



## **Legendary football coach Bobby Bowden to headline chamber annual meeting** *Bowden to motivate business and community leaders through keynote speech*

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Aug. 9, 2016 – On Wednesday, September 14, the Greater Pensacola Chamber will welcome former Florida State University (FSU) football coach Bobby Bowden as keynote speaker to its 126th annual meeting in downtown Pensacola. Bowden, one of the winningest coaches in major college football history, will speak about leading successful organizations and life after football.

Bowden guided FSU to more than 300 victories, two national championships, 12 Atlantic Coast Conference titles, 14 straight top five finishes in the nation, while leading the Seminoles to bowl games in 28 consecutive seasons during his 34-year tenure. Bowden was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006, awarded the Paul “Bear” Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011 and remains heavily involved in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Bowden is also a New York Times Best Selling Author with his recent book titled *Called To Coach*.

“We are so excited to welcome Coach Bowden as our keynote speaker for the 126th Annual Meeting. Coach Bowden had a profound impact on my life while I played football for him at FSU,” said Clay Ingram, Greater Pensacola Chamber President & CEO. “During that time I had the opportunity to observe him not only as a coach and mentor, but as the CEO of a multi-million dollar, high-profile business. I am thrilled that Coach Bowden is going to share insights into his formula for success with the Pensacola business community.”

The event will also include a commemorative year in review, the official passing of the gavel from current board of directors’ chair to incoming chair, and the announcement of the new 2016-2017 board of directors. Several awards and recognitions will also be presented to individuals and organizations for their outstanding commitment and dedication to the chamber.

**What:** 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (doors open at 11 a.m.)

**Where:** Skopelos at New World, 600 S. Palafox St.

**Price:** \$65 for individual members, \$75 for individual non-members, \$550 for a table of ten  
Purchase tickets online at [PensacolaChamber.com/Events/Annual-Meeting](http://PensacolaChamber.com/Events/Annual-Meeting).

Thank you to this year’s sponsors: Sacred Heart Health System; Cox Communications; Gulf Power Company; International Paper; and West Florida Healthcare. For more information, contact Lindsay Ryman, the Chamber’s Vice President of Membership and Operations, at (850) 438-4081, ext. 237, or [lryman@pensacolachamber.com](mailto:lryman@pensacolachamber.com).

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### **About the Greater Pensacola Chamber**

Founded in 1889, the Greater Pensacola Chamber is driven to create a climate of growth and success, to ensure economic prosperity and to enhance the quality of life in Greater Pensacola. The Pensacola Chamber Foundation, a

501(c)(3) nonprofit, oversees Leadership Pensacola and completed Vision 2015, a five-year plan for job creation that brought more than 8,000 jobs to the area within three years. These initiatives take a strategic approach to regional growth and community building with the goal of building a healthier, better-educated workforce; continuing to advance the region's economic positioning; and improving community infrastructure. For additional information, please visit [pensacolachamber.com](http://pensacolachamber.com), [facebook.com/pensacolachamber](https://facebook.com/pensacolachamber), [linkedin.com/company/greaterpensacolachamber](https://linkedin.com/company/greaterpensacolachamber) or follow [@pcolachamber](https://twitter.com/pcolachamber).