

**By SAM HATCHER**

Kudos are in order for a group of Leadership Wilson alumni who have taken it upon themselves to organize, promote and orchestrate an event planned for January 20, that will focus on bringing elected leaders countywide together for a conference on what they might do to help build a better Wilson County.

The day long conference, to be held on the Lipscomb University campus in Nashville, is the work of a small group that has built a branding around its effort on the theme Power of One.

Essentially the message to be disseminated is "look how powerful we can be if we act together as a Power of One."

Those producing the conference are quick to point out that it's not going to be a hand holding, hugging affair, but rather an opportunity for elected officials from one end of the county to the other to share with each other; discuss their individual visions for the county; what challenges they believe may exist in the future; and what they can do as government leaders to help ensure a bright and progressive future for the home community.

Those invited to the conference include members of the county commission and members of each of the three county municipal legislative bodies including the county mayor and city mayors. Also invited are a limited number of community leaders.

The day will begin with conferees boarding the Music City Star for an early morning ride into Nashville. From Riverfront Station the group will be transported to Lipscomb and returned late that afternoon to the downtown area for dinner and the return trip home via the commuter rail.

Many of those attending the workshop are taking a day off from work and in doing so are sacrificing a loss of pay. Others are obligating themselves to spending a day of their own time without compensation for the good of Wilson County.

## **Power of One event deserves big thanks**

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You might say this is something they ought to do because of their roles as elected officials.

But the truth of the matter is that this is something that they really don't have to do and are doing this because they are dedicated public servants.

The response to the call to attend the conference has already been very good. A large majority of those who have been invited have replied that they will attend, others have said they're trying to make arrangements to attend, and a few, only a few, have registered themselves in the doubtful to attend column.

This is going to be a very good experience for those attending.

And no doubt the results will be very good for Wilson County.

Thank you Power of One for stepping forward and making this happen.