

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.
- Candidate should be available to attend SBLA luncheon - Wednesday, May 1, 2024.
- Complete the nomination form below.
- Submit completed nomination form by:
- **Friday, March 29, 2024**



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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
- 2021** - Joyce Hicks, Blooms Company
- 2022** - Lee Parish, Parish Tractor
- 2023** - Brandon & Abby Thaxton - The Lucky Rabbit

Nominee:

BUSINESS NAME _____

NAME OF TOP EXECUTIVE _____

REASON(S) FOR NOMINATION _____

Workplace Excellence (why should this business be chosen):

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 v.henson@theadp.com by Friday, April 14th at 5:00 p.m.