

Business Milestones

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Deneen Knuckles has joined Keller Williams Realty Triad Market Center. Knuckles will offer real-estate services at the Keller Williams location at 1617 Hwy. 66 South in Kernersville.

Andrew Bodenheimer of Clemmons has earned the Fraternal Insurance Counselor designation. Bodenheimer is a representative with Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal financial services organization. The FIC title is an educational designation that can be earned by career life insurance representatives associated with fraternal insurance societies. Representatives devote more than one year to meet the examination and career development criteria set by the Fraternal Field Managers Association.

Morris J. Clarke has been named leader of the Executive Council of the Advisory Committee for Biotechnology in the Piedmont Triad. Clarke is an associate professor of biochemistry at Winston-Salem State University. Clarke succeeds Bill Dean, of Bill Dean Strategies, who is the newly named chief executive of The Collider in Asheville. Russ Read has been chosen to lead the advisory committee's strategic work plan known as Biolgnite, which is focused on innovation, infrastructure and investment to help grow jobs. Read is executive director of the National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce. Michael Kelly remains as chairman of the advisory committee, with Daniel Erb, dean of the High Point University School of Health Sciences, as vice chairman. Kelly is chief financial officer of Piedmont Pharmaceuticals. Additional new members of the committee are: Jennifer Byrne, chief executive, PMG Research; Algie Gatewood, president, Alamance Community College; Gary Graham, president, Graham Personnel Services; Geneva Kelly, MPH, Institute Partnerships, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine; and Troy Knauss, partner, Guardant Partners and vice chairman, Angel Resource Institute. NCBiotech established the committee in 2003 and is a private, non-profit corporation supported by the N.C. General Assembly. Its mission is to provide long-term economic and societal benefits to North Carolina by supporting biotechnology research, business, education and strategic policy statewide.

Michael-Bryant Hicks, a native of Winston-Salem and graduate of Carver High School, has been named the senior vice president and general counsel for Mallinckrodt, a global specialty biopharmaceutical company in Chesterfield, United Kingdom. Hicks will lead all legal functions, including litigation, intellectual property, environmental, regulatory, mergers and acquisitions, and other general legal activities. He was previously the senior vice president, general counsel, chief compliance officer and corporate secretary at The Providence Service Corp. Hicks began his career as a law clerk for the Honorable James A. Beaty Jr. of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Randy McNeill has been elected chairman of the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce for 2016. McNeill has served on the Chamber's board of directors for several years. He is a vice president for Davis Martin Powell & Associates of High Point.

Kim Garcia has been named a principal with Diversified Trust in Greensboro. Prior to joining Diversified Trust, Garcia was a wealth planning strategy executive for U.S. Trust, formerly North Carolina Trust Company. She previously spent five years with First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans as

personal trust services manager and as trust tax and operations manager. Garcia began her career at KPMG as a member of the Personal Financial Consulting practice.

Steve Cranford has been named the winner of the 2015 Brand Ambassador award by House Doctors. Cranford opened House Doctors of High Point almost 14 years ago. Cranford's local franchise serves High Point, Greensboro and Winston-Salem. In addition to his award from the House Doctors team, Cranford has also earned the Angie's List Super Service Award every year since 2012. House Doctors' technicians specialize in all types of carpentry repairs, sheetrock repairs, windows, doors, floors, minor electrical and minor plumbing, as well as interior and exterior home maintenance services, and remodeling projects.

ABTV, formerly known as Anderson Bauman Tourtellot Vos, has announced a major reorganization and new management team. Thomas M. Kirkpatrick, John A. Magee and Edward J. Sanz have been named senior managing directors. Kirkpatrick works out of ABTV's headquarters in Greensboro. Magee and Sanz are based in Charlotte. Previously, ABTV was heavily focused on turnaround scenarios with troubled organizations. The new owners have made the strategic decision to broaden ABTV's focus. As part of the reorganization, ABTV has a new logo and updated website.

The Goldsboro-Wayne Transportation Authority Bus Transfer Center Project has been named the winner of an Award of Merit in the category of Economic Vitality for the Best Infill Building Project by The North Carolina Main Street Center. The architect for the project was David E. Gall, Architect P.A. of Winston-Salem.

Michelle Plaisance recently made two presentations at academic conferences. Plaisance is assistant professor of English and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and director of the M.A. in TESOL program at Greensboro College. She spoke to the American Educational Research Association during its conference in Baltimore differences in teaching practice between English-speaking learners in first grade and early learners of English. At the concurrent TESOL International Association's 2016 Convention and English Language Expo, also in Baltimore, Plaisance joined Jillian Haeseler, and Paula Wilder, who received her M.A. in TESOL from Greensboro College in 2014, to present posters on "practical theses."

Bell Partners Inc., based in Greensboro, has acquired Avenue H, a 208-unit apartment complex in Dallas, Texas. Bell Partners has renamed the community as Bell Knox District and will manage the property. Bell Partners is an apartment investment and management company. The purchase of Bell Knox District is the fourth multifamily acquisition for Bell in 2016, and the Company's 31st property in Texas.