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In this 2020 edition of the Bowling Green & South Central Kentucky Magazine, we're recognizing and celebrating the tremendous growth of the region and looking at what makes our community so appealing to people and businesses alike. Throughout the following pages, you'll get just a taste of the growth, strength and positive economic impact the community has experienced over the past decade.

From schools and infrastructure to manufacturers and small businesses, the region has seen growth in just about every area possible and the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to help continue that growth. Our team looks forward to working with existing and future partners to ensure the momentum continues and the area remains **Built for Growth.** 

From left to right: Eric Walker, 2020 Chairman of the Board | Steve Davis, 2019 Chairman of the Board | Ron Bunch, President & CEO

#### **A Word From the County & City**



"Warren County is well-known throughout the state and the nation as a community that works toward the common goal of being an economic powerhouse, all while maintaining an outstanding quality of life. After consecutive years of immense growth, Warren County continues to prove that our community is committed to ongoing and strategic development in all arenas. Continual growth goes hand-in-hand with fostering and cultivating the best resource we have in Warren County: our citizens."

- Mike Buchanon, Warren County Judge Executive

"As mayor of Bowling Green, it is my pleasure to work with the Chamber and the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet to grow and improve our great city. Each year, I am privileged to celebrate numerous ribbon cuttings and groundbreakings; each is a testament to this community's dedication to growth and sustainability. Bowling Green is fortunate to have a leadership team that shares a common vision for economic growth. I am proud to be part of that team, and I look forward to the continued prosperity of our city and region."

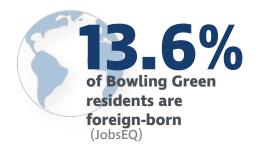
- Bruce Wilkerson, City of Bowling Green Mayor



## **Best Place to Live**

At Hot Yoga, we are beginning our 14th year here in Bowling Green, KY. We have seen incredible growth over the past decade in every way: revenue, attendance, community support, involvement and engagement, and lifelong friendships. We are finishing what promises to be our biggest year-to-date and have recently added another brand to our corporation -- "Revelation School of Yoga" -- a Yoga Alliance accredited teacher training program. We have basically trained more than 100 teachers over the past 12 years or so and are currently training 10 new 200-hour RYT candidates through a rigorous teacher certification course. We appreciate the opportunities that this quickly-growing community continues to provide for us and all small businesses here in Bowling Green and South Central Kentucky!

Tony Bishop, Director - Hot Yoga Bowling Green



1,903
FEMALE
OWNED FIRMS
(Census Bureau)

710
MINORITY
OWNED FIRMS
(Census Bureau)

The Bowling Green-Warren County Area has been extremely busy during the past 10 years. Industrial recruiting has been hugely successful bringing many new jobs to our region. The growth in our Industrial base has spawned even more growth in our schools, medical communities, and food services. Our firm has been fortunate to be located in one of the fastest growing regions in the South East. Our staff has more than tripled during the past 10 years.

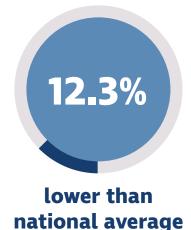
Jeff Arnold, President – Arnold Consulting Engineering Services, Inc.

## One of the TOP 20

Best Small Cities to Start A Business according to Wallet Hub

## in Kentucky

**Cost of Living is** 



(COLI, 2018)

Our business has grown 40% in the last 10 years here in BG. We had operated in a 5,200 sq. ft building for 18 years and now we have moved to a 51,000 sq. ft full-service facility for our commercial accounts. We have grown from 25 employees to 39. Our service truck fleet has grown from 6 service trucks to 13. We are now the largest commercial tire and service company in southern Kentucky with the largest fleet of 24-hour service trucks.

Wes McAdams, Owner / Coach - Best One

## FASTEST

growing metropolitan area in Kentucky according to 24/7 Wall St.

## BEST SMALL CITIES FOR BUSINESS 2019

## Place in Kentucky to get a mortgage

(SMART ASSET)

Serving the ten-county BRADD region, the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC) is not only a beneficiary of economic growth but also a catalyst to that growth. We take this role very seriously and strive to provide high quality entertainment, educational opportunities, and outreach for all ages that make Bowling Green and this region a desirable place to visit and reside. In addition to the dollars patrons spend in the community because of SKyPAC's activities, SKyPAC itself also stimulates the local economy through revenue generated with area merchants and contracting for a wide range of local services. Communities that invest in the arts reap economic benefits and integrating arts into education pays dividends as well. As Bowling Green and South Central Kentucky continues to grow and flourish, SKyPAC remains a vital component of this region's economic prosperity. By cultivating an enhanced quality of life, SKyPAC is proud to offer the people of this community one of Kentucky's top performing arts venues right here in our own back yard!

Robert Hankins, Vice President & Chief of External Affairs – Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center

#### **CHAMBER EVENTS**

#### **Annual Events**

#### **JANUARY**

Annual Dinner

28

Kick off the new year by joining us as we highlight the accomplishments and milestones of the Chamber and our partners and install the newest Chairman of the Board at the Chamber's largest event of the year. Before heading into the ballroom, the evening begins with a networking cocktail hour with 600+ Chamber partners, from small business to industry, and local officials.

#### MARCH

Women's Leadership Conference

**26** 

The WE to the Power of Three was created to inspire and empower women in the South Central Kentucky business community and includes a light breakfast, local vendors, a morning keynote speaker and luncheon. Attendees will walk away with posh gift bags containing goodies from local businesses.

#### MAY

Excellence Awards Luncheon

**12** 

Occurring during Small Business Appreciation Month, the Excellence Awards honors the Small Business Person of the Year and ATHENA as the keynote speakers during the program. Other awards presented include:

Mid-Size Business Person of the Year, Administrative Professional of the Year and ATHENA Young Professional of the Year.

#### **JUNE**

Small Business Golf Challenge

1

This fun day of golf allows partners to network in a relaxed and friendly environment with complimentary snacks, lunch and beverages. Player registration is open to Chamber partners and attracts players from businesses large and small.

#### **AUGUST**

Welcome Back WKU

26

Western Kentucky University is a significant contributor to the area's successful business climate, and this event gives Chamber partners the first opportunity to market to WKU's students. Located on WKU's expansive South Lawn, partners will set up carnival-style to provide giveaways, samples, activities and marketing materials to 3,000+ students their first week back.

#### OCTOBER

Targeted
Business &
Industry
Awards

13

This upscale banquet celebrates and recognizes area businesses and industry leaders who have more than 50% of their market outside Kentucky, bringing new dollars into our community. The event is attended by prominent community leaders and business executives and includes a reception and dinner, followed by the announcements of this year's award winners.

#### Monthly Networking Events

#### **Coffee Hour**

Rise and shine and join hundreds of Chamber partners for a morning of breakfast and networking. In addition to Chamber news and announcements, the Coffee Hour sponsor will take the opportunity to showcase their business in front of the community's largest professional business organization.

#### **Business After Hours**

Hosted by the sponsor, Business After Hours is a networking "Open House" event for them to celebrate a milestone or announcement or just showcase their product and/ or facility. Sponsors and guests take advantage of the opportunity to build connections with potential partners and clients in a relaxed atmosphere.

#### Let's Do Lunch

These monthly informal networking lunches are hosted by the Chamber and held at a partner restaurant.

#### **Business @ Its Best**

These small business workshops are offered monthly based on the needs of area small businesses and include topics on social media, marketing, customer service and more.

The 2020 monthly networking event schedule is **subject to change**. Go online to **bgchamber.com** or contact **Katie Dykes** at **Katie@bgchamber.com** for additional event details and sponsorship opportunities.



#### A DECADE OF GROWTH

**ATTRACTIONS** 

\$ 20,546,940

**1** 277

**EXPANSIONS** 

\$ 220,759,652

**1,376** 

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

\$ 241,306,592

**1,653** 

**ATTRACTIONS** 

\$ 2,760,620

**1** 50

**EXPANSIONS** 

\$ 36,102,207

285

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

**§** 38,862,827

**335** 

**ATTRACTION** 

\$ 244,5

**1** 265

**EXPANSIONS** 

**§** 118,4

673

**TOTAL INVES** 

\$ 362,9

**1** 938

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

\$ 37,300,000

**1** 410

**EXPANSIONS** 

\$ 189,502,000

1,187

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

\$ 226,802,000

1,597

#### **ATTRACTIONS**

\$ 142,300,000

**162** 

**EXPANSIONS** 

\$ 106,500,000

**1** 223

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

\$ 248,800,000

**1** 385

#### **ATTRACTIO**

**§** 51,47

180

EXPANSION

**§** 1,181

1,287

**TOTAL INVE** 

\$ 1,232

1,467

FROM 2010 TO 2019

A TOTAL OF \$4,119,558,934 WAS INVESTED

S

12,500

66,525

TMENT & JOBS **79,025** 

**ATTRACTIONS** 

- \$ 91,905,000
- **1** 547

**EXPANSIONS** 

- \$ 521,823,235
- **1** 973

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

- **§** 613,728,235
- **1,520**

**ATTRACTIONS** 

- **§** 13,400,000
- **1** 36

**EXPANSIONS** 

- \$ 290,372,340
- 960

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

- \$ 303,772,340
- **1** 996

NS

9,109

S

,201,975

STMENT & JOBS ,681,084

**ATTRACTIONS** 

- \$ 70,530,636
- **1** 362

**EXPANSIONS** 

- \$ 403,409,845
- **1** 748

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

- \$ 473,940,481
- 1,110

**ATTRACTIONS** 

- **§** 37,311,350
- **1** 200

**EXPANSIONS** 

- \$ 339,375,000
- **1** 771

**TOTAL INVESTMENT & JOBS** 

- \$ 376,686,350
- **1** 971

FROM 2010 TO 2019

A TOTAL OF 10,972 JOBS WERE CREATED





# 6 L A N E S



Because of the importance of Interstate 65 as a commercial and travel corridor, its widening ranks as one of the most significant investments ever made in the interest of business, efficiency, and highway safety. I-65 is one of the nation's most frequently used freight corridors with a heavy volume of commercial vehicle traffic.

