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Piedmont-Triad SCORE Wins Two Awards

Greensboro, North Carolina, February 22, 2024 — The Piedmont-Triad Chapter of SCORE is proud to announce they are the recipients of the **Chapter of the Year Award for the District** and **Chapter of the Year Award for the Region** for 2023. The SCORE District includes the entire state of North Carolina, while the SCORE region encompasses North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Puerto Rico. In addition, the Piedmont-Triad Chapter was a finalist for the **Chapter of the Year for the Country**.

“The Piedmont-Triad Chapter of SCORE is honored and proud of the two awards and looks forward to the future helping small businesses succeed,” said Gary Simmons, Chair Piedmont-Triad SCORE.

The Triad chapter completed more than 1,050 mentoring sessions during the year and had an overall increase by 10% over last year. In addition, they were able to add several mentors with an emphasis on diversity. Mentees often attribute their success to the mentors they met through SCORE.

“When I moved to North Carolina in June, 2023, [my SCORE mentors] hopped on board to show me the ropes in the local business world. Now, in my third year of business, I’m lucky to have both [of them] in my corner, especially with the exciting growth I’m experiencing. SCORE and these mentors have been the secret sauce to making my business journey a real success and I am incredibly grateful for them both,” said Mandie Sawyer, SCORE client.

SCORE benefits both the Mentor as well as the Mentee. “I wanted to give back as much as possible utilizing everything that I’ve learned throughout my life. SCORE was it and I’ve never regretted it,” said Richard Neinast, SCORE Mentor Piedmont-Triad SCORE.

The Triad SCORE Chapter is always looking for ways to expand their reach into the business community. Potential mentors and mentees are always welcome to attend workshops and seminars.

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The mission of SCORE is to foster vibrant small business communities through mentoring and education. SCORE believes that every person has the support necessary to thrive as a small business owner.