

# Business Perspective

February 2018

## Studying College and Metcalf corridor

Business professionals and local residents were invited last month to provide input for a study to develop concept plans and development strategies for the College Boulevard and Metcalf Avenue corridor. The City of Overland Park is evaluating how to improve the corridor including pedestrian movement and multi-modal transportation. For more information: [leslie.karr@opkansas.org](mailto:leslie.karr@opkansas.org) or [click here](#).



## Leadership class begins 2018 session

2018 Leadership Overland Park (LOP) class members had their first session last month, touring the city, learning Overland Park's history and development and sharing their visions for Overland Park. This month the class will go to Topeka to study state government and also spend a day learning about health and social issues.



## Our Mission:

To enhance the business environment and quality of life in our community.



## Chamber Calendar

### Public Policy & Advocacy Committee

**Friday, February 9, 2018** - 12:00-1:30 p.m.  
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

### Wednesday Wake-up

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018** - 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
**Shawnee Mission School District Center for Academic Achievement**, 8200 West 71st Street  
Free and open to Chamber members only

### Member Orientation

**Thursday, February 15, 2018** - 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
Overland Park Chamber, 9001 West 110th Street

### Legislative Breakfast #1

2nd in series of four legislative breakfasts presented by the Johnson County Public Policy Council  
**Saturday, February 17, 2018** - 7:30-9:00 a.m.  
**DoubleTree by Hilton**, 10100 College Boulevard

### Mayor's State of the City Luncheon

Sponsored by Saint Luke's Health System  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2018** - 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Convention Center**, 6000 College Boulevard

To register, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.

### February ribbon cuttings

**Thursday, February 8, 2018** - 4:00 p.m.  
**MONARCH**, 8100 Newton Street, Suite 300

**Thursday, February 15, 2018** - 9:00 a.m.  
**Planet Fitness**, 9331 Quivira Road

**Friday, February 16, 2018** - 9:00 a.m.  
**Sam's Club**, 8300 West 135th Street

**Tuesday, February 20, 2018** - 4:00 p.m.  
**Office Evolution**, 8101 College Boulevard, Suite 100

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018** - 4:00 p.m.  
**Saint Luke's Women's Health South**, 12300 Metcalf Avenue

**Thursday, February 22, 2018** - 4:00 p.m.  
**Blue Valley Dermatology**, 7840 West 165th Street

**Monday, February 26, 2018** - 4:00 p.m.  
**Saint Luke's South Radiation Therapy**, 12300 Metcalf Avenue



## Mayor's State of the City Address & Luncheon

Featuring  
**Mayor Carl Gerlach**

Join us to hear about exciting developments happening all across Overland Park!

To register, [click here](#).

**Tuesday, February 27**

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. • Overland Park Convention Center

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## LOP envisions the future

I enjoy the beginning of the New Year with all the “firsts” that it brings. A highlight of my January each year continues to be meeting the new class members of Leadership Overland Park.

The 2018 class certainly didn't disappoint and I can't wait for you to meet them, too. They are particularly sharp this year, representing so many facets of our community. We have both young and seasoned professionals. We have those who were born and raised in Overland Park, and several who were born outside the U.S., but have chosen Overland Park as their home. This class represents businesses of all sizes and types, from non-profit, to hospitality, to engineering, finance, healthcare and family-owned small business. We have several elected officials, and some who have had several careers, bringing a wealth of experience to the group. The experiences of those who have lived elsewhere in the country, and throughout the world, have elevated the discussions for the group.

This is the 35th class of LOP and, over the years, the steering committee and staff team have worked to improve the program, adding new experiences, class readings and a project to expand opportunities for leadership development and community engagement. The 2017 and 2018 classes began their experiences by reading *The Heart Led Leader: How Living and Leading from the Heart Will Change Your Organization and Your Life* by Tommy Spaulding. I highly recommend this book (a quick read, by the way) for anyone interested in further developing their own leadership effectiveness and that of their teams. Tommy is an engaging speaker and a to-the-point writer. He is direct when he says, “. . . leaders and organizations that lead with their hearts are more successful and drive better than those that don't. Love and results are not opposites. They are two sides of the same coin. It is not love or results. It is love-driven results.”

