

**MEDIA RELEASE
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To: Ames Media
From: Ames Chamber of Commerce
Date: December 5, 2017
Re: Ames Chamber of Commerce and Affiliates Annual Award Winners

**CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS
FOR SERVICE AND BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN AMES**

Ames, IA – The Ames Chamber of Commerce and its affiliates are pleased to announce their 2017 Annual Award Winners. Awards will be presented on Tuesday, December 12 at 8:30 a.m. at the Ames Chamber of Commerce (304 Main Street, Ames). Media is invited to attend.

- **Business Person of the Year:** Dr. Sonya Stoltze Newstrom
- **Community Involvement:** Rick Sanders
- **Entrepreneur of the Year:** Kelsey Bolte Carper and Lyndsey Fennelly
- **Economic Impact:** Ames Racquet and Fitness, Barilla America, Inc., Bolton & Menk, Inc., 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
- **The Ames Foundation:** Amber Corrieri
- **4 Under 40:** David Haila, Drew Kamp, Jessica Mortvedt, Michelle Vogel

Award Winners will also be honored at the Annual Event on Wednesday, December 13 where attendees will celebrate the magic of Ames, featuring magician and Ames native Nate Staniforth. Two shows are offered this year at the Gateway Hotel & Conference Center. Lunch will be held at 11:30 a.m. (\$50 per person) and dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. (\$75 per person). Ticket prices increase on December 6.

For more information on the Annual Event or to register (public is welcome to attend) please visit www.ameschamber.com or contact the Chamber office at 515-232-2310.

ABOUT THE AWARDS

Business Person of the Year Award

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

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 Award

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 Awards

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 Award

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 Award

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 Contributor of the Year Award

The Ames Main Street Farmers' Market Contributor of the Year Award is given to an individual or business who has supported the market and helped it continue to prosper and grow.

The Ames Foundation Difference Maker Award

The Ames Foundation Difference Maker Award is given to an individual who has gone above and beyond in their volunteerism and support of the Ames Foundation.

4 Under 40 Awards

The 4 Under 40 Awards capture the spirit of extraordinary young professionals in our community by recognizing those individuals who take the mission of Young Professionals of Ames to heart. These young professionals have demonstrated outstanding leadership, professionalism, and community involvement in Ames, Iowa.

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