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On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, I would like to welcome everyone to the 141st Annual Business Achievement Awards & Gala Dinner. The reflective theme of this event creates a perfect opportunity to look back over the wide and varied history of the Chamber; the changes and progress that we have seen over the years both in our community and our business environment.

The true benefit of reflecting on the past, is that it enables us to learn from our history and plan for bigger and better as we move forward. Reflection also creates a perfect opportunity pause and appreciate how far we have come and the success that has been created within our business community. That's what tonight is all about, pausing to celebrate the best and the brightest, both the fresh entrepreneurs and the legendary business owners, and the energy and commitment that they demonstrate within their business and extend to our community. Let's reflect on their success over the past year, and whether you're a winner, a nominee or heading up the cheering section, please join me in celebrating everyone who is recognized this evening.



Welcome to the 141st Annual Awards Gala hosted by the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. As we come together, we are reminded of the remarkable success, resilience, and leadership that our community consistently demonstrates. It is through events like these that we have the opportunity to reflect on and honor the achievements of our local businesses and the collective strength of our community.

We take immense pride and honor in extending a warm welcome to each and every one of you joining us this evening. Your presence is a testament to the unity and support that defines our Chamber of Commerce. Together, let us celebrate the accomplishments of our business community and express our gratitude for the unwavering support that continues to fuel our shared success.

Thank you for being part of this special evening, and for your continued support of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce. Here's to another year of growth, prosperity, and collaboration.

AGENDA

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COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARDS

LIFETIME BUSINESS BUILDER AWARD

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OUTSTANDING NEW BUSINESS AWARD

WESTMAN'S TOP 4 UNDER 40 AWARDS

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

DESSERT

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

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STARTER

MINI CHARCUTERIE CUP

ASSORTED MEATS; CHEESES; DRIED FRUITS AND BREADS

SALAD

MIXED GREENS SALAD

FIELD GREENS ROLLED IN CUCUMBER WITH MANDARIN
ORANGE; GOAT CHEESE; BEET ROOT CAVIAR;
SUNFLOWER SEEDS FINISHED WITH CITRUS VINAIGRETTE

MAIN

APPLE & BACON STUFFED PORK TENDERLOIN FINISHED WITH HONEY SAGE SAUCE

SERVED WITH TRUFFLE MASHED YUKON POTATOES;
ROAST ZUCCHINI & BELL PEPPERS

VEGETARIAN: ITALIAN ROAST VEGETABLE & QUINOA
PILAF WITH FIRE ROASTED TOMATO SAUCE WITH
ZUCCHINI & PEPPERS

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DESSERT

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141 BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This award recognizes outstanding effort and commitment to community through meaningful contribution(s) to the well being and quality of life in Westman.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

MEET YOUR FINALISTS - INDIVIDUAL



Amy Doerksen

Amy Doerksen founded Fierce Female Hockey in 2022, dedicated to advancing opportunities for women and girls in hockey. Fierce offers skill development camps for U7, U9, and U11 age groups, led and mentored exclusively by women. The enterprise reinvests profits into new programming and provides leadership bursaries for volunteers pursuing higher education.

Amy's commitment to fostering a female-focused hockey community and supporting youth development has fueled Fierce Female Hockey's rapid success. She keeps camp fees low and reinvests in the program, making hockey more accessible to young girls and their families. Amy also volunteers with Hockey Brandon, now in her seventh season.



Chad Wallin

Chad Wallin is the founder of Westman VOLT Hockey, a program enabling individuals with mobility and intellectual disabilities to play hockey in an inclusive and supportive setting. Now in its second year, the organization has 30 participants with conditions such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, childhood cancer, and autism. Westman VOLT Hockey aims to revolutionize sports by integrating people with disabilities into the game.

Chad's initiative fosters a team-based environment where participants develop social and life skills while building camaraderie. Under his leadership, individuals have found a space to compete, grow, and excel as champions in their own right.



Glen Parker

Glen is a dedicated community leader with extensive volunteer and public service experience. He served as President of the East End Community Centre from 2021 to 2023, leading successful fundraising efforts for major renovations. Glen coached 24 hockey teams and was President of Hockey Brandon for 17 years, recognized for his commitment to youth sports.

Since 2016, Glen has served on city council, reflecting his strong dedication to public service and community engagement. His multifaceted contributions demonstrate a profound commitment to community development and civic leadership.

COMMUNITY IMPACT - BUSINESS



Kuiper's Bakery has been a key supporter of the community for over 31 years, providing food, financial resources, and volunteer hours to various organizations and events. They believe that food brings people together, and through their high-quality baked goods, they aim to nourish both the body and the community.

They donate to a wide range of causes, including the Christmas Cheer hamper program, Brandon School Division's Breakfast Program, and United Way. Their donations allow these organizations to redirect funds toward other critical areas. Each year, they contribute over 1500 dozen fresh buns to the Christmas Cheer program, which helps distribute food to families in need. Curtis, the owner, is particularly passionate about supporting cancer-related causes and promoting local athletes, volunteering for both for over two decades.

