



MEDIA RELEASE

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FINALISTS NAMED FOR CHAMBER'S BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Kelowna: Nearly 230 people attended the Chamber's Business Excellence Nominees' luncheon Thursday October 4 at the Delta Grand. The event recognized 107 semi-finalists in 11 different categories and also revealed the three finalists in each category. The ultimate recipients of the each award will be announced at the 31st Annual Business Excellence Gala on Wednesday October 24th at the Delta Grand.

"It was a fantastic afternoon with more than a hundred nominees being recognized for the significant positive impact they have had on our community", said Carmen Sparg, President of the Kelowna Chamber. "We are pleased to stage these awards each year as a way to recognize the outstanding talent we have in the Kelowna area of the Central Okanagan while also hopefully inspiring others along the way."

Tickets for the Excellence Awards Gala sponsored by Farris Vaughan Wills & Murphy LLP and BDC, are available through the Chamber office or online through the Chamber's website. The luncheon event was sponsored by Valley First, a division of First West Credit union.

A list of Finalists as named by the independent judging panel include:

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT AWARD (Sponsored by Hergott Law)

Festivals Kelowna
Kelowna Actors Studio Inc.
New Vintage Theatre Company

RISING STAR AWARD (Sponsored by Argus Properties)

Canadian Wholesale Lighting
Ossicle Hearing Inc.
Start Fresh Kitchen

MICRO BUSINESS AWARD (Sponsored by Predator Ridge)

Harmony Chiropractic Clinic Inc.
Hatch Interior Design Inc.
Serviss Wealth Management

SMALL BUSINESS AWARD (Sponsored by Prospera Credit Union)

Faction Projects Inc.
Fleek Factory Ltd.
Orthoquest Pedorthics and Rehabilitation

MID-SIZED BUSINESS AWARD (Sponsored by BDO)

Highstreet Ventures Inc.
Modern PURAIR®
Odlum Brown Ltd.

LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR (Sponsored by Grant Thornton)

Boyd Autobody & Glass
Innov8 Digital Solutions Inc.
Strategic Aviation Services Ltd.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR (Sponsored by YLW Kelowna International Airport)

Dr. Harmony Mir/Harmony Chiropractic Clinic Inc.
William Walczak/Hiilite Creative Group
Chris & Addie Pafiolis/SweetLegs Clothing Inc.

MARKETING CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR AWARD (Sponsored by Pushor Mitchell LLP)

Chances Kelowna
SK Form & Finish Inc.
Troika Management Corp.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXCELLENCE AWARD (Sponsored by Kelowna Foundation for Hope and Social Innovation)

Central Okanagan Community Food Bank
Kelowna Community Resources
Pathways Abilities Society

SOCIAL LEADERSHIP AWARD (Sponsored by Interior Savings Credit Union)

Arion Therapeutic Farm
New Leaf Physiotherapy (NLP)
Refresh Financial

TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR (Sponsored by UBC Okanagan)

Agents of Discovery
Perfit Dental Solutions
Vitalis Extraction Technology

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