

The Small Business Leadership Award was established by William Carey University and the Area Development Partnership in 1990 to recognize the important contributions small businesses make to the economic, social, and cultural life of the community and the particular achievements of one individual or family. The award is given in memory of Dr. Joe Roberts, former professor of communication at William Carey University. Dr. Roberts was also a successful businessman and one of the founders of Aycock-Roberts Furniture.

Qualifications

- Nominees are required to be a current member of the Area Development Partnership (ADP)
- Nominees must exhibit respectable character in the community and its mission must not conflict with the mission of William Carey University
- Nominees may be from either “for-profit” or “not-for-profit” sectors
- Previous recipients are not eligible for nomination
- Employ 100 people or less
- Business operations are localized geographically except for marketing
- The business is small compared to the biggest firms in the industry
- Financing of business is supplied by one individual or a small group

Nomination Procedure

- Candidates may self-nominate.
- Complete the nomination form below.
- Submit completed nomination form by: **Friday, March 12, 2021**



Past Award Recipients

Small Business Leadership Award Recipients

1990 - Mr. Jack Simmons, Simmons Furniture Co.

1991 - Mr. Robert E. Donnel, Jr., Vital Care Compounder

1992 - Ms. Jan Lacy, Copy Cats Printing

1993 - Mr. Butch Brown, Parris Jewelers

1994 - Ms. Gwen James, Coldwell Banker

1995 - Mr. Carl Amones, Amones Realty & Tax Service

1996 - Mr. David Rumbarger, Area Development Partnership

1997-98 - Mr. Doug McLelland, McLelland Television, Co.

1999 - Mr. Glenn E. Galey, The Galey Agency, Inc.

2000 - Mr. Allen Anderson, Anderson Retail, Inc.

2001 - Mr. Steven L. Floyd, Floyd Properties, Inc.

2002 - Myrick Family, Economy Supply Company

2003 - Mr. Gene Owens, Owens Business Machines

2004 - Dews Family, C.L. Dews & Sons Foundry & Machine Co.

2006 - Robert St. John, Mid-South Restaurant Group

2007 - Wayne Ross, Commercial Stationery Company

2009 - Dennis Pierce, Piercon, Inc.

2010 - Greg & Steve Moore, Moore Funeral Service

2011 - Phil Hanberry & Chris Hudson, Hanco Corporation

2012 - Karl Ficken, Willmut Gas Company

2013 - Tom White, 206 Front/Bianchi's Pizzeria

2014 - Wyche McMullan, McMullan Motors

2015 - Kyle Wallace, Shows, Dearman & Waits, Inc.

2016 - Brad Pittman, Columbia Block & Brick

2017 - Gary Carmichael, PrideStaff

2018 - Rob & Craig Tatum, CR Properties, LLC

2019 - Andy Stetelman, London & Stetelman Commercial Realtors

2020 - Donnie and Larry Doleac, Doleac Electric

Nominee:

BUSINESS NAME _____

NAME OF TOP EXECUTIVE _____

REASON(S) FOR NOMINATION _____

Workplace Excellence:

(Leadership/management team innovation, growth/stability in employment, employee satisfaction)

Sustainability Of Business:

(Number of years in business, response to adversity, succession plan)

Nominator (If Not Self-Nominated):

NAME _____ TITLE _____

COMPANY/ORGANIZATION NAME _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

Financial Performance:

(Percentage of revenue growth/stability over the past five years)

Community Involvement:

(Participation in trade or professional associations, board positions, community and social responsibility, including organization-wide volunteer activities)

Return Completed Form To info@theadp.com by Friday, March 12th at 5:00 p.m.