

# Florence chamber honors ACS president

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**FLORENCE** — Hal Campbell, president and CEO of ACS Technologies, was named 2004 Business Person of the Year by the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce on Thursday.

Campbell's distinction was announced at the Florence chamber's 88th Annual Membership Dinner at Florence Civic Center.

Upon accepting the honor, Campbell also thanked his employees and said a lot of the people working for ACS have been there for than more than 20 years.

Also at the dinner, Jamie Carsten of First Federal was named Chamber Champ of the Year, the chamber's top volunteer.

The membership dinner, which is normally held in the spring, drew a crowd of 350. This year's attendance represents a growth of more than 10 percent.

Chamber president Tom Marschel said he applauds Campbell's decision to stay and grow his business in Florence.

Campbell is a Florence native who began working as a programmer in 1979. He built ACS into a company with more than 300 employees, agents and trainers, with a client list of 20,000 churches and other organizations.

ACS has been recognized by the South Carolina Small Business Administration and participated in the National Small Business Week in Washington, D.C.

A graduate of Southside High School and Francis Marion University, Campbell has been recognized at an outstanding alumnus of FMU and is a member of the FMU Board of Trustees.

Campbell and his wife, Melanie, have two children, Maggie and Abby.

Wachovia co-sponsored the Business Person of the Year portion of the dinner. Wachovia's Charlie Williams presented the Business Person of the Year award for the 19th consecutive year.