

# **Annette Medlin Selected for U.S. Chamber Foundation Education and Workforce Fellowship Program**

*Fellowship Provides State and Local Chambers with Opportunities to Engage Nationally on Critical Education and Workforce Issues*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation today announced that Annette Medlin, President and CEO of the Greater Augusta Regional Chamber of Commerce was selected to participate in the second cohort of its premiere business leadership program. The Business Leads Fellowship Program trains and equips leaders from state and local chambers of commerce with resources, access to experts, and a network of peers to build their capacity to address the most pressing education and workforce challenges.

“We created the Business Leads Fellowship Program in response to the needs of our state and local chamber partners,” says Cheryl Oldham, Senior Vice President of the Center for Education and Workforce. “They, better than anyone, see the critical link between education and economic development, and we are glad to be able to support them as they take on this critical leadership role in their community.”

Following a competitive application and selection process, Ms. Medlin was selected along with 33 other state and local chamber executives to participate in the second class of this program. The three-month program, which concludes in July 2019, will cover the entire talent pipeline, including early childhood education, K-12, higher education, and workforce development.

“I am honored to be selected for this program. Almost daily I am in conversations with our local businesses and community leadership around the issues and challenges of workforce. This program will provide a great deal of insight into what my peers are experiencing in their communities and arm me with new tools and connections to bring back to our region,” says Annette Medlin.

Upon completion, Business Leads Fellows will join the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s dedicated network of 200 chambers of commerce and statewide associations from around the nation who regularly engage on education and workforce initiatives.

Given the overwhelming interest in the program, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation will host a third cohort this year.

For a full list of participants in the Business Leads Fellowship Program, visit the U.S. Chamber Foundation [website](#).

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