



North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce
Economic Development Activity Report
Q4 2025

A. Business Retention & Expansion –

We performed 24 business retention and expansion calls per month with NLR businesses or businesses opening a location, branch, or headquarters in NLR (see attachment).

- 9 in October
- 11 in November
- 4 in December

Commercial Real Estate Luncheon

The 2nd Commercial Real Estate Luncheon for 2025 will be on December 9th.

This event continues to stimulate the sale of property in North Little Rock.

B. Workforce Education & Development Program

North Little Rock Youth Leadership

First Semester: 3 full-day sessions with a partner meeting in the morning, lunch, and a second partner meeting in the afternoon. Students will visit with each partner and learn about the business. They will have a chance to conduct a Q&A session with each partner to learn more about challenges and opportunities for growth.

Second Semester: 2 full-day sessions to select teams, develop team roles, work on a plan for a solution with an industry partner, and practice pitches. The final session will include a live pitch challenge, followed by graduation.

The dates for the program are as follows:

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- Sept. 24th - Leadership Kickoff: Tema Building Day – Camp. Robinson
- Oct. 8th – Session 1-Business tour Jan. 14th – Session 4
- Nov. 12th – Session 2-Business tour Feb. 18th – Session 5
- December 10th -Session 3 Business tour Mar. 18th – Session 6 (Graduation at UA-PTC)

C. North Little Rock CARES Youth Coalition Summer Job Fair

- We held a job fair with NLRSD on Oct 15th. We had 30 businesses attend.

D. Site Selection Websites Administration

Provided services as requested.

E. Office Space

All office space deliverables were fulfilled at 100 Main Street, North Little Rock, AR, 72114.

F. Technology and Website

All requirements met.

G. Participate in Economic Development Activity –Assisted Collen Bailey with Property development in NLR and surrounding areas.

Economic Development

Played an active role in several economic development projects that were looking to move to North Little Rock.

Metro Little Rock Alliance

Regularly scheduled MLRA monthly meetings

Attachment

	Business Expansion and Retention Calls		
	NLR Chamber		
Oct			
Oct	Scott Hilburn	Hilburn & Harper	Partner
Oct	JD Ashley	Ashley Group	Owner
Oct	Scott Shellabarger	St. Joes	Director
Oct	Drew Tessie	Union Pacific	Regional Director
Oct	Nell sterling	Bell and Company	Partner
Oct	Tara Bebe	Diamond State Dance	Owner
Oct	Nell Sterling	Bell and CO	Partner
Oct	Payton Smith	Metro Disaster	COO
Oct	Courtney Probst	Maken Hospitality	VP Marketing
Nov			
Nov	Rusty Mathis	Ben E Keith	Owner
Nov	Lisa Ferrell	Rockwater	Owner
Nov	Laura Nick	Taggart	CMO
Nov	Summer Deprow	UA-PTC	Chancellor
Nov	Steve Owen	Complete care	Owner
Nov	James Meyer	Taggart	Partner
Nov	Cody walker	Baptist NLR	President
Nov	Mason Doyne	MD Construction	President
Nov	Payton Smith	Metro Disaster	COO
Nov	Tim Stanley	TDSit	Owner

	Nov	Bob Butler	Alessi Keyes Construction	President
	<u>Sept</u>			
	Dec	Teresa Stewart	Bowne Hefley	President
	Dec	Frank Fletcher	Wyndham Riverfront	Owner
	Dec	Josh Davenport	Seal Solar	Owner
	Dec	Virgil Young	Young Law	Partner/ Owner