



2016



Excellence in Business
Vision Dinner and Awards

Dec 15, 2016

5 p.m. – Cocktail Reception / 6 p.m. – Dinner / 7 p.m. – Awards
Mountain View Country Club

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**Nominations now being accepted for 2016 CBICC/Pennsylvania
Business Central Excellence in Business Awards**

Annual event to recognize best of Centre County business

STATE COLLEGE, PA, Oct. 3, 2016 – Nominations are now being accepted for the **Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County's** 2016 Excellence in Business Awards, presented in partnership with Pennsylvania Business Central. The awards dinner will be held Thursday, Dec. 15 at Mountain View Country Club.

The Excellence in Business Awards will recognize the best of Centre County's business community in six categories:

- Technology Company of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Business Leader of the Year
- Visionary Company of the Year
- Small Business of the Year (retail, service/professional service, hospitality, restaurant/caterer)
- Connect Young Professional of the Year

The CBICC will also recognize the 2016 Economic Development Champion. The inaugural award was presented to Penn State University President Dr. Eric J. Barron in 2015.

"The Excellence in Business Awards are a wonderful opportunity to showcase the strength and diversity of Centre County's business community," said Vern Squier, CBICC President and CEO, who noted that last year's event was attended by 250 business, community, government and academic leaders. "We encourage businesses of all sizes and industries to submit a nomination and join us December 15 as we celebrate local business."

"*Pennsylvania Business Central* is pleased to be part of an effort that recognizes and shares the story of local businesses and individuals that are driving industry advances and economic growth," said David Wells, publisher, *The Pennsylvania Business Central, The Marcellus Business Central*.

Finalists and winners in each category will be chosen by an independent panel of business and community leaders. Nomination forms are available at www.cbiccvisiondinner.com. The nomination/self-nomination process runs through Nov. 15.

The 2016 Vision Dinner will feature as keynote speaker John D. Bassett III, Chairman, Vaughan-Bassett Furniture and author of "*Making it in America*."

A third generation furniture man, John has worked in the industry for 55 years. Under John's leadership, Vaughan-Bassett has become the largest wooden bedroom manufacturer in the United States, with 100 percent of Vaughan-Bassett's products manufactured domestically.

The program will be emceed by Seven Mountains Media radio personalities Roger Corey and Cathy Brown.

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