

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

2021 – Name of Award

Winners

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

Delicias Super Market – Storm Lake
Northwest Bank – Spencer
Andy Spurgin – Estherville Pharmacy – Estherville
Dr. Megan Sullivan – Eye Care Associates – Storm Lake