Constructing 91 miles of roadway on a busy thoroughfare such as Interstate 65 set a record for one company executing this many miles of consecutive expansion. James Scott also offered some numbers to put his company's I-65 work in perspective, such as \$701 million – the total bid for the 15 sections of the project. Scott said the next lowest bid was for \$779 million.

Scott began his career in the highway contracting industry as a summer worker with the Kentucky Department of Transportation

(KYDOT) as a member of the survey crew in Russellville, KY.

Later in 1957, he graduated from the University of Engineering Technology course sponsored by the KYDOT at Russellville as an engineer. In 1966 he accepted a job with a paving contractor, R.E. Gaddie, Inc.. In 1972 Scotty purchased the paving busi-

We had a lot of flagmen who had to jump on a wall.

ness from Mr. Gaddie and started what is now known as Scotty's Contracting & Stone, LLC.

Scott has served in numerous leadership positions in industry associations and community organizations. Most recently he was recognized by his peers with a Life Member award from the Kentucky Association of Highway Contractors.

"We saved the state \$78 million," he said, adding that the Scotty's bid was even lower than the state had estimated the cost would be. "We think (the state) got their money's worth."

Other figures shared by Scott included 6.7 million tons of asphalt needed for the project, and 3.7 million cubic yards of material was excavated during the widening. Despite the massive scale of the project, Scott said he was most proud that his company didn't suffer a single fatality, despite the dangers of working on an active highway.

"We had a lot of flagmen who had to jump on a wall," to avoid being hit, Scott said.

As for other challenges, "the toughest job was controlling traffic 24

hours a day," Scott said. "It took a lot of training. The safety efforts were crucial, because someone's life was at stake."

As a result, "it's going to feed in even faster" to I-65 in Tennessee, where the road is only four lanes for long stretches.

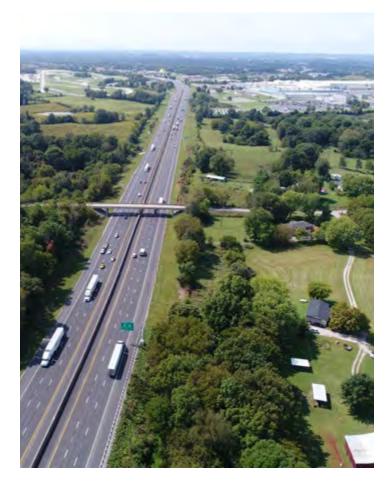
Exit 30 in Warren County is a landmark achievement.

This \$66.8 million project provides direct access to I-65 for companies in northern Warren County, including those in the Kentucky Transpark and Scotty's Industrial Park. Previously, all industrial traffic accessed both parks via Exit 28, near the General Motors' Bowling Green Assembly Plant and the National Corvette Museum, approximately four miles away.

The new connector road is four lanes, with the ability to be expanded to six lanes in the future. The Kentucky Transpark is an economic driver for South Central Kentucky, with the addition of Exit 30 the region continues to prosper. State and community leaders came together to bring this much needed interchange to fruition. It will help support jobs, investment and economic development throughout the entire state.

"The Connector Road Project epitomizes the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's mission statement: to deliver a safe, efficient, environmentally sound, and fiscally responsible transportation system for Kentuckians," said Joe Plunk, Chief District Engineer for the District 3 office. "The new roadway and interchange provides even greater accessibility for freight movement from one of South Central Kentucky's economic centers - The Kentucky Transpark -





Since 2011, 300 acres and 1.1 million square feet of industrial space have been developed within the Kentucky Transpark.



and enhance mobility for motorists in the region," said Plunk.

Since 1988, daily traffic along I-65 at the new interchange location has more than doubled, growing from 25,000 to over 52,000 vehicles per day, according to latest KYTC traffic counts. Just south of Exit 28, daily traffic increases to over 61,000 vehicles.

In addition to direct interstate access, the Kentucky Transpark offers tenants access to rail service and major highways. The Transpark is within close proximity to the Owensboro Riverport and several International Airports - including two global air cargo hubs.

"The interchange at the Kentucky Transpark has been a dream a long time in the making," said ITA Chairman, Gary Dillard. "Since Bowling Green Metalforming broke ground thirteen years ago, the economic development partnerships within the Warren County community continues to grow right along with the park. We are fortunate to have such a valuable tool in the community, and now it is visible to millions of people traveling along I-65 every year."

Since 2011, 300 acres and 1.1 million square feet of industrial space have been developed within the Kentucky Transpark. It is home to two state-of-the-art vocational-based education facilities and eight of the region's targeted industries, including Bowling Green Metalforming, which employs over 1,200 full time workers. As of April, the Transpark supports over 2,600 jobs, which will have a \$5.9 billion economic impact on South Central Kentucky over the next 10 years.

Direct interstate access to the industrial parks in northern Warren County will allow shorter commute times to destinations within the parks; truck and vehicle traffic will be able to reach their destinations within five minutes. Exit 30 will also alleviate congestion along US-31W and Exit 28.

"Congratulations are in order for the hundreds of people involved in making this project a success," said Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon. "I'd also like to thank Sen. McConnell for his vision and support in earmarking the federal funding to support this project."

"The Kentucky Transpark is not only a driving force for development and growth in Warren County, but for Kentucky. The impact the new interchange will have on the community is infinite, and we look forward to Warren County's undeniably bright future."

"Bowling Green has been very, very good to me," he said in response. "I believe in giving back." Scotty's Contracting and Stone gives generously to the needs of this community, and has done so for decades.

Scotty's Contracting & Stone is very fortunate to be located in a region in Kentucky that is vibrant and growing. The growth of the company has attributed to increased hiring of employees year after year. Additionally, they partner with Western Kentucky University and South Central Kentucky Community & Technical College for employee training and placement.

Dan Gallagher of Gallagher Asphalt Corp., and 2017 NAPA Chairman, said of the project, "The I-65 project is a great example of the quality work that Scotty's Contracting and the rest of the asphalt industry is doing. This project was independently rated by NCAT using qualitative standards and earned a 2017 Quality in Construction Award because Scotty's exceeded these rigorous standards."

Over the course of 40 years in business, Scotty's is no stranger to NAPA recognition: The company earned a 2015 QIC distinction for a portion of the I-65 expansion work that took place in Barren and Hart counties, as well as a 2013 award for



"Scotty's has been the prime contractor for the entire I-65 widening, since the 1990s"

the Exit 20 interchange off I-65 in Bowling Green and countless others for other, unrelated projects.

"Scotty's has been the prime contractor for the entire I-65 widening, since the 1990s," KTC District Engineer Joseph Plunk told Roads & Bridges. "They have a long history of I-65 work, and they understand the traffic patterns and volumes as well as, the demands and expectations from our freight partners, such as GM. There's a lot of mutual understanding there. The quality of their work speaks for itself."

I-65 is the highest trafficked north to south trucking transportation route



in all of Kentucky. On average there are more than 60,000 vehicles per day, of which approximately 23% is semitruck traffic.

"The South Central Kentucky region continues to experience extraordinary success through economic development, and the completion of the I-65 widening and implementing multiple interchanges, without a doubt, positively impacts our growth moving forward," said Bowling Green Area Chamber President and CEO Ron Bunch. "Strong partnership among the EDA, ITA, Chamber of Commerce, City of Bowling Green and Warren County government played a significant role in the almost two decade-long project."

