

# Press Release

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**ALABAMA SBDC NETWORK RECOGNIZES DR. WILLIAM A. MEEHAN AS  
INAUGURAL SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE**

JACKSONVILLE, AL, : THE ALABAMA SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC) NETWORK ANNOUNCED DR. WILLIAM A. MEEHAN, PRESIDENT OF JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, AS THE ORGANIZATION'S INAUGURAL SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR. "DR. MEEHAN HAS BEEN AN UNWAVERING SUPPORTER OF THE ALABAMA SBDC AND TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES OFFERED TO THE SMALL BUSINESS OWNER," SAID M. WILLIAM CAMPBELL, JR., STATE DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA SBDC NETWORK. "HIS LEADERSHIP AT JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY HAS LED OUR SBDC CENTER LOCATED ON CAMPUS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN THE STATE." THIS IS YET ANOTHER ACCOLADE FOR THE BUSINESS SCHOOL AT JACKSONVILLE STATE. FOR THREE STRAIGHT YEARS, THE COLLEGE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PRINCETON REVIEW AS ONE OF THE TOP 290 BUSINESS SCHOOLS IN THE WORLD AND RECENTLY WAS RANKED NO. 2 IN

THE NATION FOR OFFERING THE "GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN."

"THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR WE HAVE HONORED ANYONE WITH THIS AWARD," CAMPBELL CONTINUED. "I COULDN'T THINK OF ANYONE MORE DESERVING."

THE AWARD PRESENTATION IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM AT THE ANNISTON COUNTRY CLUB. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT.

THE ALABAMA SBDC NETWORK IS A PROGRAM FUNDED, IN PART, BY THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND PROVIDES MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP ENTREPRENEURS START NEW BUSINESSES OR EXPANDS EXISTING SMALL BUSINESSES. TWO SPECIALTY PROGRAMS EDUCATE INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ON GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE. COUNSELING SESSIONS ARE FREE OF CHARGE, AND ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED TO AN ASBDC COUNSELOR IS CONFIDENTIAL.

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