Class members discussed their own leadership styles, and explored the book's impact on how they could maximize their own strengths as well as the strengths found in other leadership styles to maximize results. This provided a good foundation for the day's final discussion, a SWOT analysis of Overland Park. Hopefully you've heard from numerous sources about our joint partnership with the City and Visit OP in a visioning project called ForwardOP. As a warm-up, we asked this year's LOP class to think about our community, not just from a traditional Strength/Weakness/Opportunity/Threat standpoint, but to take it a step beyond as prep for the visioning discussion. What strengths are our benchmark? Why do you choose to live here? What is unique? Instead of weakness, what do we need more of, less of in order to be competitive? What are the potential roadblocks inhibiting our success?

It's always interesting to see what makes the list. I won't take space for all the usual suspects, but will mention a few. Of course the quality of our public education system was high on the strengths lists, along with safety, our workforce, access and quality of healthcare, redevelopment in old OP, bike trails and parks. But those who have lived elsewhere reminded the group to not forget the quality of leadership, efficient commute times, cost of living and housing, the access and convenience of grocery stores, and the welcoming culture of our community.

What's missing? Nightlife. More public transit. Walkability, bike paths that connect. Lots of live music to choose from. Other weaknesses: workforce shortages, especially for restaurants and in nursing, healthcare capacity and the ever-present issues

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## President's Message cont.

on the education front which include the politics of the funding formula, loss of local control, socioeconomic differences between schools and diversity.

All of these areas identified brought opportunities and potential roadblocks for

further discussion. But they were enthusiastic about potential solutions. This class is experienced, bright and engaged. Look for them at Chamber events, and more importantly, in the community. They have a lot to contribute, and together, we're looking ForwardOP.



## Legislative Breakfast Series

The Johnson County Public Policy Council presents these upcoming breakfasts in which Johnson County legislators provide updates on legislative action at the Statehouse:

February 17      March 24      May 19

Breakfasts are 7:30-9:00 a.m. at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Kansas City-Overland Park**, 10100 College Boulevard.

**To register**, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.

## Member Orientation Thursday, February 15

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce  
9001 West 110th Street (Building 29 in Corporate Woods)

### Learn the value of your Chamber membership!

New Chamber members and new employees at existing members are invited to learn about Chamber resources and how to receive the full value of your membership. Network with fellow members and meet Chamber staff and representatives of the Chamber board, Economic Development Council and the City.

**To register**, [click here](#) or call (913) 491-3600.

## State of the County Address & Luncheon

presented by Chairman Ed Eilert

**Tuesday, March 27**

11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

**Ritz Charles Overland Park**  
9000 West 137th Street

**To register**, [click here](#).



## Join us at this networking event!

## Wednesday Wake-up

**A Business Before Hours**

**Wednesday, February 14**

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Hosted by



**SHAWNEE MISSION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Center for Academic Achievement**

8200 West 71st Street

Join us for networking over coffee and breakfast and explore **Shawnee Mission School District's** state-of-the-art home for professional learning programs. It includes collaborative spaces for signature programs such as medical health sciences, biotechnology and culinary arts. It also boasts environmentally friendly features and combined administrative offices for operational efficiencies.



Free and open to Chamber members only.

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## Thank you . . .

**HCA Midwest Health** is our  
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Thanks to this generous sponsorship, attendees at Chamber events now have a way to recharge their mobile devices while networking with their business colleagues.



**Thank you** to these members for their ongoing support of the Overland Park Chamber . . .

- **Grandma's Office Catering** for sponsoring our monthly Business Intelligence Report
- **Santee Floral Designs** for the weekly floral arrangements in the Chamber Foundation Building lobby
- **Parisi Artisan Coffee** for sponsoring the coffee bar in the Chamber Foundation Building lobby



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# NEW MEMBERS / REINVESTED MEMBERS



City Council President John Thompson, Chamber VP Beth Johnson and Chamber Diplomats helped Katie Stutzman and her team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the opening of Floor & Decor, 7601 Frontage Road. Floor & Decor offers the largest in-stock selection of hard surface flooring including tile, wood and stone, installation tools and products, free design services and free DIY classes every Saturday. For more information: (913) 333-9930 or [www.flooranddecor.com](http://www.flooranddecor.com).