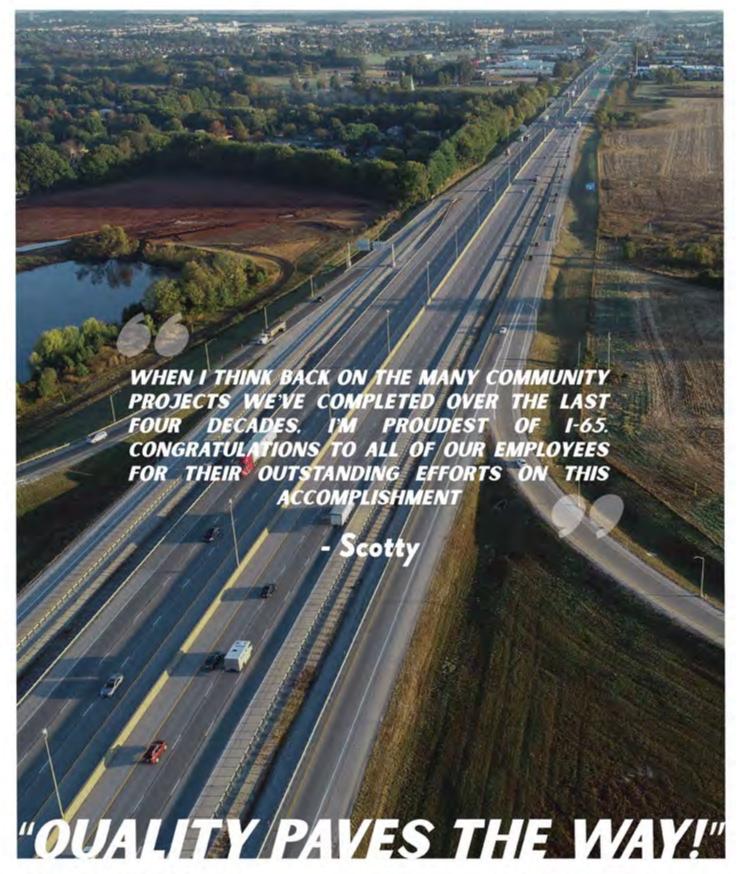
## DID YOU KNOW

Annual wages are 27% higher than they were 10 years ago.





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#### **Largest Employers in South Central Kentucky**

(M) - Denotes Manufacturers

Houchens Industries	5,467

			VA	
<b>Dart Containers</b>		5		

Henkel Corporation (M)	93	0	
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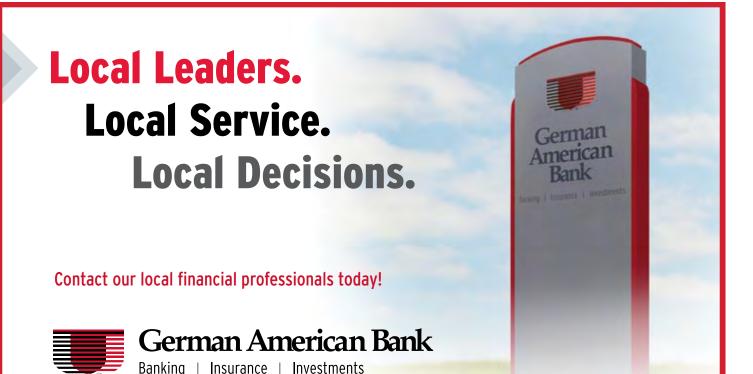
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## INTERNATIONAL GROWTH

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**Aventics** 





















#### **State Incentives**

Providing businesses with powerful incentives helps the Commonwealth achieve long-term economic growth. In turn, the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority - established by the Cabinet for Economic Development - encourages business expansion and job creation by providing financial support and tax credits including:

#### Kentucky Small Business Credit Intiative (KSBCI)

Designed to generate jobs and increase the availability of credit by reducing the risks participating lenders assume when making loans to small businesses. Using three distinct credit enhancement programs, KSBCI will help lenders finance creditworthy small businesses that would typically fall just outside of their normal lending quidelines.

#### Small Business Loan Program

The Small Business Loan Program is designed to help small businesses acquire funding needed to start or grow their small business. A small business must be engaged in manufacturing, agribusiness, or service and technology. Loan funds may be used to acquire land and buildings, purchase and install equipment, or for working capital. The minimum loan amount is \$15,000 and the maximum is \$100,000. The approved company must create one new full-time job within one year of the loan closing. KEDFA can fund up to 100 percent of the project costs and the loan can be used in conjunction with other lenders. The term of the loan can range from 3-10 years.

#### Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) Program

Provides income tax credits and wage assessments to new and existing agribusinesses, regional and national headquarters, manufacturing companies, alternative fuel, gasification, energy-efficient alternative fuels, renewable energy production companies, carbon dioxide transmission pipelines and non-retail service or technology related companies that locate or expand operations in Kentucky. Projects locating in certain counties may qualify for enhanced incentives.

#### Kentucky Enterprise Initiative Act (KEIA)

KEIA provides a refund of Kentucky sales and use tax paid by approved companies for building and construction materials permanently incorporated as an improvement to real property. It is also available for Kentucky sales and use tax refunds for eligible equipment used for research and development, data processing equipment or flight simulation equipment.

#### Kentucky Enterprise Fund

The Kentucky Enterprise Fund provides seed-stage capital to Kentucky-based companies commercializing a technology-based product or process. The funds exist to stimulate private investment in Kentucky-based technology companies with high growth potential. The Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation administers the funds under contract with the Council on Postsecondary Education.





#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH OF SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY** 2010 - 2019

**GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT** 

\$8,586,388,000 2019 \$11,743,904,000

+26.8% Increase from 2010

TOTAL WAGES EARNED WENT FROM

\$971,978,546

\$1,353,237,384

**MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME** 

2010 MEDIAN

\$38,771

**CURRENT MEDIAN** 

\$43,774

MEDIAN HOME **VALUE** 

2010 TO 2019

**CURRENT MEDIAN** 

\$104,492

**Current Value** 

2010 Value

\$119.147

**PEOPLE WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE** 

DEGREES IN 2010 ←

37,653

CURRENT DEGREES

45,354

**19.7% FOREIGN BORN** 

**FROM 2010** 

**FROM** 

11,104

IN 2010

TO

13,842

**TODAY** 

**AN INCREASE OF 16.9%** 

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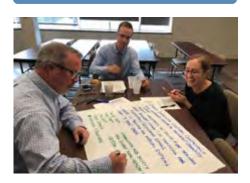


## Economic Inclusion Strategic Plan for New Americans

### **Unveiled**

## DID YOU KNOW

89 different
languages are
spoken and 35
countries are
represented in the
Bowling Green and
Warren County School
Districts.





New Americans are of the fastest growing groups in Bowling Green, increasing by nearly 87% between 2011 and 2016, and are an integral part to the City's vision for continued economic growth. So in 2019 the City of Bowling Green, in collaboration with the Bowling Area Chamber of Commerce and the Southcentral Workforce Development Board, received the Gateways for Growth Challenge, a competitive opportunity for local

communities to receive support from New American Economy (NAE) and Welcoming America (WA) for the development of a multi-sector strategic plan for connecting New Americans to local workforce and economic development opportunities.

The City of Bowling Green procured consultants from an organization in Cincinnati, Ohio called Cincinnati Compass, which is dedicated to advancing cultural and economic inclusion of immigrants and refugees in the Cincinnati, OH region. A steering committee representing various organizations and multiple sectors across Bowling Green / Warren County organized to help guide the process of developing the strategic plan. Twelve focused listening sessions were held over the course of several months to provide an opportunity for community members to share their experiences, provide information on the assets within the community, and make recommendations on how to leverage those assets to address the needs across the city to better welcome, support. and retain New Americans.



Building Community and Growing our Economy: A Welcoming Plan for New Americans will be unveiled to the public on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. The plan sets forth the prioritization of recommendations and strategies developed through a comprehensive strategic process bringing together over one hundred and twenty stakeholders from multiple sectors and industries. There are over twenty-two recommendations included in the plan, divided into three broad categories:

- 1. Strengthened and Inclusive Economy
- 2. Connected and Safe Communities
- 3. Engaged and Informed Families.

Similar plans in cities across the United States have spurred new initiatives to support immigrant and U.S.-born entrepreneurs; promote citizenship and financial empowerment; improve public safety; and advance education and workforce goals to help regions compete in the global economy. The vision for this plan is to be a guiding platform and community wide effort to include New Americans as part of our community's workforce solution to ensure continued economic growth for years to come.

If you are interested in engaging our newest Americans through this effort contact the City's International Communities Liaison, Leyda Becker at 270.393.3766 or

Leyda.becker@bgky.org





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Bowling Green Municipal Utilities 270.782.1200
Warren Rural Electric 270.842.6547 Cooperative Corporation

#### Natural Gas

Atmos Energy	888.286.6541
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#### Water / Sewer

Bowling Green Municipal Utilities	270.782.1200
Warren County Water District	270.842.0052

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Bowling Green Municipal Utilities	270.782.1200
Spectrum 8	844.316.8554

#### Trash & Recycling

Republic Services	270.781.0782
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Southern Recycling	270.781.3265

#### **Education**

#### Public K-12

Bowling Green City Schools	270.746.2200
Warren County Public Schools	270.781.5150
Allen County Schools	270.618.3181
Barren County Schools	270.746.2200
Butler County Schools	270.781.5150
Edmonson County Schools	270.618.3181
Hart County Schools	270.524.2631
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Monroe County Schools 270.	487.5456
Simpson County Schools 270.	586.8877
Higher Education	

Metcalfe County Schools ----- 270.432.2481

Daymar College	270.843.6750
Southcentral KentuckyCommunity and Technical College	270.901.1000
Western Kentucky University	270.745.0111

#### Libraries

Warren County Public	270.781.4882
Library Main Branch	

#### Government Offices

#### City of Bowling Green

Building Division	- 270.393.3615
Business License	- 270.393.3000
City Manager	- 270.393.3000
Driver's License	- 270.746.7417
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	- 270.393.3702
GO BG Transit	- 270.782.3162
Humane Society	- 270.842.8572
Parks & Recreation	- 270.393.3249
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Post Office	- 800.275.8777
PropertyTaxes (City)	- 270.393.3000
Public Works	- 270.393.3628

