TALENT DEVELOPMENT
- Health Care Careers program had 100 student participants from five different high schools.
- Launched, in partnership with many community organizations, the iRead • iCount program to help improve the reading and math scores of elementary students. In the spring, the pilot program for iRead helped 112 kindergartners improve their letter recognition.
- Built the leadership skills of 24 emerging business leaders in LEAD Champaign County.

BUILDING BUSINESS
- Provided counseling to 47 new entrepreneurs with plans to start and grow their businesses in Champaign County through the Business Advisors Council.
- 4 women-owned businesses have opened with assistance from the Business Advisors Council.

PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY
- Hosted former Governor Bruce Rauner to tour three Chamber member’s businesses in quick response to his negative comments about Champaign County. Resulted in positive press for the community.
- Advocated, organized and testified for the sale of the Champaign County Nursing Home that was sold leading to lower property taxes.
- Two PAC business-friendly endorsed candidates were elected to office in November 2018.
- Seven business-friendly PAC endorsed candidates were elected to office in April 2019.
- Helped defeat a bill that would make Champaign County its own Judicial Circuit.

MAKING BUSINESS CONNECTIONS
- Over 1,500 connections made at Connect@ Lunch
- 233,520 business connections made at Chamber networking events in FY19.

OWNERSHIP PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENT ALIGNMENT

MEMBER RESOURCES
- Celebrated 33 businesses with ribbon cuttings.
- Members participating in the energy co-op saved over $327,000 on their electricity and gas bills.
- Launched our new website with more user-friendly capabilities.

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The presenter provided complex HR topics in a manner that was easy to understand and easy to apply to my business. I appreciate the relevant information provided.
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Everyone was nice and went out of their way to help me. I would highly recommend the Chamber to anybody who is thinking of starting a business. Things are going so well I will be hiring an employee soon.
-Teri Quednau, Quednau Quality Hearing
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Best in Show - Communications Excellence for 2018 Annual Meeting from Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)

Grand Award - Communications Excellence for 2019 Annual Meeting from Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE)