

**MEDIA RELEASE
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To: Ames Media
From: Ames Chamber of Commerce
Date: January 8, 2015
Re: Ames Chamber of Commerce and Affiliates Annual Award Winners

**AWARDS PRESENTED FOR SERVICE AND BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN
AMES**

Ames, IA – The 2015 Annual Awards winners have been selected. Award winners for the Annual Ames Chamber Awards, Economic Impact Awards, Main Street Volunteer of the Year, Campustown Volunteer of the Year, Ames Main Street Farmers’ Market Volunteer of the Year and Young Professionals of Ames “4 Under 40” Awards are listed below.

Award winners will be honored at the 2015 Annual Awards Luncheon, presented by VisionBank on Thursday, January 14 at the Gateway Hotel. Special Guest Speaker for the event will be Iowa State University's Kyven Gadson, 2015 NCAA Wrestling Champion. A video recap of the Annual Awards presentations will be featured at the 2016 Annual Event on Tuesday January 26, 2016.

For more information on these events please visit www.ameschamber.com or contact The Chamber Office if you wish to attend.

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

BRAD HEEMSTRA, Integrity Construction Services

The Chamber's Business Person of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding individual for his or her long-term commitment to their own business, as well as the business climate and quality of life in the community.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AWARD

TIM GARTIN, Hastings, Gartin & Boettger

The Ames Chamber Community Involvement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated personal involvement and enthusiasm in a variety of civic and/or service organizations and has shown effort in improving the quality of life in the community.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

TERRY STARK, Chocolaterie Stam

Each year the Ames Chamber of Commerce recognizes an individual for his or her creativity and personal initiative in operating a successful venture.

ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD

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The AEDC presents Economic Impact Awards to area companies that have made significant contributions to the greater Ames and Story County area through business growth and job creation.

**MSCD VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
FRANK RANDALL, The Salon**

The Main Street Cultural District's Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond for the MSCD by volunteering their time and efforts to support the MSCD and their work.

**CAMPUSTOWN ACTION ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
MIKE ADAMS, Welch Ave. Station**

The Campustown Action Association's Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond for the Campustown business district by volunteering their time and efforts to support the CAA and their work in Campustown.

**AMES MAIN STREET FARMERS' MARKET VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
ROGER BERGER, Retired**

The Ames Main Street Farmers' Market Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an individual who has performed above and beyond for the Ames Main Street Farmers' Market by volunteering their time and efforts to support the Market.

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF AMES: "4 UNDER 40" AWARD
DAMIEN CORRIERI, Mary Greeley Medical Center and Ames Soccer Club
BRIAN HONNOLD, Iowa State University Athletics Department
NICK JOHNSON, Ames Ford Lincoln
MIKE MULLEN, Converse Conditioned Air**

The YPA '4 Under 40' Awards capture the spirit of extraordinary young professionals in our community by recognizing those individuals who take the mission of YPA to heart, which is to be leaders committed to improving the quality of life in Ames, and to establish a community of young professionals dedicated to building and fostering relationships through leadership development, professional development, philanthropic involvement, and cultural and social opportunities. These young professionals have demonstrated outstanding leadership, professionalism, and community involvement in Ames, Iowa.

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