

# Business Connect Breakfast



The Ivins Outreach Center's first Business Connect Breakfast, held Friday, Nov. 3, was a successful blend of commerce and community. Representatives from local businesses took this opportunity to meet and mingle with the goal of establishing new business connections as well as learning about opportunities for their businesses to contribute to the community at the Ivins Outreach Center.

Participants dined on the breakfast provided by the culinary students at the Bucks County Technical High School, which hosted the event. Offerings included a made-to-order omelet station, chocolate chip pancakes, home fries, bacon, sausage, breakfast muffins and a basket of freshly baked treats.

Ivins Outreach Center Board President Kathleen Foster welcomed the crowd and along with Darletta Berry-Johnson, Executive Director of the Ivins Outreach Center, gave a presentation about the Ivins Outreach Center and its commitment to serving

the community.

Guest speaker was Paul Clough, a partner at Fresnel Partners in Yardley. Fresnel Partners increases the power and focus of mid-sized businesses by providing marketing, financial and operational advisory services.

Clough's topic was the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program. He detailed how credits can be applied against the tax liability for an eligible business contributing to an Opportunity Scholarship program and what a great opportunity the program is for businesses to provide scholarship money for students and earn a tax credit at the same time.

Darletta Berry-Johnson honored Bucks County Technical High School culinary instructor Scott Saunders for his contributions to the center and the "Food for Thought" program which provides meals to older adults enrolled in the Ivins Outreach Center "Staying Put in Lower Bucks" program.

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