#### Warren County

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Property Taxes 270.842.1633
Property Valuation 270.843.3268
Public Works - Roads 270.843.8328
Rescue Department 270.783.3030
Treasuer 270.842.5805

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Butler County 270.526.3433
Edmonson County 270.597.2819
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6%

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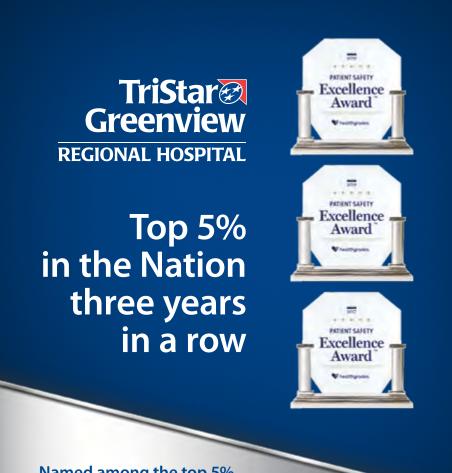
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SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY	<b>310,330</b>
BOWLING GREEN	68,401
WARREN COUNTY	133,459
BARREN COUNTY	44,595
LOGAN COUNTY	27,119
ALLEN COUNTY	21,341
HART COUNTY	19,075
SIMPSON COUNTY	18,750
BUTLER COUNTY	12,824
EDMONSON COUNTY	12,330
MONROE COUNTY	10,767
METCALFE COUNTY	10,070
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#### **Bowling Green City Schools**

The Bowling Green Independent School District has provided public education for students in the Bowling Green community since the first school building was built in 1882. The tradition and accomplishments of current students, generations of alumni, and employees provide evidence of the District's motto, *Excellence Is Worth The Effort*.







#### SCHOOLS:

- T. C. Cherry Elementary 1001 Liberty Avenue
- Dishman McGinnis Elementary 375 Glen Lily Road
- W. R. McNeill Elemetary 1800 Creason Drive
- Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary 165 Webb Drive
- Potter Gray Elementary 610 Wakefield Drive
- Bowling Green High School
   1801 Rockingham Lane
- Bowling Green Junior High 900 Campbell Lane
- Bowling Green Learning Center
   503 Old Morgantown Road

#### DISTRICT OFFICE:

Gary Fields, Superintendent 1211 Center Street Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101 (270) 746-2200 www.bgreen.kyschools.us

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS:**

- 4,270 Students
   Preschool 12th Grade
- 61% of Students Qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch
- 48% Minority Students
- 14% English Language Learners, with over 50 different home languages





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## **Utilities**

#### Atmos Energy

Recognized as one of the best places to work in Kentucky, Atmos Energy has served the Bowling Green area for more than 70 years. With close to 35,000 customers (and growing) in Bowling Green and the surrounding counties and over 182,000 in Kentucky, Atmos Energy is proud to be one of the lowest-cost energy providers in the Commonwealth.

Safety and reliability are paramount to Atmos Energy. Their corporate vision is to be the safest provider of natural gas services. In the last five years, Atmos Energy invested more than \$318 million in KY to improve their system's safety. It also strives for the highest operation standards by providing a state-of-the-art training facility in Dallas for field personnel to gain valuable training for the highest levels of safety and customer service.

Another cornerstone for Atmos
Energy is their corporate employee
culture. Atmos Energy believes their
employees are the heart of the company and encourages their employees to support their communities by
volunteering in multiple areas such
as education and community services. On many occasions, you will
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for various community causes.

Atmos Energy offers programs to help assist the community and qualified Atmos Energy customers with warmth and energy efficiency.

- The Sharing the Warmth program helps qualified families and individuals with energy assistance. Please contact: Community Action of Southern KY and Salvation Army
- The Atmos Cares weatherization program partners with local community agencies to support families that need weatherization

in their homes. The company offers up to \$3000 in home weatherization to Atmos Energy qualified customers. Please contact: Community Action of Southern KY

 Through its website – atmosenergy.com, there are many informational tips and online tools to save on home and heating costs.

#### Bowling Green Municipal Utilities

owling Green Municipal Utilities provides consumers with high-speed data services, safe and reliable electric service and award-winning water and wastewater treatment services. BGMU's Electric Division serves a population of about 50,000 within the city limits of Bowling Green, including nearly 4,100 commercial facilities. BGMU is one of 76 of the nation's more than 2,200 public power utilities to earn the highest Reliable Power Provider (RP3®) recognition from the American Public Power Association for providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. The honor recognizes public power utilities that excel at four key disciplines: reliability, safety, workforce development and system improvement.

In 2019, for the 12th consecutive year, BGMU was named a Tree Line USA Utility. The national Tree Line USA program is a partnership of the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters. The program recognizes public and private utilities for pursuing practices that protect and enhance America's urban trees.

**BGMU** treats water from Barren River and pumps it to five elevated water storage tanks. The Water Treatment Plant has the capacity to treat 30 million gallons of water per day, and the system includes over 290 miles of water mains. At completion of its current renovation, it will have the capacity to treat 45 million gallons of water per day. BGMU maintains over 270 miles of sewer mains and can treat 12 million gallons of wastewater per day. Bowing Green is fortunate to have safe, high-quality water that exceeds government-issued regulations.

BGMU's Fiber Optic Division has served the community for over 17 years. The division provides telephone, Internet and point-to-point services for area businesses. Services are provided over the only all-fiber network in Bowling Green with 24/7 support and an uptime rating greater than 99.99 percent.

All divisions of BGMU are easily accessible online, where customers can pay bills, utilize usage data, view water quality reports and stay in-theknow about projects, outages, road closures and ways to save energy.

#### Tennessee Valley Authority

VA Economic Development is part of Tennessee Valley Authority's overall mission of service. We carry out that mission through our work in: Energy, Environment, and Economic Development in our seven-state service area. Our aim in Economic Development is to attract new jobs and investment to the region, engage existing business and industries, and serve with our partners, like the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, to help communities prepare for economic growth.

Economic Development works to recruit companies to the Valley, focusing on specific industry sectors, or target markets, including: Transportation-related manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense, Energy Intensive Industries, Industrial Products and Consumer Products. These target industries are areas of focus based on location advantages of the Valley, natural assets and market demand.

Supporting business recruitment and retention, Regional Development Specialists work in seven territories across the Valley, including two in Kentucky, partnering with local power companies, regional, state and local economic development partners to help foster growth in the area.

**Product Development initiatives** are designed to identify or enhance industrial properties to better compete in the marketplace, preparing industrial sites and communities for continued growth before a prospective client is introduced.

TVA Economic Development works to serve the Valley by providing assistance through Community Development offerings and trainings. This support helps to prepare communities for economic growth by providing customized assistance, facilitation services and strategic planning. TVA Economic Development also offers site selection services, incentives, marketing, research and technical assistance to help companies locate, stay and expand in the Valley.

In fiscal year 2019, TVA worked with local power companies and economic development partners to help to create or retain 6,200 jobs and \$1.2 billion in capital investment in its Kentucky service area.



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#### Warren County Water District

A sone of the largest water and wastewater utility districts in the Commonwealth, Warren County Water District is recognized across the state and nation for its professional and progressive approach in providing clean drinking water and reliable wastewater services. More than 78,000 residents rely on Warren Water for safe, high-quality drinking water

Water on tap is an essential and invaluable resource. The average American uses 176 gallons of water per day. Warren Water works hard to maintain an affordable price while providing quality on tap, testing over 1,560,000 times per year to ensure safe drinking water. One gallon of tap water costs less than one penny. General Manager, John Dix, reinforces Warren Water's daily commitment to quality.

"Our team of water professionals work around the clock to keep our community healthy, running, and our economy growing," Dix said.

Warren Water serves a blend of residential, agricultural, commercial and industrial customers providing high-quality water service and reliable wastewater services to more than 30,000 water and 7,500 wastewater customers throughout Warren County.

Warren Water delivers over 8.5 million gallons of water per day; the system's water lines span 530 square miles.

The wastewater system includes over 175 miles of sewer lines and 65 wastewater-pumping stations that transport more than 2.5 million gallons of wastewater each day. "While essential, water infrastructure is largely invisible," Dix said. "Few people realize what it takes to treat and deliver safe drinking water every day. The high quality of life we

enjoy would not be possible without water and the infrastructure that fuels it. Valuing water means valuing our future."

Community involvement is an important role for Warren Water. As part of its community outreach efforts, the utility offers a renewable \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving graduating senior each year. Throughout the year, the company participates in area festivals and events to increase awareness of water conservation, recycling and other issues important to the health and safety of the community and the preservation of the environment.

#### Warren Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

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Corporation staff members work closely with economic development leaders in Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Logan, Ohio, Simpson and Warren counties.

As part of the Touchstone Energy alliance, Warren RECC is dedicated to innovation, accountability, integrity and community commitment.

The alliance of over 740 cooperatives in 46 states was created to educate member-owners and to provide a

nationwide network to bring added value and benefit to customers.

Warren RECC also works in partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority to offer financial and rate incentives to qualified industrial and commercial customers to assist with infrastructure costs and lower overall operating costs.