## Member Renewals

*We thank these companies for reinvesting in December 2017:*

### 40-50 Years

MC Realty Group, LLC  
McGilley & Hoge Johnson County  
Memorial Chapel  
Shawnee Mission Health  
Wallace Saunders

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
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Residence Inn by Marriott  
True North Hotel Group  
The UPS Store-Oak Park  
Commons

### 20-39 Years

Fastsigns of Overland Park  
Hepler & Associates  
Kansas City Business Journal  
Paychex, Inc.  
Sandler Training  
Santee Floral Designs, Inc.  
Swiss Re America Holding  
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Zurich North America  
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### 5-9 Years

CBRE Group Inc.  
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Netsmart Technologies  
Online Trading Academy

### 1-4 Years

Advanced Sports & Family  
Chiropractic & Acupuncture  
Bukaty Companies Financial  
Services  
CycleBar® Leawood  
Device Pitstop  
Grantham University  
Grimaldi's Pizzeria  
Lifestyle Publications  
Rise Against Hunger  
Stratford Commons Memory Care  
Stratford Commons Rehabilitation  
& Health Care Center

### 10-19 Years

KCCV FM AM  
Chick-fil-A at Oak Park Plaza  
Dean & Deluca  
Foland, Wickens, Roper, Hofer &  
Crawford P.C.  
Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham  
Overland Park

## Welcome new members!

*We are pleased to introduce these new Chamber members:*

### AUREON

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Specialist, Technology  
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Overland Park, KS 66210  
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Computer Consultants, Computer  
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Designers & Consultants, Employee  
Benefits, Human Resource Consultants

### Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Kansas City Homes

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[www.kansascityhomes.com](http://www.kansascityhomes.com)  
Real Estate

### Community Impact Solutions, LLC

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- System Designers & Consultants

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david.ayers@kw.com  
[www.theatteamkc.com](http://www.theatteamkc.com)  
Real Estate - Residential

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7280 Northwest 87th Terrace  
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rsnearly@envoymortgage.com  
[www.envoymortgage.com](http://www.envoymortgage.com)  
Mortgages

### Identity Chiropractic

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identitychiropractic@gmail.com  
[www.identitychiropractic.com](http://www.identitychiropractic.com)  
Chiropractic Physicians - D.C., Health  
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### Matt Maciel Financial

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[www.mattmaciel.com](http://www.mattmaciel.com)  
Financial Services

### Metcalf Village Apartments

Meg Trast, Property Manager  
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info@metcalfvillage.com  
[www.metcalfvillage.com](http://www.metcalfvillage.com)  
Apartments

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courtney.kounkel@monarch.build  
[www.monarch.build](http://www.monarch.build)  
Contractors - General, Construction  
Management

### Pilgrim Coffee Company

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Overland Park, KS 66213  
(913) 258-5415  
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[www.pilgrimcoffeecompany.com](http://www.pilgrimcoffeecompany.com)  
Coffee Houses, Coffee & Tea  
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### Planet Fitness

Rick Kahn, Director of  
Corporate Sales  
9331 Quivira Road  
Overland Park, KS 66215  
(913) 717-6070  
overlandpark@unitedpf.com  
[www.planetfitness.com/gyms/  
overland-park-quivira-ks](http://www.planetfitness.com/gyms/overland-park-quivira-ks)  
Health & Wellness, Fitness

*(New members continued on next page)*

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to keep it vibrant. We encourage you to use them first  
when purchasing goods and services.**



New members continued . . .

## PQC Tech

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info@pqctech.com  
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Overland Park, KS 66085  
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[www.kcfamilychiro.com](http://www.kcfamilychiro.com)  
Chiropractic Physicians - D.C., Acupuncturists

## PreservingUS, Inc.

Angela Morehead, Executive Director  
6800 West 64th Street, Suite 101  
Overland Park, KS 66202  
(913) 671-3365  
amorehead@preservingus.org  
[www.preservingus.org](http://www.preservingus.org)  
Non-Profit Organizations, Real Estate

Refer potential new members to Stacy Cowan at [scowan@opchamber.org](mailto:scowan@opchamber.org) and receive Chamber credits!

