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Hear from state legislative leaders about topics that are important to the local business community and what you can expect during the upcoming legislative session. The Legislative Breakfast is the perfect opportunity for Chamber members to become engaged in the legislative process. Attendees have the chance to meet with area legislators and voice their opinions on issues impacting the business community.

The Chamber's **Vice Chair for Government Relations David Rainbolt, Bancfirst**, will emcee a panel discussion and Q&A at this year's Legislative Breakfast **Wednesday, Jan. 28, from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at Oklahoma City Marriott Hotel**, 3233 N.W. Expressway. This year's panelist will include President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate **Glen Coffee**, Democratic leader of the Senate **Charles Laster**, Speaker of the House of Representatives **Chris Benge** and State Representative **Danny Morgan**.

Tickets for the event are \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. Thanks to government relations benefactors AT&T Oklahoma, Chesapeake Energy Corporation and Devon Energy Corporation and host sponsor Oklahoma City Marriott Hotel. **Register securely online.**

Early Bird Deadline for Career Fair

The deadline for companies to take advantage of the early bird discount for this year's Greater Grads Career Fair is approaching quickly. If you sign up for a booth before Feb. 1, the cost is just \$400. After that date, booths can be purchased for \$500.

Greater Grads Career Fair will take place **Feb. 24 from 12-4:30 p.m. at the Cox Business Convention Center**. This regional career fair provides the opportunity for Oklahoma companies to connect with Oklahoma's talented grads. More than 1,000 college students from across the state are interested in your internships and entry level positions. For more information visit GreaterGrads.com or [register securely online](#).

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Career Fair Testimonials

Breaking Through: Feb. 13

Cashlie Hines - Express Employment Professionals

"I was getting ready to graduate from college and I was looking for a place to work. But more than a job, I wanted a career, a career that was in Oklahoma City. After the Greater Grads Career Fair I had around 20 or so call backs and 10 job offers. I got to choose where I went to start my career and not settle."

Brandon Lehman- Claimetrics

"I came to the career fair with a few employers in mind, and I made sure to check them out. However, I surprisingly spent the majority of my time learning about employers that I had never heard of and/or jobs that I had not previously considered."

Why is Oklahoma City positioned to weather the economic downturn better than any other metro area in the United States? Why did Forbes name Oklahoma City the most recession proof city in the United States? Hear the answers to these questions and more at the Chamber's **Breaking Through Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 13 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Skirvin Hotel, 1 Park Ave., 2nd floor ballroom.**

This region's economic expert **Mark Snead, Director of the Center for Applied Economic Research and Research Economist for Oklahoma State Econometric Model Department of Economics & Legal Studies at Oklahoma State University**, will tell us why the Oklahoma City economy has momentum going into the national recession and continues to outpace the nation on most economic measures.

Cost for the event is \$30 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-members. Contact register@okcchamber.com with questions and register online at okcchamber.com.

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Look for Chamber Publications in February

The 2009 Membership Directory, 2009 Legislative Guide and Annual Report for 2008 will be mailed to members this month. This package will also include a 2009 Chamber member plaque sticker, as well as passes to local events and attractions.

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Chamber Goes Viral

You can now follow the Chamber online on most popular social-networking sites. The Chamber now has a presence on **MySpace**, **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **LinkedIn**, **YouTube** and **Plaxo**. Follow the links to find out the latest Chamber happenings.

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Chairman's Breakfast with the Governor: Feb. 19

Learn more about key issues facing our state as **Governor Brad Henry** will share his insight into Oklahoma during this year's **Chairman's Breakfast**, which will be held at **Oklahoma Christian University**, 2501 E. Memorial Rd., from 7:30 to 9 a.m. **Chamber Chairman David Thompson** will also talk about key issues facing the state's business community.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$25 for Chamber members and \$30 for non-members. Corporate tables seating eight are available \$500. Contact register@okcchamber.com with questions.

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