

Past Annual Award Winners

2023

Business of the Year

- Todd & Sargent

Community IMPACT Project of the Year

- YSS/Colo
- Nevada Fieldhouse
- Childserve
- Iowa Arboretum

Trailblazer of the Year

- Nelson Electric

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Ashley Redeker

Economic Development Volunteer of the Year

- Craig Christenson, Project Legacy

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award

- Project Search, Arc of Story County & ISU

Business and Student Engagement Award

- Nevada iJag

Housing Project of the Year

- Kading Properties
- Friedrich Real Estate
- Flummerfelt Enterprises, Inc.
- Hunziker Construction, Sunset Ridge Expansion

Culture Creator Award

- TMC Trucking & Logistics

Economic Impact Award

- Anthem, Huxley
- 3M

- EBY
- Wyffels Hybrids
- AgriBrink
- New Century FS
- RES
- Kent Corporation
- Mid States
- Gross-Wen Technologies
- Landus Cooperative

FUEL 4 Under 40

- Steven Lawrence, Ames Chamber of Commerce
- Melissa Muschick, Discover Ames
- Abbie Miller, OEI/AgCertain
- Mindy Bergstrom, Cooks Emporium/Nook&Nest/ZW Merchantile

Farmers Market Volunteer of the Year

- Jim Peterson

AMS Volunteer of the Year

- Sam Stagg, 10Fold Architecture

Ames Foundation Volunteer Business of the Year

- Jeff Iles, Iowa State University Horticulture

Ambassador of the Year

- Nate Kuhn, Northwest Bank

2022

Business of the Year

- Danfoss

Community Development Project of the Year

- Ames Home Builders Association

Trailblazer of the Year

- Susan Frantz, Fenceline Beer Lab

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Evie Petersen

Economic Development Volunteer of the Year

- Tyler Fredericksen, Story County Economic Development Corporation

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Award

- Hawkeye Molding Company

Business and Student Engagement Award

- Boone Community School District, EDGE Program
- Lane Trailer Manufacturing

Housing Project of the Year

- The Villas at Fox Pointe, Boone

Culture Creator Award

- Sigler Companies

Economic Impact Award

- Berdex
- AgCertain
- Kruck Plumbing & Heating
- Verbio
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FUEL 4 Under 40

- Sarina Flathers, YSS

- Kristin Pates, United Way of Story County
- Kayla Bergman, Center for Rural Affairs
- Allie Pursa, United Way of Story County

AMS Volunteer of the Year

- Steve Goodhue, Knapp Tedesco

Ames Foundation Volunteer Business of the Year

- Chevron Renewable Energy Group

Ambassador of the Year

- Dan Siegfried, Farm Bureau Financial Services

2021

Business Person of the Year

- Chuck Winkleblack, Hunziker

Community Contributor of the Year

- Steve Goodhue, Knapp Tedesco

Trailblazer of the Year

- Dan Oh, AgCertain/OEI

Diversity & Inclusion

- nicci port, Iowa State University

Culture Creator

- CJ Warner, Renewable Energy Group

Economic Impact

- Dose Steelworks (Story City)
- Hawkeye Molding (Roland)
- ALMACO (Nevada)
- Chris Gardner – Plaza Redo (Huxley)
- Technical Services Inc. / Mid-American Manufacturing (Ames)
- Pivot Bio (ISU Research Park)
- Power Pollen (Ames)
- City of Story City – 2 Industrial ED Projects, Support of Housing
- Solar FX (Boone)

4 Under 40

- Alex Cackerice (Bankers Trust)
- AJ Pollard (Renewable Energy Group)
- Michelle Hertzke (Iowa State)
- Pablo Raul Stinga (Iowa State)

AMS Volunteer of the Year

- Lowes

Ames Foundation Volunteer of the Year

- Nick Johnson, Ames Ford Lincoln

Ames Main Street Farmers Market Contributor of the Year

- Deery of Ames

Ambassador of the Year

- Matt Koehler, Greater Iowa Credit Union

2020

Business Person of the Year

- Michelle Cassabaum

Community Contributor of the Year

- Reynolds Cramer

Trailblazer of the Year

- Raspberry Hill Bed & Breakfast

Diversity & Inclusion

- Wayne & Edna Clinton

Culture Creator

- Chad Randick & Better at Burke Campaign

Economic Impact

- AgCertain
- Amcor
- American Packaging
- Brick Towne Ames
- Larson Well Drilling
- Mid-States Material Handling & Fabrication
- South Glenn Subdivision
- Story City Housing Project
- TMC

4 Under 40

- Cherie Torresi
- Jill Crosser
- Nate Rasmussen
- Tiffany Tope

AMS Volunteer of the Year

- Eliz (Elizabeth) Erbes

Ames Foundation Volunteer of the Year

- Jennifer Garst

Ambassador of the Year

- Jason Jennings

2019

Business Person of the Year

- Natalie Merrill, Renewable Energy Group, Inc.