Kuiper's Bakery's philosophy is straightforward: by baking delicious food and supporting local initiatives, they help build a stronger community. Despite their busy December season, the team at Kuiper's Bakery consistently meets all commercial orders while still supporting those in need. Their commitment to community makes them a valued partner to many organizations in their area.





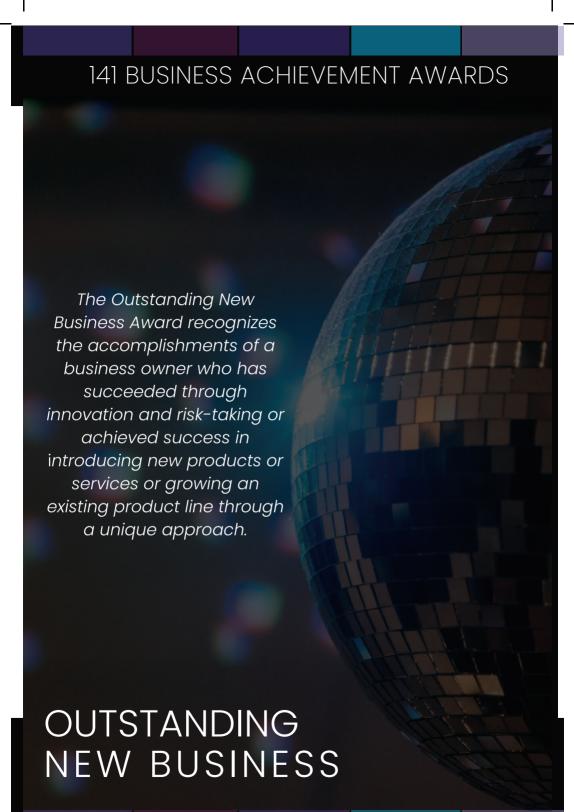


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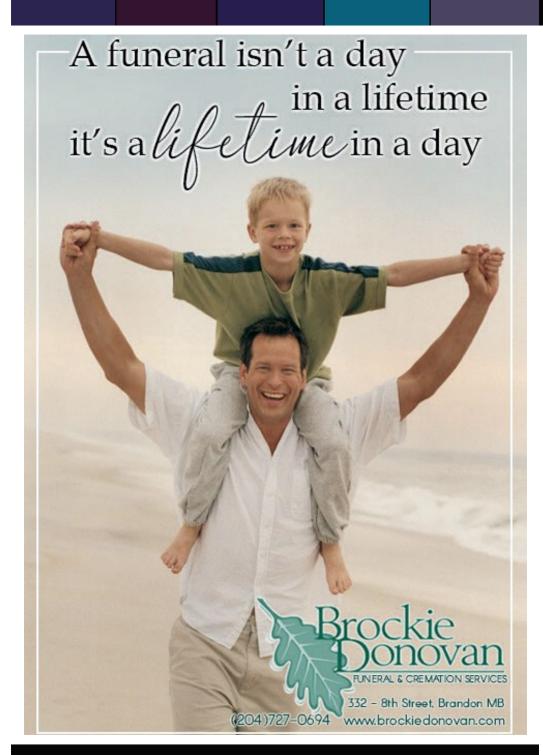












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Silent Auction bidding goes until 9pm. Winners will be announced at the end of the awards show.

SILENT AUCTION PRIZES

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WESTMAN'S TOP 4 UNDER 40

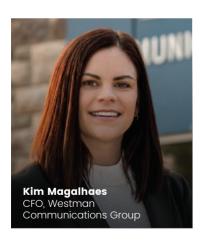
This award recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual under the age of 40 who works in a leadership role in any size organization from the private, public or non-profit sector. The ideal candidates will be active and engaged in work and community, a creative problem-solver, disciplined in performance, and generous in spirit; a real contributor to the fabric of our community.



Megan Foster owns Mosaic Engagement, a consulting firm focused on improving business efficiency and leadership. She leads a team of seven contractors and holds a Master's in Strategic Organizational Change.

Megan is a Master coach developer with nearly 20 years of experience, actively involved in training and certifying coaches. She also participates in Leadership Brandon and the Professional Women's Networking Group. Her commitment to equity and inclusion drives her to host the Mosaic Women's Retreat and support young leaders through scholarships.

Her contributions have earned her the Facilitation Impact Award and a YWCA Women of Distinction Award nomination. Megan's focus on mentorship and community engagement make her a respected business leader.



Kim earned her Certified General Accountant designation in 2014 and is currently pursuing an Advanced Executive certificate at Queen's University.

Kim actively mentors future finance professionals through CPA Alberta and plays a key role in Westman Communications' strategic planning. She also serves on the Manitoba Cooperative Association's Board of Directors and participates in the Canadian Communications System Alliance's Contract Review Committee and Audit & Risk Committee.

As a former 4-H member, Kim volunteers at local 4-H events, demonstrating her commitment to youth and community.

