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April 2022
A Wilson Forward Newsletter

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Wilson Forward Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 19th 2022
9am-11:30am

00 DAYS : 00 HOURS : 00 MINUTES : 00 SECONDS

Gale Force Demographic Wind Gusts and the Future Competitiveness of Wilson County

Each year, Wilson Forward hosts an Annual Meeting for local partners and community members. This meeting is designed to focus on specific challenges and opportunities presented to the Wilson community while also highlighting the work of partnerships and collaborative efforts dedicated to making Wilson a great place to work and live. This year's meeting will focus on the demographics of Wilson County. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. James Johnson, a nationally recognized expert in understanding the economic impact of demographic changes.

Dr. Johnson is the William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of strategy and entrepreneurship and director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center at the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise. His research interests include community and economic development, the effects of demographic changes on the U.S. workplace, urban poverty and public policy in urban America, and workforce diversity issues.

Pictured above: Dr. James Johnson, Wilson Forward Annual Meeting keynote speaker.

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Wilson Leadership Institute Selects Topic: Supporting the Education System

Dr. Gary Daynes, consultant for Credo Higher Education, met with the participants of the Wilson Leadership Institute this month to share his perspectives and guidance for the group's research project focusing on approaches to support our educational systems. Each WLI cohort is expected to collaboratively research a topic chosen by the group relative to a community interest that could be better understood with the application of effective leadership. The research findings are compiled into a final publication and will be presented to the community in October of this year.

In 2015, Wilson Forward partnered with the Wilson Chamber of Commerce and Wilson Economic Development Council to establish the Wilson Leadership Institute. The Wilson Leadership Institute is designed specifically to identify, train, and deploy individuals with interest in representative leadership positions in and for Wilson. We look forward to seeing how this cohort of leaders applies their experience in service to Wilson!

Pictured above: Dr. Gary Daynes speaking to the Wilson Leadership Institute on April 20th

Pictured above: Wilson Leadership Institute participants working on their cohort research project at the April 20th session

Learn More About the Wilson Leadership Institute Here

Want to Get Involved?

Dress for Success is expanding to Wilson and inviting individuals and organizations to volunteer and partner with this exciting initiative. The experiences of the pandemic have created new or magnified existing challenges for women in the workforce. Dress for Success offers opportunities to support local women by providing professional attire and development services. There are many ways that individuals, local organizations, and companies can engage with Dress for Success and ensure their contributions have a lasting and significant impact.

If you are an organization, company, or individual who would like to partner with DFS, please use the link below to let us know that you would like to get involved with DFS efforts in Wilson!

Learn More About Dress for Success and Sign Up to Get Involved Here

New Data on Wilson County

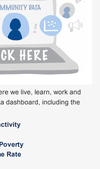
Health and Wellness Data Released for Our Community

Wilson Forward's use of data is a core element of our collective impact approach. We collect and learn from data so that we can openly share information and adapt our strategies in response to an ever-changing environment. Our partnerships are sustained by a commitment to use meaningful, credible, and useful qualitative and quantitative data for continuous learning and strategic refinement.

Since 2008, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, has been tracking U.S. counties on measures of health and the social determinants of health.

This report provides a revealing snapshot of how health is influenced by where we live, learn, work and play. Wilson Forward uses this report to track multiples measures on our data dashboard, including the following:

- **Adult Obesity**
- **Access To Exercise**
- **Food Environment Index**
- **Mental Health Provider Ratio**
- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases**
- **Physical Inactivity**
- **Uninsured**
- **Children In Poverty**
- **Violent Crime Rate**
- **And More...**



Visit the Wilson Forward Data Dashboard Here

COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS

Upcoming Community Partner Events & Programs

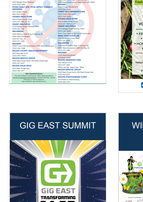
A Calendar for the Wilson Community

Be sure to stay up to date with the local events happening in Wilson County!

ExploreWilson.com is our local community calendar where you can find all of Wilson's events. Explore Wilson represents a collaboration of multiple community partners to provide a community calendar supported by a coalition of local organizations that have a shared commitment to promoting events that add to Wilson's cultural and economic identity. Community members and groups can add qualifying public events on the calendar for free at any time! Guidelines for qualifying events may be found on the website.

Explore Wilson Here

COVID-19 VACCINE & TESTING LOCATIONS



WILSON FARMERS & ARTISAN MARKET

PARTNERSHIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

GIG EAST SUMMIT

WILSON SPRING EXPO

SEEDS OF HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

WILSON ARTS RECOVERY GRANTS FOR ORGS

WILSON ARTS RECOVERY GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

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