

# Gov. Rauner headlines fall DCEDC events

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Gov. Bruce Rauner will headline the DeKalb County Economic Development Corp.'s Annual Dinner on Oct. 29 at the Duke Ellington Ballroom in Northern Illinois University's Holmes Student Center.

The event serves to highlight economic development accomplishments in DeKalb County during the past year and to inspire or educate members and guests on business practices or policies.

Rauner was sworn in as the 42nd governor of Illinois on Jan. 12, 2015. His goal as governor is to create a more prosperous state, where everyone has an opportunity to succeed. He is focused on delivering value for taxpayers, creating a pro-jobs economic climate, ensuring world-class schools and educational options for every Illinoisan.

Rauner was born in Illinois, graduated with top honors from Dartmouth College and earned an M.B.A. from Harvard. Returning to Illinois in 1981, Rauner began working at then-startup investment company Golder, Thoma, Cressey (later GTCR). As one of its earliest partners, he helped build the firm into a successful and respected business.

This year marks the 28th Annual Dinner of the DCEDC countywide public/private economic development partnership. The event will run from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 29. Tickets for DCEDC members are available online at [www.dcedc.org](http://www.dcedc.org). Tickets for the public go on sale Oct. 1.

### Arts and entertainment brings visitors, revenue

Leaders representing the NIU Convocation Center, the Egyptian Theatre and the DeKalb County Convention and Visitors Bureau will be on hand for a business roundtable Sept. 30 to describe how the arts and entertainment industry serves to promote the county while generating revenue through local purchases and overnight stays.

NIU Director of Campus Communications & Divisional Operations Brad Hoey, Egyptian Theatre Executive Director Alex Nerad and DCCVB Executive Director Debbie Armstrong will share exciting information about upcoming events and new attractions to visit throughout DeKalb County. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the NIU Convocation Center. Registration information is available at [www.dcedc.org](http://www.dcedc.org).

### Tour celebrates National Manufacturing Day

While manufacturers all over the country are planning to showcase a dynamic industry ripe with automation, robotics, 3-D printing, additive manufacturing, and computer-aided design, the DeKalb Ogle Workforce Development Consortium will introduce students to industry by

touring local plants Oct. 2.

Eight area manufacturers will welcome high school students from DeKalb, Sycamore, Genoa-Kingston, Rochelle and the Kishwaukee Education Consortium on National Manufacturing Day. Participating companies include Albus Packaging, CHS Inc., Clark Diedrich Building Systems, Driv-Lok, Greenlee Textron, H.A. Phillips & Co., Ideal Industries and Shape-Master Tool Co.

Heavy Metal Tour participants also will visit the Kishwaukee College Career Technologies Wing to meet with instructors who will describe how they can acquire the skills and certifications necessary to excel in industrial careers. Interested students should contact their high school counselor or Gene Fogle at [gfogle@dcedc.org](mailto:gfogle@dcedc.org).

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