Community outreach has always been an important mission for Warren RECC. Safety and emergency preparedness demonstrations are available to fire departments, building contractors, farm organizations and other agencies dealing with high-voltage power lines and other electrical dangers. Educational presentations also are available for schools and civic groups to learn about the principles of electricity and electrical safety and how to deal with electrical emergencies.



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With over 1,000 employees, Graves-Gilbert Clinic has grown to become one of the area's largest locally-owned businesses. GGC's 220 providers, practicing in 25+ specialties, assist over half a million patients with their healthcare needs each year.

The clinic has offices in Glasgow, Franklin, Smiths Grove, Russellville, Morgantown, Lewisburg, Munfordville, Cave City, and multiple locations in Bowling Green. In response to the U.S.'s changing healthcare landscape, Graves-Gilbert Clinic and Western Kentucky Orthopaedics

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and Neurosurgical Associates merged in 2016. And in 2017, Graves-Gilbert merged with OHP Work and Southern Care Walk-In Clinics. These strategic mergers allow the clinic to offer enhanced services and broader resources for employers, and both Orthopaedic and walk-in patients.

In 2019, TriStar Greenview Regional Hospital, in partnership with Graves-Gilbert Clinic and several other medical professionals cut ribbons on the Greenview Surgery Center located at 484 Golden Autumn Way. Graves-Gilbert Clinic opened new offices on the 2nd floor of the building for General Surgery, Gastroenterology and Ophthalmology. This new venture allows Graves-Gilbert Clinic an opportunity to offer patients a low-cost alternative for many surgical procedures.

GGC now has a total of six walk-in locations, including the Family Care Center on Nashville Road, which houses specialists in the areas of Allergy, Pediatrics, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Rheumatology and more. The clinic continues to be very active in working with other great healthcare providers and industries in Warren County and

South Central Kentucky to ensure Graves-Gilbert offers the highest level of service. Due to regulatory changes and national legislative initiatives, many providers are choosing to seek out larger organizations to help with and streamline administrative tasks. Having been a part of the South Central Kentucky community since 1937, Graves-Gilbert Clinic is well-positioned to provide such services.

Adding to its increased convenience are the clinic's fully equipped laboratory, diagnostic imaging and radiology, as well as 3D mammography, low dose CT scanning, large-bore MRIs, and extended hours – seven days a week, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Graves-Gilbert Clinic is proud to offer lab and radiology services that are identified by most insurance carriers as the lost cost provider in our area.

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Med Center Health's goal is to offer the best healthcare close to home so patients don't have to travel to Nashville or Louisville. Services have expanded, numerous physician specialists have been recruited system-wide and the number of residents and fellows studying at The Medical Center at Bowling Green has increased. Among the many hospital-based services Med Center Health offers are:

- Heart, Lung & Vascular Surgery
- Neurology & Neurosurgery
- Medical & Radiation Oncology
- Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine
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- Behavioral Health
- Post-Acute Inpatient Care and Rehabilitation

As a complete, integrated care system with a mission of improving the health and well-being of its communities, Med Center Health offers a variety of services and programs in addition to its hospitals:

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# **TriStar** Greenview Regional Hospital

As the region's premier hospital facility, TriStar Greenview Regional Hospital wants to grow as Bowling Green grows. We are committed to providing the highest-quality healthcare to residents of Warren County and the Greater Bowling Green area.

#### Overview

- Serving Southern Kentucky for over 47 years with excellent comprehensive healthcare.
- Leader in emergency care with an Accredited Chest Pain Center with 24/7 PCI as well as Certified Primary Stroke Center.
- TriStar Greenview continues to be awarded the highest rating in patient safety - being one of only a few hospitals in Kentucky that meet the state's strict quality standards in patient care.
- · Minimally invasive robotic surgical options are available for



patients needing general, thoracic, urologic and gynecology surgeries.

### **Recent Highlights**

- Opened in 2019, the Greenview Surgery Center represents the region's first ambulatory surgery center and a \$10 million dollar investment in Warren County.
- TriStar Greenview is Southern Kentucky's premier destination for joint replacement. With the region's only nationally recognized orthopedic specialists, patients are cared for by a multidisciplinary team, named among the top 10 % in the nation for Orthopedic Surgical Excellence by Healthgrades®.
- Nationally recognized as a 5-Star hospital in Spinal Fusion Surgery,-Total Knee Replacement, and Hip Fracture Treatment by Healthgrades®.

- TriStar Greenview introduced Southern Kentucky's first O-Arm intraoperative imaging and surgery navigation system, advancing offerings for spine surgery.
- Multi-million dollar investment in facility renovations and technology.
- Recognized by the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce as a Healthcare Enterprise Award Winner (2017-2019).

### **Key Services**

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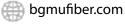
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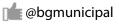


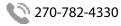
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### Downtown

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Downtown is the heart of Bowling Green. Fountain Square was dedicated in 1872 and has played many important roles over the years. The park was once the location of town square, the meeting place for community gatherings and the center of various markets and parades.

### Downtown is the heart of Bowling Green.

Those roots that were planted long ago have since grown our city, and Downtown is now the site of so much development! Over the years, Fountain Square Park has become the crowning jewel of Downtown, establishing itself as the community's most endearing and enduring landmark.

Beginning in the spring of 2019, the City of Bowling Green began an extensive construction project with the intentions of streamlining parking, expanding pedestrian walk ways and creating better functioning streets for the community. The project was concluded in the fall of 2019, resulting in a much needed face-lift for one of our city's most special places.



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The climbing spirit of Hilltoppers is at the heart of the 2018-2028 strategic plan, Climbing to Greater Heights. This forward-looking roadmap reaffirms WKU's commitment to transform the lives of our students, inspire innovation and elevate our community. One example of WKU's commitment to leading in American higher education is the reinvention of residence life on campus, including the expansion of its Living Learning Communities.

In a Living Learning Community (LLC), students with similar academic or social interests live together on a residence hall floor and participate in activities tailored to their specific majors or interests. Designed to help students connect socially and succeed academically, LLCs support students' transition to college life by creating a support network that fosters growth and achievement from day one. With this in mind, in April 2018, President Timothy C. Caboni announced the creation of an all-new LLC complex the WKU First Year Village.

Now under construction, the two brand new residence halls will feature pod-style living units with classrooms, community social areas, music practice/recording studios, and space for students, faculty and staff to engage outside the classroom. The \$48 million First Year Village, expected to open in 2021, signals WKU's commitment to creating a home on the Hill that increases student success and strengthens the total WKU experience.

In addition to the opening of the First Year Village in 2021, WKU also plans to open the WKU Commons at Helm Library the same year. This reinvention of Helm Library will create an intellectual hub where students, faculty and staff gather to share ideas and engage in active learning. The Commons will be a modern, multipurpose, student-centered space that offers dining mixed with collaborative spaces – bringing together the broader WKU family in the heart of campus.

For more information about WKU's climb to greater heights, visit wku.edu/strategicplan. To experience Hilltopper spirit for yourself, schedule a tour online at wku.edu/visitwku.

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# Industry's Call for Well-trained Workforce Met with the most Affordable, Accessible Education at SKYCTC

Southcentral Kentucky Community & Technical College has served this community for 80 years, growing from humble beginnings as Western Trade School to today's comprehensive community college. Keeping pace

increase in generous scholarship donations, rigorous financial literacy efforts and focus on keeping tuition affordable. In addition to these measures, programs like the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship (WRKS) can



with the expansion of the region, SKYCTC has grown year-over-year to become the leader in workforce training in the area. Business and industry growth means the demand for skilled employees is higher than ever. That's why each year, more students turn to SKYCTC to get the skills they need for a high-demand, high-paying career.

SKYCTC meets the needs of our workforce by providing an affordable, flexible and accessible college education. In fact, SKYCTC graduates are entering the workforce with the lowest debt levels in nearly a decade. Almost two-thirds of SKYCTC's recent graduates completed their associate degree without any loans. In an era of rising educational costs, this is a testament to SKYCTC's

help students achieve their educational goals completely tuition-free, regardless of the student's financial ability to pay. With WRKS, students can get trained for a high-paying, in-demand job in as little as four months. SKYCTC offers more than 60 certificates and diplomas in the

areas of Health-care, Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Information Technology/Business and Logistics that qualify for the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship.

Another challenge for the

region's workforce is filling positons today while keeping employees' skills up-to-date for the future needs of the company. One solution is to allow employees to go to work and go to school at the same time. The research shows that 68% of community college students, across the nation, work while they attend college. SKYCTC recognized that the traditional college teaching method did not accommodate students who would opt to work full-time. To help employers recruit and retain more workers and help students improve their job skills and opportunities, SKYCTC created the SKY FLEX model.

SKY FLEX allows students to travel to campus one day a week, while the bulk of the material is taught online through interactive modules. SKYC-TC's SKY FLEX offerings mean that students do not have to put their educational goals on hold while they earn money to support themselves and their families. Once students complete their degree with SKYC-TC, the research shows that 82% of SKYCTC graduates are employed in Kentucky three years after graduation. The SKY Flex model addresses



one aspect of the workforce issue, while SKYCTC's Workforce Solutions division provides the answer to keeping employees trained while on-the-job.

Workforce Solutions provides employer-driven continuing education for employees, and works with individual businesses and industries to create custom-designed training based on the employer's needs. The training may be provided at the employer's worksite or on one of SKYCTC's campuses. This allows for the flexibility and customization that companies require to keep their employees current without sacrificing downtime.

