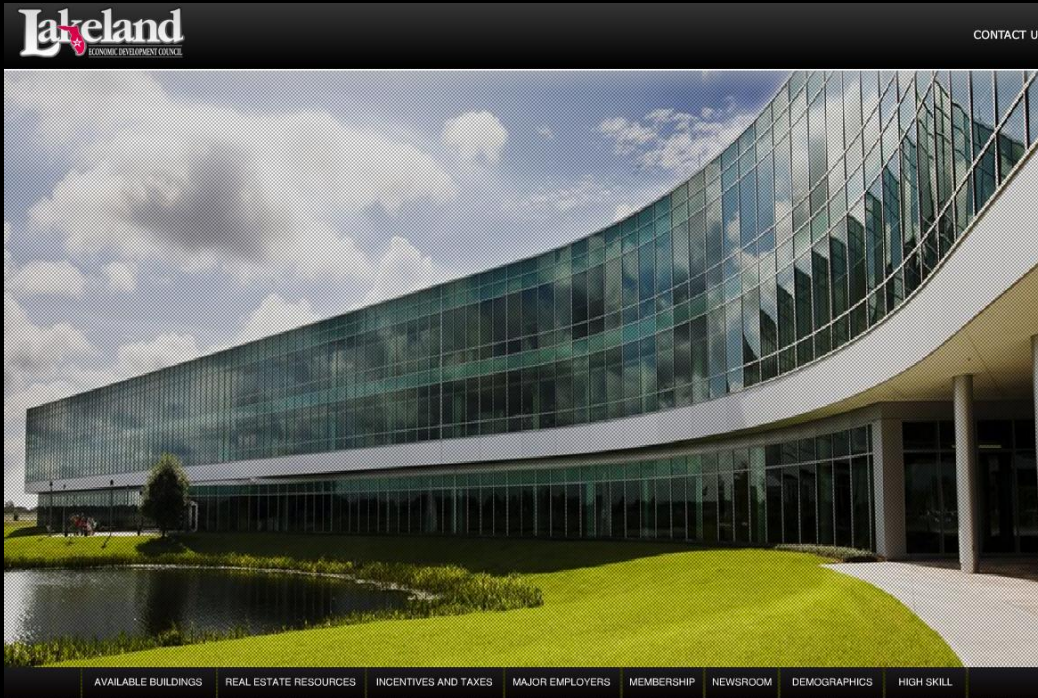


## LEDC LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE HOMEPAGE

The LEDC recently launched our new web site homepage. Please visit our site at [www.lakelandedc.com](http://www.lakelandedc.com) and let us know what you think!



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## WELLDYNE AND CENTRAL FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT HOST 2009 LEDC ANNUAL MEETING AT EAGLE'S LANDING

WellDyne, a national pharmacy benefit management company opened their doors early for the LEDC's 2009 Annual Breakfast meeting on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, where more than 300 attendees enjoyed the opportunity to visit their 62,000 sf, state of the art mail-order pharmaceutical facility and southeastern regional headquarters, located at 500 Eagles Landing Drive in Lakeland.



Steve Scruggs, LEDC Executive Director address the crowd.

"We continue to have great market response to our pharmacy benefit offering and need to support this business success with additional capacity," states Damien Lamendola, President and CEO of WellDyne. "We have been leveraging technology, innovation, flexibility and a strong commitment to service to earn our reputation as the premier provider of high quality prescription services. This has resulted in growing our business at such a healthy rate that we are able to create over 670 new jobs in the Florida market."

Why WellDyne chose Lakeland for their new southeastern headquarters was all about the three P's, PLACE, PEOPLE, POLYTECHNIC! Again, thank you to WellDyne and Rich LeFrois and Larry Glazer of Central Florida Development for hosting our 2009 Annual Breakfast. To check out all the pictures from this event, please go to our web site at <http://www.lakelandedc.com/PhotoGallery/annualmeetings.aspx>

## LEDC WRAPS UP 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL YLAKELAND SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The following 40 participants from 27 companies have completed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual YLakeland Summer Leadership Program:

- *Morgan Andrews, Lockheed Martin Corporation*
- *Ashley Barnett, Polk County School Board*
- *Brett Blondell, Rodda Construction*
- *Amber Cook, Lakeland Regional Medical Center*
- *Kaley Cooper, City of Lakeland*
- *Hilary Crenshaw, Boring Business Systems*
- *Travis Dimming, DSM.net*
- *Tia Donathan, Watson Clinic*
- *Jacob Driggers, Crowe Horwath*
- *Alexis Echeverria, Polk Works*
- *Kevin Estroff, Lakeland Regional Medical Center*
- *Laura Fannin, Marriott Vacation Club International*
- *Rodney Gadd, JSK Consulting*
- *Matt Green, Crowe Horwath*
- *Michael Hanlin, Lockheed Martin Corporation*
- *Craig Harwick, Lockheed Martin Corporation*
- *Justin Heacock, Heacock Insurance*
- *Rennie Heath, Bright House Networks*
- *Matthew Jones, GrayRobinson, P.A.*
- *Michael Kincart, Clark, Campbell, Mawhinney & Lancaster, P.A.*
- *Alex Koskey, Peterson & Myers, P.A.*
- *Sarah Malone, City of Lakeland*
- *Karlo Martinez, Southern Wine and Spirits*
- *Shawn McCole, Rita Staffing*
- *LaurieAnn McDonald, Polk Works*
- *Matthew McGowan, Watson Clinic*
- *Patrick Mize, City of Lakeland*
- *Sean Morris, City of Lakeland*
- *Carlos Parra, Polk State College*
- *Stacy Pfannenstiel, WellDyneRx*
- *Lauren Saunders, Saunders Real Estate*
- *Omar Sebti, Lockheed Martin Corporation*
- *Ryan Scully, Crowe Horwath*
- *Anna Shirokova, Saddle Creek Corporation*
- *Brendan Smith, Qgiv.com*
- *David Stark, City of Lakeland*
- *Melvin Thompson, Polk State College*
- *Alana Trimmier, LRMC Foundation*
- *Kimber Wiggs, Bagley Advertising Idea Pros*
- *Ryan Zika, Peterson & Myers, P.A.*

Beginning in the Summer of 2008, YLakeland launched an 8-week (June-July) Summer Leadership Program (SLP) for interns and new hires. The program was started under the Lakeland Economic Development Council's High-Skill High-Wage initiative. The LEDC staff facilitated the pilot program which included 45 participants from 17 local companies. The main goal of the program was to connect College Students/Young Professionals to Lakeland and to each other in an effort to attract and retain talent.

The 2009 YLakeland Summer Leadership Program was lead by LEDC intern **Savannah Eaves**, a junior at Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois and a 2007 graduate of Lakeland Christian School. The 2009 SLP Program Chair was **Antwan Key**, Communications Specialist at the City of Lakeland and a member of the inaugural YLakeland Summer Leadership Program Class I.



**YLAKELAND GOES SOCIAL...** You can follow YLakeland and the SLP program on any of these fine social networks:

