also a National Defense Fellow at Tuft's Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy. After government service he worked in the defense and technology industries helping Lockheed Martin Corp with Business Development and Riverside Research with Government Relations. His experience and strategic thinking have been a guide to helping clients around the world and to our Dulles community.

Opening & Closing Remarks



Victor Hoskins, *President & CEO, Fairfax County Economic Development*

Victor Hoskins is President and CEO of the Fairfax County (Va.) Economic Development Authority (FCEDA). The FCEDA oversees growth of the largest economy in Virginia. Previously, he directed economic development in Arlington County, Va., where he led the team that brought Amazon's second headquarters creating 37,500 jobs for Northern Virginia and 100,000 jobs for the Washington, D.C., region, attracting \$4 billion in private capital investment and catalyzing creation of two major Technology Innovation Campuses to build the regional tech talent pipeline. Under Mr. Hoskins' leadership, the FCEDA launched a multi-faceted talent initiative aimed at attracting, retaining, retraining, and growing the workforce in Northern Virginia. With a master's degree in City Planning from MIT and an Honors undergraduate degree from Dartmouth, he has held executive leadership ranks in real estate in both the public and private sectors. As Deputy Mayor of the District of Columbia, his team transformed Washington with projects such as City Center, the Wharf and Union Market. Mr. Hoskins is frequently chosen for lists of the most influential business leaders in Virginia and the Washington area. He is a popular public speaker on economic development and leadership topics, and he has been quoted in Fortune, Forbes and the Washington Post.



Colleen Kardasz, *Assistant Director, Loudoun County Economic Dev.*

Colleen Kardasz is responsible for assisting the executive director in planning, directing, managing and overseeing the activities and operations of the department, which include commercial and rural business recruitment, retention and expansion; and research, real estate and marketing activities. She joined the team after 12 years in Northwest Ohio where her career included marketing, communications and international business development for a non-profit and local government. An Ohio native, Kardasz graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in communication and Spanish from Hiram College. She received her law degree from the University of Toledo and passed the bar in Ohio, where she held an active license until moving to Northern Virginia with her husband and two daughters.



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Our Speakers - Tech & Trades Panel

Moderator:

Dip Chandra, Executive Director, BNI Northern Virginia North



Since November 2016, Dip Chandra is the Executive Director for BNI Northern Virginia NORTH, a franchise business made up of over 300 small to mid-size companies that passed over the last 12 months, 7,000+ referrals and transacted \$ 30+ million in business amongst one another. With the velocity of money being 5 to 7 times the actual transaction, BNI NOVA NORTH has a \$ 150 million to \$ 210 million impact in the local DMV neighborhood. That helps to transform so many lives, resulting in a stronger, healthier community. In his former career, Dip Chandra was a very successful partner relationship builder with a proven track record of working with Senior Executives to deliver mutually beneficial business alliances for both the firm he worked for and his partners. He has been responsible for supporting & generating strategic, joint, partner-related revenue sales in excess of \$100M in the 2nd half of his 36 year IT career. He has worked for various companies including Unisys, Siebel Systems (now Oracle), Northrop Grumman, Business Objects, SAP, Optimal Solutions, BDNA & Talend. His extensive industry knowledge includes a primary focus on government work (Federal, State & Local as well as Higher Education) but also some Utilities and Oil & Gas. This background assists his ability to comprehend organizational dynamics as it relates to how one can effectively work together towards a win-win scenario.

Michael Murphy, Workforce Development, Rosendin Electric



28 years as a Union Electrician
IBEW Local 26 member
Workforce Development / Regional Trainer for Rosendin Electric
Master Electrician, OSHA Outreach authorized trainer
NFPA Certified Electrical Safety Compliance Professional.

Scott Settar, Academy Administrator, Chantilly High School Academy



Scott Settar is currently the Chantilly Governor's STEM Academy Administrator. Mr. Settar holds a B.S. in Integrated Science and Technology, a M.S. in Occupational and Technical Studies and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership. Prior to joining the Chantilly Governors STEM Academy, Mr. Settar was the STEAM Integration Program Manager for Fairfax County Public Schools, leading K-12 STEM/STEAM based programs across the school district. As a teacher, Mr. Settar was recognized as the Teacher of the Year for West Springfield High School and his engineering program was recognized as the top program in Virginia and one of the top programs internationally by the International Technology Education and Engineering Association. Prior to teaching, Mr. Settar worked as an environmental scientist for an international environmental consulting and construction firm.

Keeler Hunt, Owner, Flowthrough Plumbing Co. LLC



Keeler Hunt is the owner of Flowthrough Plumbing company and is the founder of S.H.I.F.T. Super Humans In Future Trades. She has lived in Loudoun County for 30 years after an eight-year tour with the Military, where she was part of HSL-32 Search and Rescue Helo Squad. Throughout her life, Keeler has always searched out ways to help her community. Between 14 years working elder and hospice care, opening and running "Keeler's World", a safe-house for teenagers, and volunteering at local food distributions, Keeler has spent a life-time being true to one statement. You are your brothers' Keeper. Keeler has been married for 20 years to her partner in the business, Andrew Hunt; she has two biological children (David and Derek) and has been blessed with 87 other young adults who call her Mama Keeler and 32 wannabe grandbabies which know her only by Memom.



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Our Speakers - Healthcare Panel



Moderator:

Nathan Vooyo, *CEO*, StoneSprings Hospital

Nathan Vooyo joined StoneSprings Hospital Center as Chief Executive Officer in November 2020. He has been with HCA Healthcare for over nine years. Nathan received his Bachelors of Science from Vanderbilt University and his Master in Business Administration from the University of Southern California. When Nathan is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and friends.



