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The Financial Training Center's e-Newsletter



### Women: Start Growing Your Business

Welcome to the I-HOPE Women's Business Center of the Lowcountry! Our monthly orientation is a chance for you to get to know us and the services we can offer to you at NO COST! On Thursday, June 17, join our webinar at 2 p.m.

Our spotlight is on Small Business. Our mission is to inspire and empower women, minority, and veteran entrepreneurs by providing programs and services focused on small business education, development, and support. We are powered by the U.S. Small Business Administration and are a program of Increasing H.O.P.E Financial Training Center. *Bring your ideas and small business questions for an informative hour on how we can help you START & GROW your business!*

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## Upcoming Events

## Make Your Next Move, Your Best Move

with Realtor Sebastian Washington

June 10 • 2-3PM

Presented by



## Make your next move, your best move

In honor of Father's Day, our focus in June is on Men's Appreciation and Homeownership. Realtor Sebastian Washington, of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in Summerville, will lead the conversation about current hot topics in real estate. So, guys, this one's for you! [Join our webinar on Thursday, June 10, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.](#)

Talking points will include:

1. Update on the Lowcountry real estate market. Is now a good time to buy? What the experts are saying about today's real estate market.
2. Buying vs. renting. Can you afford "not" to buy? What's the real cost of homeownership vs. renting?
3. Overcoming obstacles on the road to homeownership. What to expect during the process, from beginning to end.

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## Employee Spotlight: Ebony "Ebby J" Johnson

As Program Coordinator, Ebby J is responsible for four areas: Administrative, Programming/ Creations, Community Outreach, and Evaluations/Reporting. She joined the Increasing H.O.P.E. team in October 2020. In addition, Ebby J is SheEO (CEO/Founder) of Choate Consulting Firm, LLC, where she serves as a voice for the voiceless as a trauma advocate specializing in mental health, with a focus on diversity, inclusion, and equity. In May 2021, Ebby earned her bachelor's degree in psychology, specializing in Neuropsychology. Congrats, Ebby J! Next she plans to pursue a master's degree. And we can't fail to mention that she is the proud mother of an aspiring Robotics and AI Engineer.

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## finance and small business skills

Would you like to know more about managing your money? Buying your first home? Starting and building a small business? Watch this informative video of our Community Financial Forum, held in April 2021.

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## entrepreneur

What is different about buying a home as a small business owner? Watch our 45-minute webinar covering the details of real estate purchases and investment with Increasing H.O.P.E.'s Peter McClintock, housing counselor, and Dorothea Bernique, executive director.

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