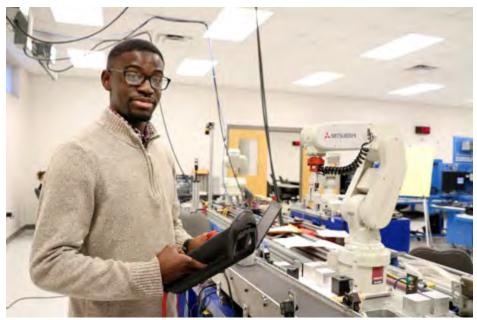
In addition to the thousands who attend college at one of SKYCTC's six locations and the companies that rely on Workforce Solutions for workforce training, thousands of others make use of SKYCTC's Assessment Center, Adult Agriculture Program, adult education programs, Fire Science Training Center and several other services and programming.

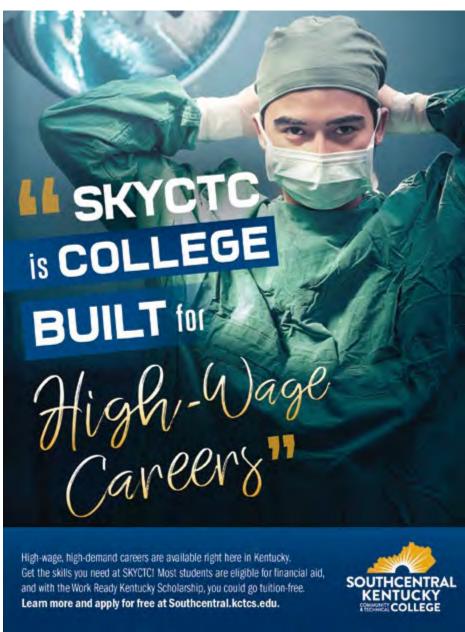
When combined, SKYCTC serves approximately 15,000 people every year and has an annual economic impact of \$70.2 million in our area. In its 80th year, SKYCTC is proud to provide the services industries need to enhance the skills and employability of our local workforce, while contributing to the growth and prosperity of our region now and into the future.

To learn more about SKYCTC, visit our website

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# Launching Careers Through Leadership SSCK LAUNCH

### The success of our economy rests in the hands of today's students.



According to SmartAsset, about 10,000 baby boomers turn 65 every day. By 2031, the US population over the age of 65 will be 75 million, almost double what it was in 2008. A generation this size transitioning out of the workforce will naturally affect our economy in many ways. This coupled with the rate of growth in South Central Kentucky creates a talent shortage that must be addressed.

The demand crosses all of sectors, creating unique opportunities for the next generation of talent.

# Building a solid foundation for the future success of our community

Since 2011 the Bowling Green Area Chamber Foundation ("Foundation") has been creating meaningful connections to the world of work to position all students in our community to lead their own future career path. As the fastest growing city in the state, a qualified pipeline of talent is the key to sustaining the success of Bowling Green and Warren County. The powerful partnership between our two school districts and our business partners provide students the opportunity to leverage career options important to our high demand sectors and to the continued success of our community.

In 2011, the Foundation led a capital campaign that raised \$1.4 million in



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	Employment 10 Years Ago	Current Employment	Projected 2029 Employment	
Healthcare	9,122	10,660	12,558	
Professional Services	46,733	48,960	52,998	
Public Services	9,900	10,355	11,556	
Construction	10,071	10,961	12,334	
Manufacturing	21,068	23,330	23,298	
Hospitality	14,608	18,236	20,934	
Transportation,	9,063	10,095	10,991	

private funding to make our community the first in the nation to put Franklin-Covey's principles of 7 Habits of Highly Effective People in all public schools in both school districts. This model of leadership empowers students with the skills they need in the 21st century. This creates a point of differentiation that sets the foundation to increase the quality of the workforce and grow our community.

Building on this momentum, the Foundation supported by the Chamber developed a collaborative community approach named South Central Kentucky Learning About Unique and New Careers Here (SCK LAUNCH). This is an overarching talent development strategy that begins at the earliest opportunity in kindergarten and carries to graduation. It prepares students by providing opportunities to explore and

identify their interests and integrate those with relevant work and real world experiences. Ultimately, SCK LAUNCH empowers all students to leverage their options upon graduation.

IGNITE: The Chamber serves as the support structure for SCK LAUNCH which is a partnership between the Foundation, Bowling Green Independent School District, Warren County Public Schools, Warren County Area Technology Center and local business partners. The Collective Impact approach inspires the powerful education and business partnership necessary to create the talent pipeline for high-demand sectors to grow our economy. This is accomplished through a common agenda, shared momentum and mutually reinforcing activities.

**INSPIRE**: Our local school sys-

tems rank high in Kentucky and the U.S. due to our region's commitment to strong community values, dedicated educators, supportive business leaders and parent involvement. SCK LAUNCH supports schools' efforts to provide career pathways and career focused models that inspire students and provide valuable learning opportunities that engage their personal interest and career aspirations. SCK LAUNCH provides principle-led leadership and quality work-based learning opportunities for these promising practices

**Guiding Principles:** 

- 1. Support student-driven leadership that builds self-awareness, empowerment and a career wise graduate
- 2. Provide meaningful opportunities to explore, experience and connect to build career skills and knowledge
- 3. Support attainment of nationally-portable industry credentials and post-secondary courses to LAUNCH student's future career path

**LAUNCH:** The Foundation is committed to ensuring a talent pipeline for continued growth of community success and sustainable economic impact.

SCK LAUNCH supports school efforts to provide work-based learning opportunities that engage student career aspirations and teaches leadership skills through the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. This begins in Kindergarten and continues to develop through middle and high school. This creates a human capital advantage.

Gallup's research indicates that a student who has a meaningful work-related experience before graduation is more likely to persist in the real-world. The goal of SCK LAUNCH is that 100% of students will graduate with career-related experience which will be directly applied to the local workforce oppor-

tunities, thus creating a pipeline for qualified and available applicants.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP**

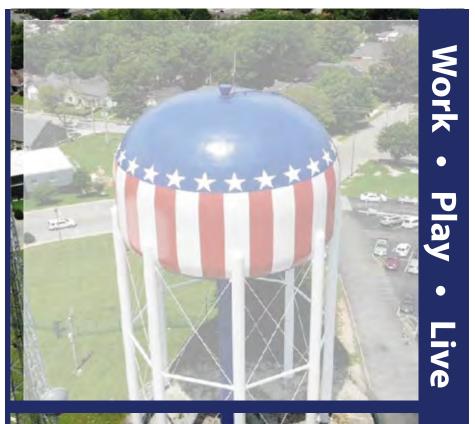
In order to realize the full potential for the SCK LAUNCH initiative we are seeking philanthropic support from our community. This initiative will include:

- Training to enhance and empower leadership and to create relevant connections for students
- •The establishment of career focused models within our high schools to provide access to relevant materials and equipment

which mirror the modern workplace

- Events and activities which connect students directly to our high demand sector businesses to launch their future careers
- Marketing efforts which will create awareness of these opportunities for students, their families and the community at-large

For information on investing in SCK LAUNCH, please contact Meredith Rozanski at 270-901-4750 or Meredith@bgchamber.com SCK Launch ignites our community to inspire its students to launch their careers.



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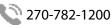
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Current programs include two 24-hour crisis lines, economic empowerment and financial literacy programs, self-esteem enhancement, counseling services, parent and children programs, housing assistance, community education and training opportunities for community partners on domestic violence related issues and agency services.

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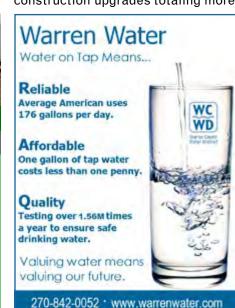
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# Warren County Public Schools

Warren County Public Schools opened its fifteenth elementary school in the fall of 2018. Jennings Creek Elementary is the first school in the state to integrate computer coding into the classroom curriculum at every grade level. In addition to its state-of-the-art design, the building upholds the district's long-standing commitment to energy efficiency and is the second Net-Zero School in Warren County following the 2010 opening of Richardsville Elementary, which was the first of its kind in the state and nation.

