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## **BA Chamber Annual Gala Awards Recipients**

Broken Arrow, OK – February 9, 2022 – Saturday evening, the Broken Arrow Chamber hosted their Annual Gala at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center. This year’s black-tie masquerade ball was an elegant evening where achievements in business and community leadership in Broken Arrow were recognized and celebrated.

There were 15 awards given out to a range of businesses and business leaders. The award committee is comprised of a committee including past award winners.

Below are the awards that were given out on Saturday and the recipients:

- Police Officer of the Year: Detective Brett Burton, BAPD
- Firefighter of the Year: Firefighter Paramedic Seth Rich, BAFD
- Volunteer of the Year: Nicole Smith, 1-800 Water Damage
- Chairman’s Award: Brittany Littleton, Littleton Legal, PLLC
- Total Resource Campaign Top Producer: Mike Scrimsher, Royal Printing
- Total Resource Campaign Top Performer in Increased Sales – New Sponsors: Kelly Beyer, Manpower
- Community Advocate of the Year: Amanda Grace, Broken Arrow Public Schools
- Manufacturer of the Year: Hubbell-Gas Utility Solutions
- Non-Profit of the Year: Broken Arrow Neighbors
- Minority-Owned Business of the Year: Lotus Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine
- Business Person of the Year: Jack Hayhurst, Hayhurst Funeral Home
- Small Business of the Year (15 or fewer employees): High Tower Accounting & Tax
- Large Business of the Year (16-50 employees): TTCU Federal Credit Union
- Entrepreneur of the Year: Craig and Dawn Chesser, Sixth Day Snacks
- Citizen of the Year: The Museum Broken Arrow

“This year we had a much larger number of nominations which just proves how inspiring our community’s businesses and leadership are. Each of these nominees and award winners are prime examples of commitment, integrity, and continued community growth,” said Jennifer Conway, President & CEO of the Broken Arrow Chamber and Economic Development Corporation. “On behalf of the Chamber Board and the Chamber Staff, we want to congratulate each of our recipients.” continued, Conway.

Please contact the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce for any media inquiries regarding these awards. For a list of award criteria, please see next page.

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#### Volunteer of the Year:

Volunteer of the Year - Given annually, this award goes to a Chamber Volunteer who has made a significant contribution toward the success of the Chamber and its mission and has been a blessing and help to our board and the Chamber staff in their service.

#### Chairman's Award:

This award is given at the discretion of the outgoing Chair honoring a community leader who has made a significant impact on the Chamber in the past year.

#### Community Advocate of the Year:

The community advocate of the year is awarded to organizations or individuals that go beyond their business' mission to serve the community at large. They empower their employees to serve and work to advocate the community they love.

#### Manufacturer of the Year:

Our manufacturing businesses create wealth for the community and export their goods across the nation and abroad. Providing quality jobs and opportunities for the region, they are the backbone of local economy and are engaged in the community.

#### Nonprofit of the Year:

The non-profit of the year is an organization that provides services and programming to the Broken Arrow community that are extraordinary, serving people's needs and providing products and services not found in the for-profit realm.

#### Minority owned Business of the Year:

This award is presented to an outstanding woman or minority owned business in our region. The outstanding work they do not only creates a successful business, but also creates opportunities for women or minorities to succeed.

#### Business Person of the Year:

The Business person of the Year is awarded to an individual whose business practices embody what it means to be a community partner, innovator, and leader. The Business Person of the Year is a prestigious award that is given to someone who stands alone as an example to his or her peers.



#### Citizen of the Year:

Given since 1959, this award is presented annually to the citizen who has consistently worked across organizations in our community to enhance our city. Recipients exhibit a “service above self” approach and have worked with the chamber, city, school, and civic organizations to improve our city.

#### Small Business of the Year:

Our Small Business of the Year is awarded to a business with 15 or less employees, which has made a significant impact in the community they serve, these are industry leaders that have created wealth through new jobs, bettered the city by encouraging their staff to be involved in the community, and continually innovate to be ahead of the pack.

#### Large Business of the Year:

Our Large Business of the Year is awarded to a business with 16 or more employees, which has made a significant impact in the community they serve, these are industry leaders that have created wealth through new jobs, bettered the city by encouraging their staff to be involved in the community, and continually innovate to be ahead of the pack.

#### Entrepreneur of the Year:

This award is given to a leader who is building a dynamic company, with sustainable potential for growth. They are on the business journey to create, grow, and innovate. The recipient of this award would be someone in the first 1-3 years of business.