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Re: Kyle Jacobson Selected for U.S. Chamber Foundation Education and Workforce Fellowship Program

LUBBOCK, Texas – The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation announced Kyle Jacobson, Director of Government Relations, was selected to participate in the third 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.

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

“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.”

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.

“The business community and the Lubbock Chamber should be seen as partners with our local institutions of education by paving the way for our community’s students,” said Jacobson. “I’m excited to learn more about how to best equip our future workforce to meet the needs of an ever-changing economy, and what role the Chamber can play in that process.”

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

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