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Mayor McFarland urges residents to support Tennessee Promise

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – At the Murfreesboro Young Professional’s Leadership Luncheon held on Friday, August 8, 2014, Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland asked members to consider taking the lead in helping shape the future of our local workforce by serving as a Tennessee Promise Mentor. Mayor McFarland has been a strong supporter of Governor Haslam’s *Drive to 55* flagship program, the Tennessee Promise, which provides last dollar scholarships to all Tennessee high school graduates who choose to attend a Tennessee College of Applied Technology or a Tennessee Community College. In addition to financial support, the Tennessee Promise also provides students participating in the Tennessee Promise program with a mentor – someone in our community who can encourage and provide the motivation to help them succeed as the transition from high school to college.

Nearly 300 mentors are needed in Murfreesboro and Rutherford County to support the number of high school seniors expected to participate in the Tennessee Promise beginning in 2015.

“I want to challenge each member of MYP to become a mentor,” said Mayor McFarland. “As a young professional, each of you are uniquely qualified to help our students since it wasn’t that long ago that you were in their shoes. They will look to you as an example of what their future can hold,” McFarland added. “I would like to also challenge the members of all our civic and professional organizations in Murfreesboro to become mentors. 300 mentors are needed by November 1, so let’s see which organization can sign up the most mentors by the deadline.”

Mayor McFarland, along with several other local government officials, is among the first to have registered for the mentoring program. To register as a mentor, please visit www.tnachieves.org and click on the mentor tab. Please identify your civic or professional organization in the box marked “how did you hear about us.” If you have questions, please call Beth Duffield at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce with questions at (615-806-9839).

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Murfreesboro City Mayor Shane McFarland.jpg

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