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**Opelika Chamber’s 2023-2024 20 Under 40 Class**

**Opelika, AL- (July 6, 2023)**The Opelika Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2023-2024 20 Under 40 Class.

Opelika’s 20 Under 40 program is made up 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 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 these separate entities come together to create a working, viable community.

This year’s class members are:

* Ashley Colquitt – Opelika Chamber of Commerce
* Austin Duran – Machen McChesney
* Brandon Hutto – Opelika Police Department
* Charlotte Brown – Auburn University
* Claire Martin – East Alabama Health
* Griffin O’Connor – City of Opelika
* Haley Wilson – Lee-Russell Council of Governments
* Holley Head – MAX Credit Union
* Jessica Bloodsworth – MenuMatch, LLC
* Joe Janning – Bonnie Plants
* Katie Whittelsey – Community Foundation of East Alabama
* Kristen Ferrell – Auburn City Schools
* Lakieshia Barnett – Southern Union State Community College
* Laura Sellers – Opelika City Schools
* Lauren Bland Bernier – Lauren Bland State Farm
* Morgan Cole – East Alabama Health
* Nadja Gunn – City of Opelika
* Randy Kennessey – Walmart Distribution
* Sean Lackey – Golden State Foods
* Steven Webb – Kroger
* Theo Moore – Hiztorical Vison Productions

“20 Under 40 is a wonderful opportunity for young people in our community to grow both professionally and personally,” says President and CEO of the Opelika Chamber Ali Rauch. “This program was instrumental for both me and my husband. I love getting to see the growth of our class members each year, and look forward to seeing engaged & motivated citizens making a difference in the future.”

For more information about the 20 Under 40 Program contact Mackenzie Poole at mackenzie@opelikachamber.com or visit <https://www.opelikachamber.com/leadership-development/20-under-40/>.

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**About the Opelika Chamber**

For more than 80 years, the Opelika Chamber has worked to strengthen the community as the champion of business by building bridges, cultivating community, and elevating business in order to achieve excellence. Representing more than 900 businesses and over 20,000 employees in the region, the Opelika Chamber has been recognized for its operational best practices among 501(c)6 not-for-profit Chambers of Commerce. The Opelika Chamber is one of only three 5-star accredited chambers in the state of Alabama. You can learn more at [www.opelikachamber.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.opelikachamber.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7Caxy0001%40auburn.edu%7C027cce2f919849deda8108da91036a29%7Cccb6deedbd294b388979d72780f62d3b%7C1%7C0%7C637981741123399028%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wOf8AQPlOWdIF4S%2FSYZ31s3UyXJWgJzSYESO%2Fsq1fBo%3D&reserved=0).