

## HCBI Exceeds Its 2010 Membership Goal

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The 2010 calendar year is not even through five completed months, but already Huntingdon County Business and Industry has surpassed its membership goal for the year.

Susanne House, director of business outreach for Juniata College's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, provided an update to the organization's membership campaign Monday afternoon.

"As of today, HCBI has 180 total members (for 2010)," House told *The Daily News*. "Thirty-five of those 180 are brand new members."

HCBI's 2010 goal, in terms of number of members, was 162, House said. That goal of 162 included both reciprocal and partner memberships.

Through the memberships added and renewed, HCBI was also able to meet its 2010 financial goal in that area, raising \$41,000, House said. Last year, House said HCBI established a monetary goal through membership fees of a little more than \$40,000.

The year isn't even 50 percent complete, and HCBI could greatly exceed its own expectations.

"We're pleasantly surprised because with the economy the way it was, there was some uncertainty that we would see that many new members joining," House said.

HCBI has averaged seven new members per month since the turn of the calendar year. While it is merely a projection, that current pace would put HCBI on track to add 84 new members this year.

To view a complete list of all current HCBI members or to find out how to become a member, visit [www.hcbi.com](http://www.hcbi.com).