Wilmington Chamber CACCE Updates

Natalie English – ACCE Award & Board Chair Appointment

Natalie English, President & CEO of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, has been awarded the 2025 Board Chair's Award by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE). The annual award recognizes an individual or group that has made a significant contribution to advancing the chamber profession.

In addition to receiving the award, English has been elected to serve as the 2026 Board Chair for ACCE. "I am honored by this election and grateful for the trust placed in my ability to lead," said English. "Receiving the Board Chair's Award was both a surprise and a humbling moment in my career."

Josh Hallingse – CEcD

Josh Hallingse earned the nationally recognized designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), denoting a mastery of skills in economic development and a dedication to personal and professional growth. This milestone marks a significant achievement and underscores Josh's commitment to excellence in the field of economic development.

"Earning this credential is incredibly meaningful. It validates the work so many of us do every day to support local economies and businesses around the country," said Hallingse. "I'm especially grateful that my career has allowed me the opportunity to work in such an amazing state with supportive colleagues. I'm particularly thankful for the leadership at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, especially Natalie English, for consistently encouraging our team to keep learning and growing."

CultureWorks

We are thrilled to introduce CultureWorks, a new program the Wilmington Chamber is launching this fall designed to equip leaders at every stage of their careers with the tools to build organizations where people feel valued and motivated to excel.

This program will offer more than theory. It provides practical strategies you and your team can apply right away to strengthen performance, reduce turnover, and boost productivity. Over eight weeks, we'll explore seven core leadership principles, including Mission, Culture & Excellence, Pride, Growth, High Standards, Decisions, Conflict, and Fun. Each session blends interactive discussion, self-guided reflection, and peer-to-peer learning, creating space to connect with other leaders and exchange best practices.