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Deck featured at Economic Update Breakfast-Aug. 22



Kathy Deck, Director of the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) in the Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, will be the speaker Wednesday, Aug. 22, in the Economic Update Breakfast Series at North Arkansas College. The event, sponsored by Centurion Financial Services and Porterfield Killingsworth CPA, will be held in the L.E. "Gene" Durand Center at Northark's Center Campus in Harrison.

"I'm looking forward to Kathy Deck's comments about the economic outlook in Northwest Arkansas, and we appreciate the sponsorship of Ken Savells, Tom Porterfield and their colleagues in bringing her here," said North Arkansas College

President Jackie Elliott. "Northark enjoys hosting this series, which is intended to keep local business leaders up-to-date on the overall economic conditions for the area."

Breakfast will be served starting at 7 a.m. in the Durand Center. The program starts at 7:30. Tickets are available at \$10 each by contacting Amy Bell, Northark's director of continuing education, at (870) 391-3160.

This is the fourth time Deck has been a speaker in the series, which she debuted in 2009. Other presenters have included Dr. Gene Huang, Chief Economist and a Vice President at FedEx; Dr. Michael R. Pakko, Chief Economist and State Economic Forecaster at the Institute for Economic Advancement at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock; and Jeff Davis, Senior Vice President and Treasurer at Walmart.

Deck earned a B.A. in economics from the College of William and Mary and a M.S. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Before joining the Center for Business and Economic Research, she was the antitrust economist for the Arizona Attorney General. Her research interests include local economic development, industry market structure, and

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education and health care economics.

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