



Chamber of Commerce

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Join the Rowan Chamber of Commerce at its 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala

**Rowan County, NC** – Join the Rowan Chamber of Commerce in celebrating the successes of its business community at the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala on Thursday, January 29, 2026. Presented by Novant Health, this premiere event will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Rowan Community Center in Salisbury.

This year's theme, "Century of Success," honors a milestone moment in the Rowan Chamber's history as the organization reflects on the past and looks ahead to the future.

The program will include the ceremonial passing of the gavel from 2025 Chair of the Board, Steve Fisher, President and CEO of F&M Bank to 2026 Chair of the Board, Starling Johnson Kaklamanos, Vice President of Sales at Johnson Concrete Products. The Gala will feature a sit-down dinner and time to connect and network with business leaders. Dress for the evening is black tie optional. Guests are encouraged to wear black, white, or gold in celebration of the Chamber's 100<sup>th</sup> year.

The Chamber will recognize exemplary business and community leaders through prestigious awards such as the Small Business of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Young Professional of the Year, Minority Business of the Year, and the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award.

In honor of its 100<sup>th</sup> year, the Chamber will also be recognizing long-term businesses and past chairs of the Chamber.

Reserve your seat today at [www.rowanchamber.com/annual-gala](http://www.rowanchamber.com/annual-gala), or by contacting the Chamber at [info@rowanchamber.com](mailto:info@rowanchamber.com) or 704-633-4221. Individual tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 per couple for Chamber members. The price for non-members is \$90 per person. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, January 9, 2026.

**About Rowan Chamber of Commerce**

The Rowan Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit private business organization with over 800 member firms. Member benefits include business advocacy, workforce development, leadership development, networking programs, and much more. For more information on the Chamber, 704.633.4221 or [info@rowanchamber.com](mailto:info@rowanchamber.com) or [www.rowanchamber.com](http://www.rowanchamber.com).

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