The Ames Foundation Contributor of the Year

- Ben Hersey, Country Landscapes

Community Involvement

- Gary Botine, Mary Greeley Medical Center

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Mindy Bergstrom, Cooks' Emporium and Nook & Nest

Ames Main Street Farmers' Market Contributor of the Year

- VisionBank

Diversity & Inclusion

- Joel Hochstein, Iowa State University

Economic Impact

- Accurate Development
- Alliant Energy
- City of Collins
- Deere & Company
- Gross-Wen Technology
- Landus Cooperative
- Performance Livestock Analytics
- Verbio
- Vertex Softwares

FUEL Story County 4 Under 40

- Brianne Anderson, Ames Public Library
- Christian Hempen, GVL
- Taylor Hopper, FOX Engineering
- Lawrence Cunningham, Iowa State Daily

Ames Main Street Volunteer of the Year

- Eric Abrams, Duck Worth Wearing

Campustown Action Association Volunteer of the Year

- Letitia Kenemer, Iowa State University Memorial Union

Ames Chamber Ambassador of the Year

- David Tucker, Great Western Bank

2018

Business Person of the Year

- Julie Weeks, ACVB

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Ryan Newstrom, Cornbred BBQ

Community Involvement

- Paul Livingston, Hunziker Realty

Ames Foundation Contributor of the Year

- Sankalp Organization

Diversity & Inclusion

- Dr. Reginald Stewart, Iowa State University

Economic Impact

- 3M
- Burke Corporation
- Innovative Technologies
- Eby Inc,
- Rockwell Collins
- Kent Corporation

4 Under 40

- Justin Dodge, Hunziker Companies
- Amanda Moorman, Morgan Stanley
- Jessica Reynolds, Story Co Attorney's Office
- Andy McCormick, Torrent Brewing Company

Ambassador of the Year

- Danielle Minde, iHome Realty

Farmers Market Contributor of the Year

- Bob Ryerson, Community Volunteer

Campustown Volunteer of the Year

- Amy Mellies, St. John's Episcopal Church

Downtown Ames Volunteer of the Year

- Mark Petersen, Emerhoff's Footwear

2017

Business Person of the Year

- Sonya Stoltze Newstrom

Community Involvement

- Rick Sanders

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Kelsey Carper & Lyndsey Fennelly

Economic Impact

- Ames Fitness
- Barilla America, Inc.
- Bolten & Menk
- Greater Iowa Credit Union
- Real Estate Service Group, Inc.
- Story Construction

Main Street Cultural District

- Judy Gilger

Campustown Action Association

- Xena Jolly

Ames Main Street Farmers' Market

- City of Ames

4 Under 40

- Michele Vogel
- David Haila
- Jessica Mortvedt
- Drew Kamp

2016

Business Person of the Year

- Tom Pohlman

Community Involvement

- Yvonne Kinzler

Entrepreneur of the Year Economic

- Keith Arneson

Impact Award

- City of Ames

Economic Impact

- Ditch Witch of Minnesota and Iowa
- Iowa State University Research Park
- Mary Greeley Medical Center
- Story County
- Vermeer Corporation

Main Street Cultural District

- Teri Veysey

Campustown Action Association

- Judy Eyles

Ames Main Street Farmers' Market

- Iowa State University

Ames Foundation

- Kathy Dubansky

4 Under 40

- Luke Jensen
- Heather Johnson
- Tera Lawson
- Jason Mortvedt

2015

Business Person of the Year

- Brad Heemstra, Integrity Construction Services

Community Involvement

- Tim Gartin, Hastings, Gartin and Boettger

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Terry Stark, Chocolaterie Stam

2014

Business Person of the Year

- Janet Alfred, Alfred's Carpet & Decorating

Community Involvement

- Mike Phillips, Greater Iowa Credit Union

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Gary & Karen Youngberg, Ames Silversmithing

2013

Business Person of the Year

- George Belistos, Youth & Shelter Services

Community Involvement

- Jolene Randall, Kapp-Tedesco Insurance

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Bill Malone, Café Diem

2012

Business Person of the Year

- Daniel Oh, Renewable Energy Group

Community Involvement

- Tanya Anderson, First National Bank

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Hank Harris, Harrisvaccines

2011

Business Person of the Year

- Steve Carter, ISU Research Park/ISIS

Community Involvement

- Brian Dieter, Mary Greeley Medical Center

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Matthew Goodman, The Fighting Burrito

2010

Business Person of the Year

- Reno Berg, Mainstream Living, Inc.

