Columbia County Chamber Names 2025 Businesswoman of the Year!

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he Columbia County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Wendy Perry as the 2025 Businesswoman of the Year. The award was presented to Perry on Wednesday afternoon at the chamber's annual Woman of Influence Executive Luncheon presented by Piedmont Augusta. The prestigious honor recognizes a woman who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and passion both professionally and personally.

Wendy, who is currently the Principal and Co-Founder of KATALIS, has shown extraordinary leadership in both the corporate sector and community organizations. She has mentored aspiring leaders, built meaningful partnerships, and worked to help busi-





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nesses thrive. A retired U.S. Army Senior Nurse Executive with 22 years of service, Wendy continues to serve as an Ambassador for Women in Military Service for America, representing Georgia. Her commitment to empowering women and businesses, particularly through mentorship, has had a lasting impact on countless individuals in the Columbia County region and beyond.

"Wendy has exemplified the qualities we seek to recognize with this award: integrity, dedication, and a passion for making a difference," said Russell Lahodny, President and CEO of the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce. "She has shown extraordinary leadership in her career and continues to serve as an inspiration to those around her."

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