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2014 Business Excellence Awards Finalists Announced



The Tempe Chamber is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2014 Business Excellence Awards. These awards promote the advancement of responsible business leadership in the community and publicly recognize local businesses demonstrating a passion for excellence.

Through the awards, the business community honors companies whose practices in business growth, employee development, community involvement and customer service exemplify excellence. The six finalists admirably embody those characteristics and are being recognized for that distinction.

The 2014 finalists are **Caliente Construction; The Dhaba; Landings Credit Union** (formerly Tempe Schools Credit Union); **Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine; Sun Sounds of Arizona;** and **Tempe Mission Palms Hotel.**



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Last year's recipients of the Business Excellence Awards were AlphaGraphics at Kyrene and Elliot and Statera.

The recipients will be announced and honored at the Breakfast for Chamber Champions on Feb. 28 at the Embassy Suites Tempe, 4400 S. Rural Rd. For details and to register, [click here](#).

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Renewals and new members

Check out our newest members and see what members have renewed their membership with the Tempe Chamber.

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Tempe Leadership seeking nominations for Outstanding Community Leadership Award

Nominate your favorite outstanding Tempe Leadership alumni for the 2014 Outstanding Community Leadership Award. This award was developed to honor those who are making significant contributions to Tempe through their time, actions, talents and dedication. Nominees must live or work in Tempe and be associated with the Tempe Leadership program. He or she must be making a positive impact in the community as a result of his or her leadership involvement. The award will be presented Feb. 28 at the Tempe Chamber's Breakfast for Chamber Champions event. Applications are available [here](#).

Nominations must be received by Monday, Jan. 6, 2014. Mail to: Tempe Leadership, PO Box 28500, Tempe, AZ 85285-8500; fax: (480) 966-5365; or e-mail CourtneyMcIntyre@tempechamber.org.

MAC update

Members and guests of the Tempe Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (MAC) attended the annual Christmas party on Dec. 9 at the Four Points by Sheraton Tempe. The group enjoyed a traditional holiday meal and Christmas carol-themed games. Five members of the United States Marine Corps joined MAC in

Breakfast with the Governor

The East Valley Partnership, East Valley Chambers of Commerce Alliance and Mesa Community College invite you to join them at the 2014 East Valley Breakfast with the Governor on Thursday, Jan. 16, 7:30 to 9 a.m. This annual event gives East Valley business, education, civic and political leaders the opportunity to hear the Governor's vision for the upcoming year. Cost is \$50 for EVP/EVCCA members and \$60 for non-members. The event will be held at the Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa. Go to www.evp-az.org to learn more and register.

Ribbon cuttings



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collaboration for the annual Toys for Tots fundraising drive. Members and guests generously donated over 20 toys and over \$300 in cash to the drive to help less fortunate children and families in need.

The Military Affairs Committee was formed to offer recognition and honor to Valley military personnel for their sacrifice and service. Following the festivities, Chairman Ed Scannell reminded members of the Jan. 13 luncheon at which MAC will be honoring the Arizona Army National Guard.

MAC is seeking new members. Members are not required to have served in the military. We are looking for anyone who would like to be part of an extraordinary group that gives back to the men and women that protect our country. Contact Courtney at courtneymcintyre@tempechamber.org or (480) 736-4281 for information and/or an application.

Member spotlights

Wash Wizard Auto Spa, America's greenest car wash, 1845 E. University Dr., launched a new current technology website. Wash Wizard removes detergents from its wash process, which utilizes a CO2 injection system to make a carbonated water solution for cleaning. Without detergents, vehicles are easier to clean and end up with a smooth, shiny finish. Wash Wizard collects and reuses all wash water after treating it using oxygenation and bioremediation. Drive away in a hand-washed car, while protecting the environment. Learn more at www.mywashwizard.com or by calling (480) 966-1210.

Shana Ellis has been chosen as the new president and CEO of The Centers for Habilitation (TCH). Ellis, a Tempe native, is expected to take the helm in January after the retirement of TCH's current president and CEO, Vicki Kringen. Ellis brings a strong history of nonprofit management through two decades at the Tempe Community Council, as well as private sector experience and government relations through her role as a Tempe City Councilmember and leader on a variety of regional boards and associations.

The Watershed, Tempe's newest kitchen, bar and lakeside patio, brings a little Newport Beach, San Francisco and New Mexico to the table. Phase one renovations of one of the most unique locations in the East Valley are complete and include a 200-person patio and an indoor "Captain's Lounge." The menu can best be described as modern American with twists on familiar classics. For more information, go to watershedaz.com.

James Tevault recently joined the staff at the Tempe Tourism Office as the director of sales. Originally from Texas, Tevault has lived in the Phoenix area for 26 years. He has over 20 years of experience in the hospitality industry, including 10 years of hotel operations and sales in Tempe, Mesa, Scottsdale and Phoenix. The Tempe Tourism Office also recently launched a new branding campaign, including an updated logo, new advertising creative and tagline. The logo reflects the new tagline, "Refreshingly Arizona." The Tempe Tourism Office team wanted to visually connect the city of Tempe with the state of Arizona in the ad creative and logo. For examples of the

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<http://www.tempetourism.com/membership/>.

Zion & Zion was announced as the #1 Best Place to Work at the Phoenix Business Journal's "Best Places to Work" awards luncheon recently. This is the third time Zion & Zion has made the list in the 50 employees and under category and the second award this year Zion & Zion has received for its workplace culture. The award recognizes Valley companies based on an employee satisfaction survey from Quantum Workplace, ranking work environment, leadership, company culture and management practices. Learn more at www.zionandzion.com.

Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., has awarded \$3,500 to Bethany Christian School under a program that lets Staples associates direct donations. With the hands-on tools and resources provided by the grant, the Bethany Christian middle school students can truly experience science as they develop competency in scientific thinking and skills, preparing them well for future success in life and learning.

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine (SCNM) will officially break ground Jan. 8 on a new 47,000-square-foot mixed-use building. The campus expansion supports the college's record-enrollment numbers, growing patient volume in the medical center, as well as future plans to add new degree programs and community classes to match the growing interest in naturopathic medicine. For information about SCNM, visit www.scnm.edu.

On Nov. 11, the City of Scottsdale fire stations No. 1 and 8, LEED Platinum facilities constructed by Caliente Construction, received the USGBC Heavy Medals Platinum Award as two of the top five sustainable, energy-efficient emergency/fire and police facilities in Arizona. On Nov. 12, the ASU Downtown Student Engagement Center, an innovative renovation of lower levels of the historic 1936 City of Phoenix Post Office constructed by Caliente Construction, was awarded the ENR Southwest's Best Project Award for Renovation/Restoration.

Qualcomm Life Ecosystem Collaborators announced NuWave Commerce as the 2013 Global 2net Connect App Developer Challenge winner. NuWave Commerce has leveraged Qualcomm Life's 2net Connect APIs to develop a companion application for activity and medical devices that aggregates biometric data from multiple types of devices and sensors and processes it in new innovative ways, allowing people to live healthier, more active lifestyles. NuWave Commerce is a premier web design and development firm based in Chandler. To learn more, visit www.nuwavecommerce.com or call (480) 656-8383.

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