Aligning with that momentum, WCPS has four Net-Zero Ready schools (Bristow Elementary, Jody Richards Elementary, South Warren Middle and South Warren High) and every building has an Energy Star Label. Additionally, the district has entered into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract resulting in construction upgrades totaling more



than \$30 million which will make WCPS the most energy efficient school district in the state of Kentucky. The enhancements include the following projects:

- Full HVAC renovations at Greenwood High School, Warren Central High School, Warren East High School, Warren Elementary School, William H. Natcher Elementary School, and Lost River Elementary School
- Partial HVAC renovations at Briarwood Elementary School, Henry
   F. Moss Middle School, and Warren County Aquatics Center
- Over 23,000 LED fixtures have been installed throughout the district
- High efficiency plumbing upgrades at 15 schools throughout the district
- Irrigation sub-metering at South Warren High/Middle School and Greenwood High School
- Electrical infrastructure upgrades at Henry F. Moss Middle School, Warren Central High School, South Warren High/Middle School and Warren East High School
- Roof replacement at Warren Elementary School
- Window replacements at Rich

Pond Elementary School, Rockfield Elementary School, and Warren Elementary School

• Web-based HVAC controls renovations at 20 buildings. This will bring all District facilities onto a singular web-based controls program



Rendering of Warren Central Dining Hall / Gym Addition

- 520 KW of roof mounted solar panels at Bristow, Jody Richards, Maintenance/Support Services, Plano, Warren Elementary School, and Jennings Creek Elementary School. The largest installation is the array on Jennings Creek Elementary school, which will become the second net-zero facility in the district
- Guaranteed energy and operational savings of \$839,174 per year (minimum savings)
- Annual utility costs for WCPS district will drop by 23%

Warren County Public Schools is the state's fourth largest school district, with approximately 2,500 employees educating more than 17,000 students from 35 countries who speak more than 89 languages. WCPS is commit-

ted to ensuring safety, achievement and opportunities for every student and is routinely recognized across the Commonwealth as a high-performing and progressive school district.

During the 2016-17 academic year, WCPS earned district-wide accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement following an intense and thorough review from the AdvancED Accreditation Commission.

WCPS is composed of 15 elementary schools, four middle schools and four high schools, as well as several alternative schools, including Lighthouse Academy, Beacon Academy, Jackson Academy and GEO International High School, the first of its kind in Kentucky.





Rendering of New Cumberland Trace Elementary

Rendering of Greenwood Auxiliary Gym



### **Bowling Green Independent School District**

Since the 1880s, Bowling Green Independent School District has been known for excellence in academic programs and success on the athletic field."

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The Bowling Green Independent School District serves over 4,300 students in preschool through 12th grade in eight schools: T. C. Cherry Elementary, Dishman McGinnis Elementary, Parker-Bennett-Curry Elementary, Potter Gray Elementary, W. R. McNeill Elementary, Bowling Green Junior High, Bowling Green High School, and the Bowling Green Learning Center, the district's alternative school. Approximately 60% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, 48% are minority students, and 16% of students speak a language other than English as their first language.

Bowling Green High School, the district's largest school, is currently under construction. The current school, constructed in 1970 will be replaced after two major phases, scheduled for completion by August of 2023. Phase One, to be completed by June 2020, adds approximately 90,000 gross square feet to the school with a two-story structure built from the existing school, around the pool area toward Rockingham Lane. The first phase adds 80% of total classroom space for the project and includes the LEAD Academy, the Medical Arts Academy, English, math, social studies, science, special education, English language learners departments, as well as band, choir, and orchestra classrooms. A kitchen, located behind the arena is also included in phase one.

Phase two of the project, which is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020, will include classroom space for world languages, computer technology, art, business education, family and consumer science, as well as a 700-seat auditorium, auxiliary gym, and natatorium. Common student spaces, a media center, and administrative offices will also be added in Phase 2B, completing the new school.

Since the 1880s, Bowling Green Independent School

District has been known for excellence in academic programs and success on the athletic field. The district's mission is to lead the way in education and encourage and recognize distinction in every field of human endeavor. For more information about the school district, visit www.bgreen.kyschools.us or call 270-746-2200.

# DID YOU KNOW

South Central Kentucky's population is expected to exceed 350,000 people within the next 15 years.





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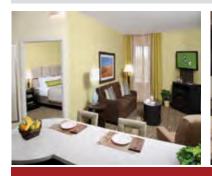
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As Daymar College adapts to an ever-changing market, so too will Daymar grow its program offerings to train the professional population of Bowling Green.

In 2010, Daymar College purchased Draughons Junior College and expanded their educational offerings to include bachelor-level programs. In November of 2018, Hussian College acquired Daymar College, growing to a group of seven campuses across the United States. This family of schools includes Hussian's main campus in Philadelphia, five Daymar campuses, and the Studio School in Los Angeles.

Today, the Bowling Green's Daymar College campus offers career training programs with Bachelor's Degrees in Criminal Justice and Business Management; Associate Degrees in Medical Assisting, Cardiographic Technology, Billing & Coding, Criminal Justice, Accounting, and Pharmacy Technology; and Diplomas in Medical Assisting, Cardiographic Technology, Pharmacy Technology, and Criminal Justice.

Daymar College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), a national accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

As Daymar College adapts to an ever-changing market, so too will Daymar grow its program offerings to train the professional population of Bowling Green.

With this growth, Daymar College continues its commitment to changing lives...one person at a time. Daymar College is located at 2421 Industrial Drive; for more information, call 270-843-6750 or visit **DaymarCollege.edu.** 

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Leadership Bowling Green is an annual leadership development program coordinated by the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce. Launched in 1985, the program involves seven daylong sessions and two overnight retreats beginning with an orientation in March and concluding at graduation in November. Throughout the program, the class studies strengths and challenges of the community through lectures, group discussions, tours and role-playing activities, with the goal of gaining a better understanding of Bowling Green and developing future leaders of the community.

Each Leadership Bowling Green class manages and completes a project that supports the Chamber's SCK LAUNCH (South Central Kentucky Learning About Unique and New Careers Here) initiative. SCK LAUNCH is a collaborative community approach that focuses on supporting our future graduates in their educational and professional careers.

Through an application process, local schools submit proposals that are reviewed by the Chamber and Leadership Bowling Green Chair. From those submitted, three proposals are presented to the class, who will then vote on which project to complete. Class members are responsible for supporting the project financially through in-kind donations and sponsorships.

Those interested in participating in Leadership Bowling Green must be Chamber partners through their business or at the individual level and are required to submit an application for consideration, along with a letter of recommendation and a personal statement on why they

should be selected for the program. Applications become available each year in December and from the applications submitted, 32 individuals are chosen each year to participate and will be notified in February of their acceptance into the program. All materials, meals and lodging are included in the \$1,500 tuition fee. For more information about Leadership Bowling Green, contact Katie Dykes at Katie@bgchamber.com.

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# **Excellence in Tourism**



Tourism continues to be a leading economic driver in both the commonwealth of Kentucky and in Bowling Green-Warren County.

Bowling Green-Warren County is able to capitalize on tourism being the third largest industry in the state because of its variety of attractions, dining, lodging, and shopping that appeal to a diverse range of travelers — from families looking for affordable fun to motorsports enthusiasts and so many more.

Those visitors bring new dollars into our economy — overnight visitors spend, on average, \$192.56 per day while in Bowling Green-Warren County, and those visiting for just the day expend about \$73.26.

"Tourist spending is vital to the economic health of a community because it brings in dollars earned elsewhere but spent in our local businesses, and it saves the taxpayers money," said Sherry Murphy, executive director of the Bowling Green Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Our hospitality community works hard to make Bowling Green-Warren County desirable to visitors, and we often get compliments from tourists about the positive experiences they have when they come to town."

The hospitality industry continues to grow, with hundreds of locally owned and chain restaurants available for visitors to choose from. Warren County has seen 11 new hotels open over the last decade, while several others have gone through major renovations and flagship



upgrades.

Many of our visitors are adrenaline junkies who are drawn to the area by the sights and sounds of a car racing down a drag strip, around an oval track or along a road course. Events such as the Holley LS Fest and the Danchuk Tri-Five Nationals draw thousands of visitors to the city each year. Top-notch facilities at Beech Bend Raceway Park and the National Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park make Bowling Green a motorsports playground.

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The National Corvette Museum turned 25 in 2019, bringing thousands of visitors to the area for both its anniversary celebration, as well as the sixth National Corvette Caravan.

Sports events continue to make their tourism mark on the region, as well. Bowling Green has a partnership with the Mid-South Conference to host many of its conference championships, and the city has been home to some NAIA championships, as well. Bowling Green will host the Mid-South Con-

ference's Men's and Women's basketball tournament for the first time in the winter of 2020.

The Bowling Green Hot Rods unveiled renovations to the Bowling Green Ballpark in 2019, which included new turf, a new scoreboard, a new walkway around the stadium, and upgrades to the Reinhart Clubhouse. The team will host the 2020 Midwest League All-Star Game in June.

Local parks are home to a variety of youth tournaments

in sports ranging from softball and soccer to baseball and disc golf. Each year, the Amateur Championships, the largest amateur disc golf tournament in the world, are held at a variety of Bowling Green and Warren County parks.

The CVB's mission is to promote our community as a visitor-friendly destination. We work in a variety of ways — from recruiting new events to our area to advertising in national publications and generating positive coverage of our community.

You may have already seen Bowling Green in several publications, including American Road, Garden & Gun, Southern Living, Real Simple, Blue Ridge Outdoors, Kentucky Living, Kentucky Monthly, and AAA Lifestyles, as well as numerous digital

Bowling Green-Warren County receives coverage around the state and across the country as a result of the work we do. We are regularly featured in such publications as Men's Journal, MSN, Southern Living, Reader's Digest, and the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

outlets.

The CVB welcomes visitors to our main office at 352 Three Springs Road and in a kiosk inside the National Corvette Museum. Our Visit Bowling Green app is available through iTunes and Google Play, and it

helps visitors and residents plan their outings with an event calendar, GPS-enabled directions and recommendations for dining, shopping and attractions, based on interests. We can also be found at **VisitBGKY.com** or @VisitBGKY on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Promoting and encouraging people to visit Bowling Green-Warren County is a wonderful mission, and we love seeing the industry continuing to grow in our community.













