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Nominations are now being accepted for CBICC's third annual Excellence in Business Awards

State College, PA, Wednesday, Oct. 11 – Nominations are now being accepted for the Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County's third annual **Excellence in Business Awards**, presented in partnership with *Pennsylvania Business Central*.

To be held **Thursday, Dec. 7** at the **Nittany Lion Inn** in State College, the event recognizes the best of Centre County's business community.

Nominations are being accepted in six categories:

- Startup Company of the Year
- Small Business of the Year (retail, service/professional service, hospitality/recreation)
- Technology Company of the Year
- Business Leader of the Year
- Corporate/Community Impact Business of the Year
- Young Professional of the Year

An independent panel of business and community leaders will select finalists and winners in each category, all of which will be revealed at the awards dinner.

In addition, the CBICC will name the 2017 Economic Development Champion.

Businesses/individuals are encouraged to self-nominate, or, nominate a deserving business/individual. Multiple category entries are allowable. Nomination forms can be downloaded by visiting www.cbiccvisiondinner.com. Completed forms or nomination recommendations should be emailed to lkistner@cbicc.org.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be Bernie Swain, founder and chairman of the preeminent lecture agency – The Washington Speakers Bureau.

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Over the last 35 years, WSB has represented three U.S. Presidents; four prime ministers of Great Britain; countless American and world leaders; business and economic visionaries; authors; media personalities; and sports legends. Swain, author of *“What Made Me Who I Am,”* will speak about identifying and capitalizing on the defining moments in one’s life.

The first 100 registrants (including sponsors) will receive a complimentary copy of *“What Made Me Who I Am.”*

Forever Media radio personality Jeff Brown will serve as emcee.

The deadline to submit a nomination is COB Friday, Nov. 10.

Online registration for the Excellence in Business Awards will be open soon.

Excellence in Business Awards is being sponsored by First National Bank; Miller, Kistler & Campbell; Homeland Manufacturing Services; FirstEnergy; Ben Franklin Technology Partners; CPI Foundation; PSECU; AmeriServ; DBB; RJ Lee Group, Inc. and Invent Penn State.

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