



2010 Small Business Person of the Year Call for Nominations for the 14th Annual Award

This award highlights the role of small businesses in our community and across the nation. It symbolizes the personal strengths of owners and managers of successful small businesses. It represents the successful business person's ability to see each business factor from every perspective while preserving the view of the whole. The criteria is parallel to those of the state and national small business awards, thereby making the Jackson recipient eligible for entry into those levels of competition.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, along with Flagstar Bank and 106.9 HOME.fm, will present this award at the Annual Meeting on January 20, 2011 at Jackson Community College Potter Center to a local owner/operator who has achieved exceptional success. The Economic Club Committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is asking you to think about people who exemplify the best of small business in our community.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION:

Deadline for Nominations is September 1, 2010

Past Recipients of the Small Business Person of the Year Award

2009 - Dennis DeCosta, Commonwealth Associates, Inc.; 2008 - Jerry Malone, Orthopaedic Rehab Specialists, PC; 2007 - Bart Hawley, JTV; 2006 - Kathryn Ring, Eye Services of Jackson; 2005 - Kim & Victor Gamez, Micky Wiginton, The Crazy Cowboy; 2004 - Ted Christoff, Christoff & Sons Floor Covering, Inc.; 2003 - Al Cavaasin, Great Northern Sentry Company; 2002* - Bruce and Sue Goldsen, WKHM/WIBM/K 105.3 FM; 2002* - William Deary, Great Lakes Home Health and Hospice; 2001 - John Campau, Comtronics; 2000 - Lloyd Ganton, Lloyd Ganton Retirement Centers; 1999 - Phil Willis, Willis & Jurasek, P.C.; 1998 - Ric Walton, Walton Agency, Inc.

* Dates adjusted to reflect achievements rather than the year award was presented

Award Recipient Criteria:

- Staying Power: a history as an established business for a minimum of three years
- Stability or Growth in Number of Employees: has provided employment or assisted in providing employment to persons in Jackson County
- Increase in Sales and/or Unit Volume: an indication of continued growth
- Evidence of Financial Viability: has shown stability or growth in profitability
- Innovativeness of Product or Service Offered: illustrations of the creativity and imagination of the nominee
- Response to Adversity: has demonstrated a positive and effective response to adversity within their business
- Evidence of Contributions by Nominee to Aid Community Oriented Projects: has made a contribution of time and abilities to the general betterment of the community
- Location: headquarters must be in Jackson County
- Ownership: owns, operates or bears principal responsibility for operating a small business (up to three partners who jointly own or operate may be nominated as a "team")
- Size: must meet SBA size standards (Services=up to \$21.5 million in annual receipts; Retail=up to \$21 million in annual receipts; Construction=up to \$17 million in annual receipts; Manufacturing=up to 1,500 employees; Wholesale=up to 100 employees)

NOMINATIONS (Send nominations to Angela@JacksonChamber.org or fax to 517.780.3688):

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Company: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____

**** Nominations must be received at the Chamber office by September 1, 2010**