

SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

PAST WINNERS

2012

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) - **gener8or communications & the studios of Moving Pictures**

Business of the Year (31 + employees) - **Lorenson Auto Group**

Manufacturer of the Year - **Jarvis Airfoil, Inc.**

Minority Owned Business of the Year: **ACT Group (Advanced Copy Technologies)**

Hometown Business of the Year - **NoRa Cupcake Company, LLC**

Make a Difference Business of the Year - **Crowne Plaza Hotel Cromwell**

2013

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) - **Eli Cannon's Tap Room**

Business of the Year (31 + employees) - **Suburban Stationers, Inc.**

Business Growth & Expansion Award: **Centerplan Companies**

Manufacturer of the Year: **Tower Laboratories, Ltd.**

Minority Owned Business of the Year: **Makiaris Media Services**

Outstanding New Business under 5 years: **EMPOWER Leadership Sports & Adventure Center**

Innovative Business of the Year: **Brownstone Exploration & Discovery Park**

2014

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) - **Connecticut Rental Center**

Business of the Year (31 + employees) - **Middlesex Hospital**

Business Growth & Expansion Award - **Conroy Orthodontics**

Manufacturer of the Year - **Greenwald Industries**

Minority Owned Business of the Year - **Strike A Pose with Erica Hair & Spa Salon**

Outstanding New Business under 5 years - **Disaster Restoration Services (DRS)**

Retail Business of the Year - **Lyman Orchards**

Tourism/Hospitality Business of the Year - **Valley Railroad Company - Essex Steam Train & Riverboat**

2015

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) - **F40 Restoration**

Business of the Year (31+ employees) - **Liberty Bank**

Business Growth & Expansion Award - **Connecticut Training & Consulting Institute**

Manufacturer of the Year - **Pegasus Manufacturing Inc.**

Minority Owned Business of the Year - **Pamela Roose Specialty Hand Knits**

Outstanding New Business under 5 years - **Lan Chi's Vietnamese Restaurant**

Retail Business of the Year - **Willowbrook Spirit Shoppe, Inc.**

Technology Business of the Year - **Greenskies Renewable Energy**

Tourism/Hospitality Business of the Year - **Water's Edge Resort & Spa**

2016

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) - **Cromwell Automotive, LLC**

Business of the Year (31+ employees) - **Saybrook Point Inn and Spa**

Business Growth & Expansion Award - **Angelico's Lake House Restaurant**

Manufacturer of the Year - **Pratt & Whitney**

Minority Owned Business of the Year - **Tonia's Tailoring**

Outstanding New Business under 5 years - **ICVRADIO**

Retail Business of the Year - **Malloves Jewelers**

Tourism/Hospitality Business of the Year - **Nehemiah Brainerd House Bed & Breakfast**

2017

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) - **Brothers Auto Body**

Business of the year (31+ employees) - **Citizens Bank**

Business Growth & Expansion Award - **Powder Ridge Mountain Park & Resort**

Manufacturer of the Year - **Whelen Engineering**

Minority Owned Business of the Year - **Dental Health Care**

Outstanding New Business under 5 years - **Victorian Inspirations LLC**

Retail Business of the Year - **A Pocketful of Posies**

Technology Business of the Year - **Charles IT**

Tourism/Hospitality Business of the Year - **Ivoryton Playhouse Foundation Inc.**

2018

Business of the Year (1-30 employees) – **Guilmartin, DiPiro & Sokolowski, LLC**

Business of the year (31+ employees) – **Essex Savings Bank**

Business Growth & Expansion Award – **Reality Interactive**

Family Owned Business of the Year – **A&A Office Systems, Inc.**

Manufacturer of the Year – **Ripley Tools, LLC**

Minority Owned Business of the Year – **Change, Inc.**

Outstanding New Business under 5 years – **Mizzi Cosmetics**

Retail Business of the Year – **Torrison Stone & Garden**

Tourism/Hospitality Business of the Year – **The Griswold Inn**