Community Involvement

- Sheila Lundt, City of Ames

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Iacovos Zachariades, Global Reach Internet Productions

2009

Business Person of the Year

- Dan Krieger, Ames National Corporation

Community Involvement

- John Russel, Bankers Trust

Entrepreneur of the Year

- John Crawford, Alpha Copies

2008

Business Person of the Year

- Ron McMillen, Sigler Companies

Community Involvement

- Austin Woodin, Edward Jones Investments

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Sally Elbert, Ville Day Spa

2007

Business Person of the Year

- Denny & Danny Wilson, Wilson Cadillac Toyota Scion

Community Involvement

- Mark Kutchen, Story Construction

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Bill Bergan, Championship Productions

2006

Business Person of the Year

- Brian Smith, Evert's Flowers Gifts Home

Community Involvement

- Ted Tedesco

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Matt Converse, Converse Conditioned Air

Diversity

- Ames Police Department

2005

Business Person of the Year

- Jerry & Judy Smith, Hearing Unlimited

Community Involvement

- Stacy Dreyer, Wells Fargo / Habitat for Humanity

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Derrick Grimmer & Frank Jeffrey, Iowa Thin Films

Diversity

- Wells Fargo Bank

2004

Business Person of the Year

- Kim Russel, Mary Greeley Medical Center

Community Involvement

- Dick Johnson, Story Construction

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Brent Haverkamp, Haverkamp Properties / RMG

Diversity

- Youth and Shelter Services

2003

Business Person of the Year

- Keith Barnes

Community Involvement

- Jane Acker

Entrepreneur of the Year

- David Wheelock

Diversity

- Kim Sharp, Greater Iowa Credit Union

2002

Business Person of the Year

- Wayne More

Community Involvement

- Mary Christy

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Kevin Kinzler

Diversity

- Tammi Martin, Wordly Goods

2001

Business Person of the Year

- Reiny Friedrich & Bob Friedrich, Sr.

Community Involvement

- Craig Marrs

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Richard Dobbs

Diversity

- Tom Gard, Hy-Vee West

2000

Business Person of the Year

- Erb Hunziker, HCS Builders

Community Involvement

- Alan Christy, HCS Builders

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Dickson Jensen, Jensen Design Build

1999

Business Person of the Year

- Dick Clem, Dick Clem Inc.

Community Involvement

- John Parks

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Barry Nadler, Nyemaster Law Firm

1998

Business Person of the Year

- Verle Burgason, the Tribune

Community Involvement

- Diane Blackwelder

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Scott Randall, Randall Corp.

1997

Business Person of the Year

- Dan Krieger, First National Bank

Community Involvement

- Annette Jensen

Entrepreneur of the Year

- John Dresselhaus, Copyworks

1996

Business Person of the Year

- Dean Hunziker, Hunziker & Associates, Realtors

Community Involvement

- Suzy Shierholz

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Betty Baudler

1995

Business Person of the Year

- Dick Johnson, Story Construction

Community Involvement

- Glenda Stormes-Bice, Glendandy Marketing

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Matthew Rizai, Engineering Animation

1994

Business Person of the Year

- John Huber, John Huber Clothier

Community Involvement

- George Belitsos, Youth & Shelter Services

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Don Barber

1993

Business Person of the Year

- Ted Tedesco, Knapp Tedesco Agency

Community Involvement

- Mary Kitchell

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Roger Underwood, Becker Underwood

1992

Business Person of the Year

- Ron McMillan, Sigler Companies

Community Involvement

- Sandra McJimsey, Richmond Center

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Ed Osenbaugh

1991

Business Person of the Year

- Jami Larson, ACI Mechanical

Community Involvement

- Carolyn Jons

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Bob Cummings, O'Malley & McGee's

1990

Business Person of the Year

- Fred Miller

Community Involvement

- Neala Benson

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Gary & Karen Youngberg, Ames Silversmithing

1989

Business Person of the Year

- Marv Walter

Community Involvement

- Pat Brown

Entrepreneur of the Year

- Mary Harms

1988

Business Person of the Year

- Tom Evans

Community Involvement

- Maridee Hegstrom

1987

Business Person of the Year

- Don Huess, Heuss Printing