Dr. Shelly Powers, *Provost*, NVCC Medical Education Campus

Dr. Shelly L.S. Powers, presents with more than 30 years of combined experience in the medical sciences and higher education. She has a distinguish track record of refining, building, and improving organizations. Dr. Powers currently serves as the newly appointed Provost at Northern Virginia Community College, Medical Education Campus. Prior to assuming this role, she served as NOVA's academic dean for health sciences. Before joining NOVA in 2018, she held faculty and academic administrative roles at Howard University, serving as Chairperson, Program Director, Director of Didactic Education, Senior Academic Coordinator and Assistant Professor for the Physician Assistant Program in the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences; Executive Director for the District of Columbia Area Health Education Center; and at Anne Arundel Community College, where she served as interim program director for the Physician Assistant Program. Powers holds a Doctor of Medical Science from the University of Lynchburg, a Master of Administrative Management from Bowie State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant from Howard University.



Rebecca Kiesling, *Executive Director*, NAMI Northern Virginia

Rebecca Kiesling is the Executive Director of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia, serving the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, and Falls Church. Rebecca is passionate about creating communities that are stigma-free, advocating for real change, and breaking down barriers to resources that can improve the lives of people, families and communities affected by mental illness. Before joining NAMI, Rebecca worked extensively with nonprofits for almost 20 years. During her career, she has testified before Congress, received national awards for strategic communications, and built nationwide grassroots coalitions for advocacy. Most recently, she was managing director of nonprofit with chapters in the US and throughout the world, helping further the education of medical students. A long-time resident of Northern Virginia, Rebecca has degrees from the George Washington University and from Georgetown University, as well as a certificate in Leadership and Management from Harvard Business School.



Coleen Gillis, *Partner*, Cooley LLP

Colleen Gillis represents major developers and national, regional and local companies in all areas of land use entitlement, including office, retail, industrial, mixed-use, residential, hotel and large planned community projects. She works throughout Northern Virginia, but the majority of her work resides in Loudoun County and Leesburg where she's been fortunate to work on a variety of projects over the years including One Loudoun, Brambleton, Commonwealth Center, Topgolf, iFly and millions of square feet of data centers. The challenge and privilege of working with clients, the community and elected officials to bring her clients' visions to life and enhance the lives of the citizens is what makes her job so rewarding and exciting. She also co-chairs the firmwide Mental Health and Wellness Committee.



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Our Speakers - STEM Panel



Moderator:

Dr. McNiff, *Executive Director, Tomorrows Engineers*

Dr. Timothy McNiff served as a school superintendent for 31 years in three different states. His last assignment was running the Catholic school system in New York City with 86,000 students in 276 schools. During that time he served as an adjunct professor for the University of Notre Dame and Marymount University, and was a board member for the national Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee. Dr. McNiff currently lives in Northern Virginia and is the Executive Director for Engineering Tomorrow; a national STEM organization that endeavors to increase the pipeline of future engineers by providing STEM education to high school students in over 30 states in the country.



Karl Schwarz, *Vice President, Parsons Federal Proposal Operations*

Karl Schwarz has over thirty years of experience providing engineering, management, and business development services for Federal Government customers and corporate initiatives. He is currently Vice President for Federal Proposal Operations at Parsons Corporation, a role he assumed after Parsons purchased OGSystems. At OGSystems he provided engineering and business development leadership. At Booz Allen Hamilton his assignments focused on providing engineering services to Intelligence Community projects. He began his career at General Electric where he assisted in the enhancement of complex communications, hardware, and software systems. He lives in Centreville, Virginia with his wife, Linda. They have four (nearly) adult children. He enjoys reading, sitting on the beach, and driving his classic Cadillac and Alfa Romeo. He has degrees in Electrical Engineering and sociology from Bucknell University.



Chris Gregory, *Chief Engineer, Hawkeye360*

Chris Gregory is the VP of Engineering at Hawkeye360, a startup RF Geolocation and Analytics company in Herndon, VA. Hawkeye360 flies a growing constellation of small satellites in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) to sense and geolocate RF emitters on the earth, producing a unique data source for the benefit of government and commercial customers. Chris holds an MS in Electrical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and a BS in Electrical Engineering from George Mason University. Before joining Hawkeye360, Chris spent the first 20 years of his career designing and producing satellite modems, first at Hughes Network Systems and then moving to at iDirect in Herndon during its startup phase. These satellite modems leverage conventional Geosynchronous (GEO) satellite technology and are used in high volume internet access applications on aircraft, maritime, enterprise data, and military applications.



Charles Yetter, *Deputy Vice President, McKissack & McKissack*

Mr. Yetter holds a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering degree from Penn State University and has more than 45 years of experience in the Construction and Real Estate industries. He currently serves as the Deputy Vice President for McKissack & McKissack's DC Project Management / Construction Management (PM/CM) services in the DMV. He is managing the Dallas Independent School District 2020 bond program and has also managed the DC Public Schools program for such school projects as the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Coolidge High School's historic renovation & Ida Wells Middle school along with Frank Williams Athletic Center. He also managed the iconic Smithsonian National African American Museum of History and Culture and for the last two years has been an engineering instructor for Engineering Tomorrow's stem program.



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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

September 8: Herndon Mayoral Debate

September 15: IGNITE Mixer Series - *Growth & Redevelopment in Fairfax Co.*

September 16: Speed Networking Breakfast

September 26: Metro Monday

September 29: 20th Annual Hispanic Business Reception

October 4: Mental Health Workplace Strategies Lunch

October 20: Golf 9 & Wine Mixer

October 21: Speed Networking Breakfast

October 24: Metro Monday

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