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Mayur holds a Masters' degree and specializes in innovative treatments for Parkinson's patients and launched Tele-Rehabilitation during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayur's community work includes supporting the Whiskey Jacks Baseball team and offering clinical placements for physical therapy students. He coordinates the spinal cord injury database at HSC Winnipeg and is a member of the Brandon Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Program, focusing on mentorship and impact.



Katie Peters is the General Manager of Alair Homes Brandon, where she leads the company's human resources, marketing, and operational efforts. She began her journey with Alair in 2021 as a part-time Social Media Manager, quickly expanding her role to include marketing and human resources.

Beyond her professional role, Katie is active in her community, organizing events to raise money for charitable organizations and volunteering with various groups.

Katie also serves on the Construction Association of Rural Manitoba Events Committee as a co-chair and leads an international campaign to contribute 100 acts of helping others live better.



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YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes outstanding achievement by an individual aged 18-40 who is either the Director/Owner of a new or existing business and has successfully built or built-up the organization. The nominee must have ultimate control over the entire endeavour with all risk of success or failure lying in their hands.

MEET THE 2024 RECIPIENT





TY WORTHINGTON

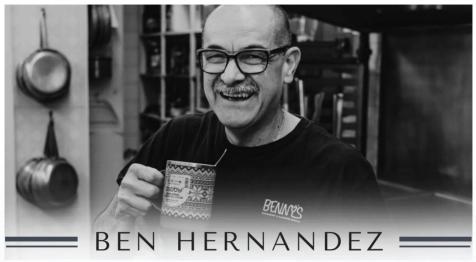
Owner | Pinnacle Event Rentals

Ty's journey started with a small backyard laser tag venture that evolved into a full-scale event rental business. Through strategic acquisitions, he expanded his company, integrating various brands into Pinnacle Event Rentals.

Successfully navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, adapting his business model to ensure stability. He prides himself on creating full-time, year-round career opportunities in an industry traditionally known for seasonal employment. His commitment to a positive work culture and team development has been key to his success.

Beyond business, Ty is actively involved in the community, serving on the boards of Family Visions Inc. and Career Connections Inc., reflecting his dedication to social responsibility and local engagement.

LIFETIME BUSINESS BUILDER AWARD



Ben moved to Brandon in 2002, and soon became a pillar in the community with the opening of the well-loved Remington's. Over the years Ben was incredibly involved in the restaurant world, also working at Montana's and opening Five Guys Burgers and Fries.

After Remington's, the dream of opening his own restaurant, Benny's, became a reality with the purchase and re-brand of The Green Olive.

Ben's favourite place to be was the front of his restaurant. There he would greet customers by name – and he never forgot a name. He embodied the highest standards of customer service and community engagement. A friend to all, he was always ready to lend support through volunteerism; community events; and donations to various causes.

It is with profound gratitude that we honour Ben Hernandez for his significant contributions to the Brandon community.

His legacy of kindness, commitment, and incredible service will be cherished, and he is deeply missed.

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

2007 Jim Campbell 2008 Thomas Breneman 2009 C.O. Meighen 2010 Judy Collyer 2011 Drew Mills 2012 Gord Peters 2014 Jeff Cristall 2015 Jeanne Millis 2016 Bill Cumming 2017 Ray Redfern 2019 Ron Helwer 2021 Bob Jenkins

2022 Paul Crane 2023 Wes Norosky

BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

STAY TUNED TO DISCOVER THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENT....



ABOUT THE AWARD

This prestigious award aims to recognize a business person that exemplifies outstanding business practices and achievements, that demonstrates leadership, vision, and the creation of economic growth, while contributing to the community. This award recognizes individuals who are at the peak of their career.

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1989	Don Pottinger	2007	Neil & Darryl Andrews
1990	Jim Figol	2008	Paul Crane
1991	Lefty Hendrickson	2009	Ron Ball
1992	Clair Murray	2010	Dave Baxter
1993	Ray West	2011	Kelly McCrimmon
1994	Bob Cornell	2012	Borden Hadley
1995	Merv Dillabough	2013	Kerry Campbell
1996	Ron & Don Kille	2014	Doug Murray
1997	Stuart Craig	2015	Heidi Howarth
1998	Bob Mazer	2016	Charlie Clark
1999	Gord Peters	2017	Vionell Jacobsen
2000	Marlene Kirton	2018	Ron & Dave Cumming
2001	Don Main	2019	Rhonda Pardy
2002	Wayne McLeod	2020	Robert Ritchot
2003	Michael Fearon &	2021	Gus Vasilarakis
	Ken Robinson	2022	Bernie Whetter
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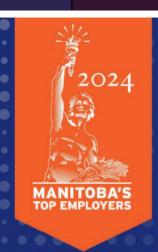
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To our esteemed board, dedicated team, and valued membership: your collective efforts were instrumental in making this gala a memorable occasion. Together, we continue to champion economic growth and prosperity in Brandon.

A special thank you to the Keystone Centre, Trident Music, and Pinnacle Event Rentals for their invaluable support and collaboration.

Let's celebrate the indomitable spirit and achievements of Brandon businesses as we eagerly anticipate another year of collaboration and success!

The Brandon Chamber Team

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