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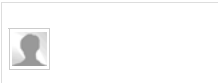
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The Walton College Center for Business and Economic Research has organized its annual Business Forecast Luncheon, which provides attendees with economic forecasts and networking opportunities Jan. 16 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers.

This is the 20th annual luncheon, and the program will consist of a panel of speakers and a moderator to discuss the global economy, the national economy and the state and regional economies, said Kathy Deck, director of the center for Business and Economic Research.

Yi Wen, assistant vice president of the St. Louis Reserve Bank, will discuss the global economic outlook, Richard Yamarone, chief economist at the Bloomberg Brief, will speak about the national economy and Deck will speak about the state and regional economies. Donnie Smith, CEO and president of Tyson Chicken, will moderate the panel, according to the Center for Business and Economic Research website.

The Walton college Center for Business and Economic Research organizes the Business Forecast to give local business and community leaders the chance to hear economic forecasts for the global economy, the national economy and the state and local economies, Deck said. These groups can then use that information to make better economic decisions for their businesses.

While the event draws in many businesses and community leaders, students can also purchase tickets for \$30 through the Center for Business and Economic Research website.

"It's really a great opportunity for students to get to hear the information for themselves and to interact with the businesses in the communities in the greater Arkansas area," Deck said. "The event gives a broad economic forecast of growth, output, employment, debt and interest rates--all things that are important to the economy and could be very useful to students who want to see what job prospects are out there and what the economy will look like when they take part in the labor force."

Although the event primarily attracts regional business leaders, Deck said that of the 1,000 expected attendees, there would be probably be between 100 and 200 non-local attendees.



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