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BA Chamber Annual Awards Gala Recipients Recognized

Broken Arrow, OK – February 5, 2024 – Saturday evening, the Broken Arrow Chamber hosted their Awards Gala at River Spirit Casino Resort. This year’s black-tie Top Gun themed gala was an elegant evening where achievements in business and community leadership in Broken Arrow were recognized and celebrated.

There were 14 awards presented, this year, 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: K-9 Officer Eric Keech, BAPD
- Firefighter of the Year: Firefighter Jo’es Okotoghaide, BAFD
- Volunteer of the Year: Jackie Kozlowski, Cabi Fashion Stylist
- Total Resource Campaign Top Producer: Mike Scrimsher, Royal Printing
- Total Resource Campaign Top Increase in Sales: Jamie Wheeler, AVB Bank
- Chamber Ambassador of the Year: Cheryl Barlow, CrossFirst Bank
- Community Advocate of the Year: Larry Pennington, Pennington & Associates
- Manufacturer of the Year: Solar Turbines
- Non-Profit of the Year: The Demand Project
- Business-Person of the Year: Ronda Butler, Ronda Butler-Keller Williams Preferred
- Small Business of the Year (15 or fewer employees): Star Jewelers
- Mid-Size Business of the Year (16-50 employees): Water’s Edge Winery on the Rose
- Large Business of the Year (51+ employees): Tactical Electronics
- Citizen of the Year: Mike Scrimsher, Royal Printing
- Chairman’s Award: Celia & Cesar DeLeon. Celia DeLeon Farmers Insurance & Travel Agency

“Every year the number of nominations and submitted applications grows, which shows the amazing support our business owners and leadership get from their peers and the community,” 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 nominees and recipients.” continued, Conway.

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Please contact Lindsay Cunningham at Lindsay.Cunningham@bachamber.com for any media inquiries regarding these awards.

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About the Broken Arrow Chamber:

With over 850 members, the Broken Arrow Chamber provides the support and resources our business community needs so that together we create an environment in which every business from entrepreneurs to corporations can thrive. The Chamber is the leading voice to advocate for business because when Broken Arrow businesses grow, the entire community thrives.

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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.

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.

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.

Community Advocate of the Year

The community advocate of the year is awarded to organizations or individuals that go above and beyond their business’ mission to serve the community at large. They empower their employees to serve and work to advocate for the community they love. Examples include volunteering at community events, serving on Community Boards, Supporting local non-profit organizations, and more.

Manufacturer of the Year

These 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 the 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.

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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.

Businessperson of the Year

A person whose business practices embody what it means to be a community partner, innovator, and leader. The Businessperson of the Year is a prestigious award that will be given to someone who stands alone as an example to his or her peers. Must demonstrate their propensity to grow their business, community involvement, and job creation.

Business of the Year-15 or less employees

A business that 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.

Business of the Year-16 to 50 employees

A business that 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.

Business of the Year-51 or more employees

A business that 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.

Legacy Award

Awarded for a lifetime of service in Broken Arrow. This year, the award will be awarded posthumously.