

# The Nerve

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*This Week — January 12, 2016*

## Derek Osborn

*Executive Director*

*PRIDE of Tuscaloosa*



Derek Osborn has been executive director of PRIDE of Tuscaloosa since October 2013.

PRIDE (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education) is a non-profit agency whose mission is to inform and educate parents, students and the community about the use and abuse of alcohol and drugs.

Derek, a Tuscaloosa native, graduated from Hillcrest High School and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, with a concentration in law

and the courts, from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

He began his career as a court referral officer for the state of Alabama, assigned to Sumter, Marengo, Hale and Greene counties. As a CRO, Derek was in charge of the evaluation, placement and compliance of people convicted of drug or alcohol related offenses. He went on to be a trainer of new CROs for the Administrative Office of Courts in Montgomery.

As executive director of PRIDE, he has formed partnerships with the city of Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Police Department, Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, the Tuscaloosa County District Attorney and the Alabama ABC Board among others. He has

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

JANUARY 19  
Linda Huntley

JANUARY 26  
John Barfield

FEBRUARY 2  
Stephen Rushin

successfully implemented the “Have A Little PRIDE” elementary program in the Tuscaloosa City and County schools and also planned and coordinated Tuscaloosa’s first drug summit, “Engage Tuscaloosa,” in November 2014. The summit combined the efforts of PRIDE, the District Attorney’s Office, the University of Alabama, Stillman College, Shelton State and other organizations to raise awareness of the increased availability and dangerous potency of illicit drugs.

Under his leadership, PRIDE of Tuscaloosa earned Certified Prevention Agency status through the State of Alabama Department of Mental Health in 2014.

Derek is a certified CPS through the AADAA. He is a graduate of Leadership Tuscaloosa class of 2009, a member of the Druid City Business League and an instructor at the annual Alabama School for Alcohol and Drug Studies.

Derek lives in Tuscaloosa with his wife Lynn and their two daughters, Savannah and Anica.



## Last Week — January 5, 2016

Mike Hainsey, executive director of the Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Mississippi, spoke on the economic impact airports can have in a community. The Golden Triangle Regional Airport, between Columbus and Starkville, has a \$253 million per year impact in that region. When Airbus located there, it attracted several other businesses and has helped increase jobs and revenue in the region.

### *At the head table*

**Jonathan Guin** — Pledge of Allegiance – Tanner & Guin LLC

**Sammy Watson** — Invocation – DCH Health System

**Billy Kirkpatrick** — Introduction of Guests – West Alabama AIDS Outreach

**Buddy Moman** — Introduction of Guest Speaker – Retired

### *Guests*

**Jeff Powell**, guest of Buddy Moman; **Ashley Waid**, guest of Mike Reilly;

**Charlie Durham**, guest of Mitchell Loper.



## Announcements

- Our Adopt-a-School partner, Northside High, is looking for volunteers to help with Reality Check, a financial literacy simulation event that will be held from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Feb. 10. More than 100 students will participate. The goal is for the students to understand the cost of living, the significance of budgeting and the correlation among education, career, salary and lifestyle. Adult volunteers are needed to work tables where students will purchase housing, transportation, insurance, retirement plan, groceries, student loan repayments, child care and the unexpected. Optional stations include donations, mall shopping and entertainment. Some students may be forced to seek a second job. Materials for those running the tables are provided, including a script. Anyone interested in any of the events above should contact Jane Jordan at 205-750-2716 or [jane.jordan@regions.com](mailto:jane.jordan@regions.com)
- The Rotary Club of Tuscaloosa will have a special speaker on Jan. 26. John Barfield, a former sharecropper, now a billionaire, will speak to the club and will bring guests from Rotary International. Pat Cross, our district governor, also will visit the club during this meeting.

### ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committee meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
- Make up at E-club online: [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org).

*Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at [caroline.williams@bbva.com](mailto:caroline.williams@bbva.com).*



