

2015



Excellence in Business
Vision Dinner and Awards

Nominees announced for CBICC/Pennsylvania Business Central Excellence in Business Awards

STATE COLLEGE, PA, Dec. 7 – The Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County today announced the nominees for its 2015 Excellence in Business Awards, presented in partnership with *Pennsylvania Business Central*.

Three finalists and one winner in five categories will be announced at the CBICC's Vision Dinner, to be held from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at Mountain View Country Club.

Small Business of the Year; Visionary Company of the Year; Technology Company of the Year; Entrepreneur of the Year; and CEO of the Year finalists and winners will be selected by an independent panel of business and community leaders.

In addition, the CBICC will select and present two economic development awards – Economic Development Champion and Centre County Economic Development Partnership Support Partner of the Year – during a portion of the program that will highlight the CBICC's strategic vision for 2016.

2015 Excellence in Business Award nominees are:

Small Business of the Year – Spectrawood; PennTerra Engineering; Rowland Creative; Trombley Real Estate; Homeland Manufacturing Services; The Makery; Quality Inn; Actuated Medical; and Indigo Biosciences.

Visionary Company of the Year – AE Works; West Arete; Home Instead Senior Care; Reese Engineering; Restek; and Actuated Medical

CEO of the Year – John Bonislawski, Homeland Manufacturing Services; Bob Huffnagle, State of the Art; Greg Smith, PSECU; Scott Good, Goodco Mechanical; Joseph Sheetz, Sheetz, Inc.; and Todd Erdley, Videon Central.

Technology Company of the Year – West Arete; Avail Technologies; AccuWeather; KCF Technologies; Analytical Flavor Systems; Actuated Medical; Indigo Biosciences; and Energy Stewards.

Entrepreneur of the Year – Airnest; Big Spring Spirits; Actuated Medical; Dr. Neil Sharkey, Vice President of Research, Penn State University.

The Vision Dinner/Excellence in Business Awards will feature local radio personality Jeff Brown as emcee and a surprise guest dinner speaker.

The event is being sponsored by *Pennsylvania Business Central*, PSECU, FirstEnergy, Homeland Manufacturing Services, First National Bank, Videon Central, Audi State College and Seven Mountains Media.

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