## The Retirement Planning Group

Ryan Costello, President  
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Overland Park, KS 66213  
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ryan@planningretirements.com  
[www.planningretirements.com](http://www.planningretirements.com)  
Financial Planning Consultants & Services, Retirement Planning Services

## SelectQuote

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6800 West 115th Street, Suite 2511  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
(913) 274-1994  
amy.spellman@selectquote.com  
[www.selectquote.com](http://www.selectquote.com)  
Insurance

## State Farm Insurance - Alex Langford

Alex Langford, Owner/Agent  
8832 West 95th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66212  
(913) 649-9292  
alex.langford.w33w@statefarm.com  
[www.mykcaagent.net](http://www.mykcaagent.net)  
Insurance

## Tropical Smoothie Cafe

Nick Patel, President  
15933 Antioch Road  
Overland Park, KS 66223  
(316) 200-5139  
npatel@napkinhospitality.com  
[www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com](http://www.tropicalsmoothiecafe.com)  
Restaurants, Caterers



City Council Member Rick Collins, Chamber Membership Directory Stacey Cowan, and Chamber Diplomats helped **Overland Park Racquet Club** celebrate the opening of its expanded and upgraded fitness center at 6800 West 91st Street. Developed in partnership with GreatLife KC, the new center features elliptical, rowing and treadmill machines, cycles, stair climbers and cybex or free weights. For more information: (913) 642-6880 or [www.opracquetclub.com](http://www.opracquetclub.com).



City Council President John Thompson, Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen and Chamber Diplomats helped Dr. Carl Cleveland and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting at **Cleveland University-Kansas City** for two new degree programs: A.A.S. in Rad Tech & OTA. Both of the new programs have specially designed laboratory classrooms. For more information: (913) 234-0600 or [www.cleveland.edu](http://www.cleveland.edu).



Some of our newest Chamber members received new member plaques at last month's Wednesday Wake-up event. Receiving plaques from Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen were Tim Danker, **SelectQuote**; Jen Santa Maria, **Premier Chiropractic**; Matt Maciel, **Matt Maciel Financial**; Mary Bernard, **Community Impact Solutions**; Brad Marks, **Kansas Regenerative Medicine Center**; Sam McInerney, **Adara Overland Park**; Alex Goering, **Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Kansas City Homes**; David Jones Jr., **Hampton Inn & Suites Overland Park**.



City Council Member John Thompson, Chamber Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Annamarie & Mike Womack and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **iLoveKickboxing**, 6912 West 135th Street. iLoveKickboxing instructors teach the same exercises pro kickboxers use to get lean and toned. For more information: (913) 815-4040 or [www.ilovekickboxing.com](http://www.ilovekickboxing.com).



## RECENT EVENTS



City Council Member John Thompson, Chamber Director of Recruitment & Retention Tim Holverson and Chamber Diplomats helped Jeremiah Enna, Executive Director, and his team celebrate a ribbon cutting for the opening of The Culture House Stage & Studio in **Oak Park Mall**. The space is home to classes and workshops for beginner students in dance and theatre plus classes in adult fitness, adult tap and hip hop. The Stage is a venue for performances, talent competitions, special workshops and inspiring gatherings. For more information: (913) 393-3141.



City Council Member Faris Farassati, Chamber Membership Director Stacey Cowan and Chamber Diplomats helped owners Callie Phillips and TJ Bell and their team celebrate a ribbon cutting for **Burn Boot Camp**, 6600 College Boulevard. Burn Boot Camp is a lifestyle fitness facility designed to inspire, empower, and transform the lives of busy women and their families through a high-energy 45-minute workout that maximizes results with an average burn of 700 calories per camp. For more information: (913) 515-0714 or <https://burnbootcamp.com/locations/overland-park-ks>.

### Wednesday Wake-up

A Business Before Hours

hosted on January 10 by



OVERLAND PARK  
REGIONAL  
MEDICAL CENTER



Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen addresses Wednesday Wake-up attendees.

Amy McCauley, **Overland Park Regional Medical Center**; Deanna Herman, **Don Ernst Agency-Farmers Insurance**; John Frownfelter, **Johnson County Funeral Chapel and Memorial Gardens**.



John Burrows, **Mid-America Orthopedics Kansas City**; Bailee Jeffries and Christianna Smith, both with **Garden Terrace at Overland Park**.

