

STUTSMAN COUNTY



January 2025



DEVELOPMENT
JAMESTOWN / STUTSMAN CO.

Meet Our New Directors!



Ben Steinolfson is an Account Executive at Dakota Central. He is actively engaged in the community through Young Professionals of Jamestown, the Jamestown Fine Arts Association Board, and as a Chamber Ambassador.



Amanda Hastings is a new Stutsman County commissioner and also works as a Marketing Specialist at i3g Media. She is community-focused and serves as a Chamber Ambassador.



Dustin Jensen is the Vice President of Student Affairs/Dean of Students at the University of Jamestown. He is involved in the community through the Chamber and enjoys golfing.

Mid Mac
Marketing
PACE
Request
Approved by



Vetter
Construction
and LaKiella
Lawrence
Photography

Board

At their January meeting, the JSDC Board of Directors approved the Mid Mac Marketing PACE Request for \$214,285.74 pending approval from the City and County.

Mic Mac Marketing, Inc., owned by Keith and Casey Veil, is expanding its current location at 8171 36th St SE in Jamestown to improve efficiency, increase capacity, and begin consolidating its two locations. This marks the first phase of the expansion, with powder coating operations remaining at their Hwy 281 S site. The project aims to provide greater stability for current employees, create space for new hires, boost local property tax revenue, and enhance the company's competitiveness to support future growth.

This request will now go onto the city and county for approval.



Flex PACE Request Approved by Board

At their January meeting, the JSDC Board of Directors approved the Vetter

Construction and LaKiella Lawrence Photography Flex PACE Request for up to \$33,110.44.

Vetter Construction, owned by Michael and Melissa Vetter, and Kiella Lawrence Photography, owned by LaKiella Lawrence, are jointly purchasing a building at 1022 4th Avenue SW in Jamestown, with each owning a 33.33% share. This purchase will provide Vetter Construction with a storefront where customers can view products and inquire about services in person. It will also offer Kiella Lawrence Photography a larger studio space to meet client demand and the opportunity to host workshops.

JVCTC Request Approved by Board

At their January meeting, the JSDC Board of Directors approved the JVCTC Request for up to \$35,000, pending approval from the City and County

The James Valley Career and Tech Center (JVCTC) is launching a CDL program that will enhance the certifications students can earn, leading directly to employment opportunities within the community. This program aims to address a critical local need by increasing the number of qualified commercial drivers for roles ranging from agricultural services to activity buses. JVCTC students will earn both high school credit and professional certification, while the program also provides adult education opportunities through access to CDL training equipment and partner initiatives.

The requested funds will help meet the matching grant requirements of the North Dakota Department of Commerce Skills Training Grant. These funds will cover the cost of a CDL driving simulator (including annual maintenance and updates), a semi-tractor, a semi-trailer (van trailer) for transporting the simulator to other communities, and a golf cart with a small trailer for entry-level trailer training.

This request will now go onto the city and county for approval.





The Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce was very pleased to announce that over \$148,000 stayed local because of the 2024 Loyal to Local Holiday Passport program! Over 560 passports were turned in, a new record!

Tory Hart was honored with a plaque at our January Board meeting, in recognition of his two years as Chair of the Board. Thank you for your dedication to the JSDC!

In The News:



Pingree Transload now operational, ready to support ND farmers

Pingree Transload is located 1 mile north of Pingree

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Committee recommends approval to expand Jamestown's Renaissance Zone boundary

The city will have 9 additional blocks in the Renaissance Zone with Jamestown City Council approval.

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Anne Carlsen announces CEO transition plan

Stephanie Nelson will become CEO in July.

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Upcoming Business Resource Events:

Event:	Date:	Hosted By:

<u>Design Thinking - An Introduction</u>	January 21	<u>JREC</u>
<u>Increase Your Sales with Google Tools</u>	January 29	<u>JREC</u>
<u>Market in Moments Webinar - Staying Ahead: Monthly Google & AI Developments with Maria Elena</u>	January 30	<u>JREC</u>
<u>Learn About Available Financing Options for Your Small Business of Current/Future Housing Plans</u>	January 31	<u>JREC</u>
<u>2025 Leadership Workshop: A Self Portrait</u>	February 4	<u>Jamestown Chamber</u>
<u>Cyber Security Training by Giga-Green</u>	February 5	<u>JREC</u>
<u>S.T.I.R. with Blessings by Carla</u>	February 11	<u>Jamestown Chamber</u>
<u>Get Your Business on Google Search and Maps</u>	February 12	<u>JREC</u>

Spring Internship Reimbursement Applications Approved



The JSDC Board of Directors approved three internship reimbursement applications for the Spring 2024 semester at their January meeting. The Internship Reimbursement Program is designed to increase the number of local internships and assist employers in workforce recruitment and retention.

The Program reimburses employers up to \$3,500 for the payroll costs of university/college students hired as interns. Qualified employers must be in Stutsman County and pay the intern at least \$15/hour.

Funding Support for STEM Interns Available

The Students in Technology Transfer and Research (STTAR) program, a long-standing initiative by ND EPSCoR, bridges the gap between academia and industry. Since 1994, STTAR has provided upper-division STEM students with invaluable hands-on experience while offering North Dakota businesses innovative solutions to their technological challenges.



Businesses interested in participating gain access to a talent pool of technically skilled students ready to make significant contributions, whether by advancing product development, optimizing processes, or fostering technology transfer.

Eligible companies receive a cost-share of \$7.50 per hour toward interns' wages, with interns earning a minimum of \$15 per hour. Applications for the summer 2025 program are due by February 28, 2025.

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