# LOGAN ALUMINUM



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# Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center



Serving the ten-county region and beyond, the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center (SKyPAC) opened in 2012 and provides local and touring arts performances and exhibitions. These include Broadway musicals, concerts across many genres and styles, dance, comedy, and more. SKyPAC's mission, to provide exceptional artistic and educational experiences by presenting, producing, and exhibiting the highest quality art, is achieved through providing experiences attractive to a broad array of audiences and by working with schools and community partners to provide more than 14,000 arts education experiences annually.

Situated in the heart of Bowling Green, adjacent to Circus Square Park and Stadium Park Plaza, SKyPAC is only two blocks from Fountain Square. Local, regional, and national artists are part of ever-changing curated exhibits featured throughout SKyPAC's multiple galleries. Education programs include summer camps, teacher training, children and youth visual arts exhibits in the Children's Gallery, in-school artist residencies, and

school day performances of touring youth programs.

SKyPAC's varied spaces include the 1,743 seat Main Hall, 5,300 square foot Laura Goad Turner Charitable Foundation Lobby, 2,600 square foot Carol Wedge Studio Theatre, Main Gallery, Wedge Education Gallery, Lounge, rehearsal rooms, or other support spaces. Each of these areas offers unique rental opportunities for receptions, galas, conferences, workshops, meetings, and more.

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# Wood Bending Mark Whitley



From his passion for teaching the nuts and bolts of woodworking, Mark Whitley has an art for doing things the old way. Wood bending is an art. An art that is commonly associated with Mark's name. Crafting about a dozen commissioned pieces annually, he invests countless hours in each piece.

My clients collect the furniture I create and come to art shows just to see a finished project I have spent the better half of the year refining.

Mark grew up on a farm and his father, Charles Whitley, ran a local hardware store in the historic community of Smiths Grove. His father had a cabinet/woodworking shop on the farm. "I remember receiving a hammer and a tool kit for my sixth birthday- that's when my journey to becoming a furniture artist began," Whitley reminisces. When Mark was around 8 years old, his father quit the shop but left the tools, so that is where he spent afternoons and summertime. "The shop was fertile ground for projects and creativity," Whitley smiled. At fifteen, his first wooden canoe was under construction, and at eighteen, his first kayak. College took Whitley to California, New Zealand, and on a five year road trip around America.

Mr. Jerry Baker saw Mark's potential and challenged him. The pieces you see in the museum were not his first designs, they were much different. Mark was trying to make what he thought Mr. Baker wanted. "I went back to Mr. Baker and showed up with a whole new set of ideas," Mark laughed. "I remember it was raining and cool, as I showed them to him he didn't even have a chance to take his raincoat off and he said 'yep that's it' and commissioned for the work." Mr. Baker pushed Mark in commissioned pieces and that is what really launched his career. He realized the value of a process and bringing his creativity to the project is really what people wanted. "My clients collect the furniture I create and come to art shows just to see a finished project I have spent the better half of the year refining," Mark said.

Quality is important to Mark, he doesn't want cheap, he wants the best money can buy. Most of the time Mark comes across wood before he even knows what is going to build. At one time wood was hard to find locally. He





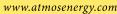


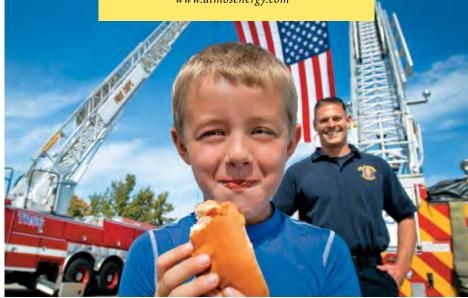
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would go to Pennsylvania or across the country to find the best wood. Then he discovered a few sources locally that have what he was needing. He received an award from the Tanne Foundation to build a space where he can stockpile wood, let it dry and it has been a game-changer for collecting wood that will be used years later in projects.

To be able to take a pile of boards or a log and see a beautiful set of chairs or tables come to life, is what it is all about for Mark. When he works, he visualizes his results and then begins the process, showing up with fresh ideas to woodworking and makers. "I want to be the one that takes furniture to a different sort of a place and could do things new and fresh," Mark said.

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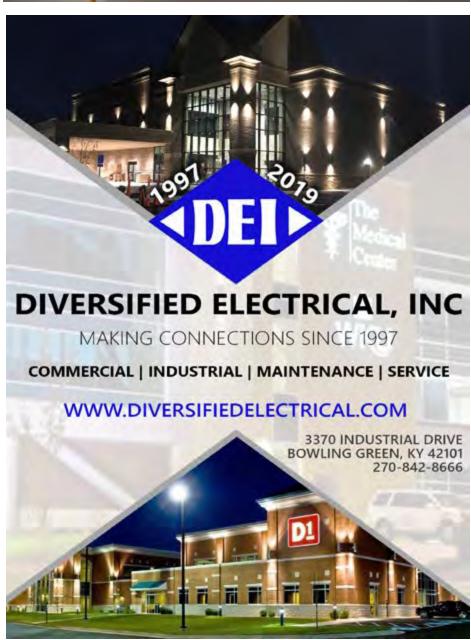
Mark has always thought it was best to share his knowledge, showing his techniques and explaining how to get from one point to finished furniture. Using techniques from 200 years ago is something Mark does because it fits his philosophy. For years he has used the same techniques and curves on countless pieces. "Through the years those curves have really created cohesion throughout my body of work and nobody would really notice unless they look close. It gets along with each other," Mark reflects. "The process has become much more streamlined," he said. "I am just reimagining what I have already come up with over the years."

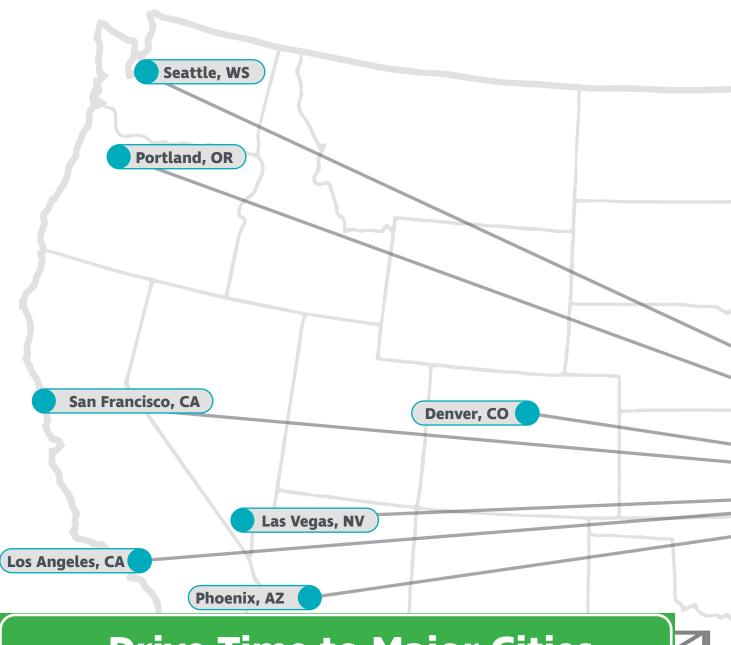
Mark now has the opportunity to teach students to make a chair he calls the "No. 6" because it took him 6 iterations to get it tooled and refined. "This chair takes roughly 10 hours to make, even with the most refined plan," Whitley commented. "I built this chair using darkwood with a leather seat, that can fit in a really fancy house." Mark explains. "Then, I turn around and take the same chair and use rope for the seat and it fits in a more eclectic studio."

Restoration is a passion of Mark's, but it's hard work making something look 100 years old and original. Whitley has been commissioned to restore a new altar and other pieces for St. Joseph Catholic Church locally.

Whitley's business and craft has been mastered over the last two decades, with original pieces in every corner of the country. "My goal for the future would be to do more work locally, so I can take care of the client better," said Whitley. To see more Mark Whitley Studio designs visit, mwhitley.com, follow his work on social media @mark-whitleystudio, or email him at mark@mwhitley.com.







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292	4:47	St. Louis		714	12:29	Toronto	
311	4:55	Atlanta		725	11:24	Dallas	
347	5:32	Montgomery		727	11:53	Omaha	
407	6:36	Chicago		787	13:27	Philadelphia	
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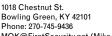
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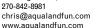
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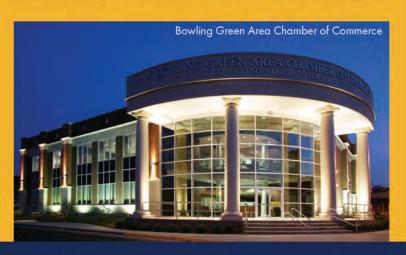
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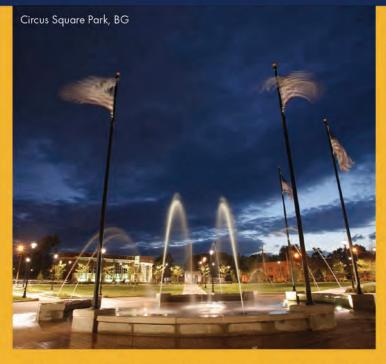


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