

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: April 8, 2026

Contacts: Tyler Norris Goode, Director of Public Relations (828.339.4394 or t_goode@SouthwesternCC.edu)
Sarah Spann, Public Relations Assistant (828.339.4252 or s_jolly@SouthwesternCC.edu)

SCC's Small Business Center to Host EmpowHer Jackson: A Women's Rise and Shine Breakfast

Written by SCC Public Relations intern, Jazzie Blankenship

SYLVA –Southwestern Community College's Small Business Center is hosting a women's "Rise and Shine" breakfast event from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on May 13 in the Burrell Conference room on SCC's Jackson Campus. The free event is designed to bring together women from across Jackson County in a welcoming and supportive environment focused on connection, growth and empowerment.

Aspiring entrepreneurs, business owners, and community leaders will have the meaningful opportunity to celebrate one another by sharing stories, exchanging strategies to lead and succeed, lifting each other up and building lasting connections.

Annette Clapsaddle, author of the first novel published by an enrolled member of the EBCI, will kick off the breakfast by sharing her personal journey and story with attendees. Following the open remarks, the event will feature a guided networking activity, a panel discussion and free professional headshots for everyone who attends.

Seating for this event is limited. To register, visit: <https://bit.ly/3PZHaM7>

--- END ---