Holly Grimwood; Matt Maciel, **Matt Maciel Financial**; Frank Flores, **Lifestyle Publications**; Johnnie Lomonte, **Johnson County Funeral Chapel and Memorial Gardens**.



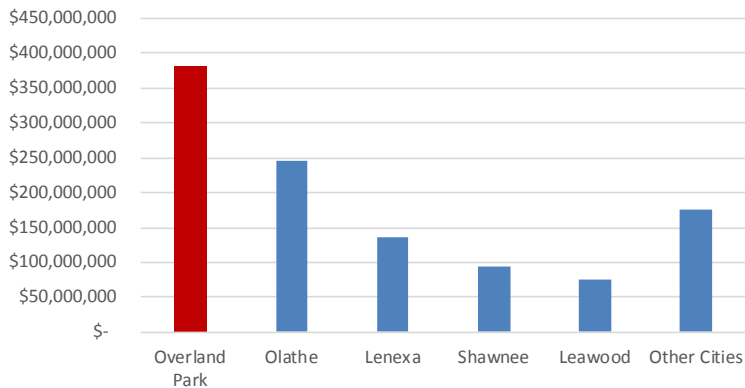
Chris Muehlbach, **Museum at Prairiefire**; Ginny Cross, **Morningside Place Alzheimer's & Memory Support**; Rande Krumwiede, **American Red Cross**; Cindy Sims, **SIMSDirect**; Lonny Cohen, **KC Relo Magazine**; Michael Funaro, **KC Golf Classic**.





## Overland Park Retail Sales

October 2017



## Unemployment

	Nov. 2017	Nov. 2016
Overland Park	2.8%	3.2%
Johnson County	2.8%	3.1%
Kansas City Metro MSA	3.2%	3.8%
State of Kansas	3.2%	3.8%

(These percentages are not seasonally adjusted)  
– Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC)

## New online data center offers demographics and trends

The Chamber website has a new Data Center that provides a centralized location for economic, demographic, and civic conditions and trends in Overland Park and the metro area.

The Data Center features datasets from the U.S. Census, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Institutional Post-Secondary Education System (IPEDS) and answers questions such as:

- What's the median household income in Johnson County?
- What's the average unemployment rate in Overland Park today and over the last 5 years?
- What's the median salary for child care workers in the Kansas City Metropolitan area?
- How many new college graduates live in Overland Park each year?
- What jobs are forecasted to see the most growth in Overland Park in the next five years?
- How fast is the population growing in Johnson County?

The interactive charts and graphs and underlying data can be downloaded as an image, spreadsheet, or PDF file.

If you have ideas for data information you'd like to see in the Data Center, contact Chris Jackson at (913) 766-7605 or [cjackson@opchamber.org](mailto:cjackson@opchamber.org).

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We design roads that are safe for cars, pedestrians, and cyclists. We make roads work smarter with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). We engineer stormwater solutions to keep water off of roads and out of basements. We design and inspect levees and dams to help control water flow from a small backyard pond to a major river flood. Our land survey team has a reputation for providing accurate surveys and exceptional client service. That's the cool stuff we do - the important infrastructure work that keeps our communities moving forward.

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## Member News & Events

**MarksNelson LLC** has acquired technology company Blue Ocean Consulting.

KC Golf Classic Tournament is the new name of Kansas City's annual Web.com tour event and returns for its ninth year at **Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate**, July 30-August 5.

The Hall Family Foundation and the Sunderland Foundation each donated \$75 million to **Children's Mercy Kansas City** to kickstart construction of the Children's Research Institute and accelerate recruitment of top researchers from around the globe.

Matt Sheets has been promoted to **First National Bank's** Kansas market president. He replaces David Janus who was recently promoted to lead First National Bank's Wealth Management Group in Omaha.

**The Culinary Center of Kansas City** has hired Chef Molly Flynn to lead the kitchens and Stephen Velie as King of Culinary Curriculum.

**Valbridge Property Advisors** welcomes back Derek Shaner as a senior appraiser.

**OMNI Human Resource Management** announced these staff additions and promotions: Sonja Ambur has added Operations Director, Employee Services to her responsibilities; Julie Anderson has been promoted to Operations Director, Talent Acquisition; and Anna Robinson has joined as Senior Search Consultant, Practice Leader-Health Care.

**Oliver Insurance Agency** has hired Catherine Connor.

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