

## Business Recognition Event Past Award Winners

### 2010 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** Thinix - Milford  
**Large Business Excellence:** Ranco – Sioux Rapids  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Pat Mc Gill Public Speaking – Spirit Lake

### 2011 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** Aero Race Wheels - Estherville  
**Large Business Excellence:** Nolin Milling - Dickens  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Kristy Henning – Eco Sense - Estherville

### 2012 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** Vugteveen Lawn Service - Milford  
**Large Business Excellence:** Maurer Manufacturing - Spencer  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Bruce and LuAnn Tamisiea – Tecton - Spencer

### 2013 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** Okoboji Wines – Spirit Lake  
**Large Business Excellence:** Polaris Industries – Spirit Lake  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Doug and Amy Skinner – Dakota Pack - Estherville

### 2014 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** IGL TeleConnect – Spencer  
**Large Business Excellence:** The Hillshire Brands Company – Storm Lake  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Dari Dengel-Fehr – Mock Medical – Terril  
**The Gold Star Award:** GKN Armstrong Wheels – Estherville  
**Young Professional of the Year:** Lexie Ruter – Estherville Chamber of Commerce

### 2015 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** f8 Creative – Spencer  
**Large Business Excellence:** GrapeTree Medical Staffing – Milford  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:** Kate Newey – StudioBurn360 – Arnolds Park  
**The Gold Star Award:** Ranco – Sioux Rapids  
**Young Professional of the Year:** Paul Daniels – Northwest Bank

### 2016 - Name of Award

### Winners

**Small Business Excellence:** Zone Home Entertainment – Storm Lake  
**Large Business Excellence:** Daybreak Foods – Estherville

**Entrepreneur of the Year:**  
**The Gold Star Award:**  
**Young Professional of the Year:**

Matt Matthiesen, West O Beer – Milford  
TechKnow – Spencer  
Libby Glaser – Bank Midwest

**2017 – Name of Award**

**Winners**

**Small Business Excellence:**  
**Large Business Excellence:**  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:**  
**Young Professional of the Year:**

Beck Engineering, Inc. – Spirit Lake  
Quality Refrigerated Services – Spencer  
Rob Hach – Trusted Energy – Storm Lake  
Kevin Brown – Advanced Network Services – Spencer

**2018 – Name of Award**

**Winners**

**Small Business Excellence:**  
**Large Business Excellence:**  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:**  
**Young Professional of the Year:**

Steffes Companies - Spencer  
Rembrandt Foods – Rembrandt  
Jill Harms – Blink Marketing - Milford  
Brandon Rohrig – Lakes Regional Health – Spirit Lake

**2019 – Name of Award**

**Winners**

**Small Business Excellence:**  
**Large Business Excellence:**  
**Entrepreneur of the Year:**  
**Young Professional of the Year:**

Oleson Chiropractic - Armstrong  
Janitor's Closet - Spencer  
Jay Butterfield – Stickers & Posters – Storm Lake  
Candace Daniels – Spencer Hospital - Spencer