PROSPERA BUSINESS NETWORK
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS
2003-2019

2019
Innovator of the Year: Erica Mackey, MyVillage
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Alan Moore, XY Planning Network
WBC Award of Excellence: Courtney Foster, Referred Realty Group
Economic Leadership Award: Brian Sprenger
Business of the Year: Heebs Fresh Market

2018
Innovator of the Year: Jen Perry, Jelt Belt
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Matt Brailsford, Beartooth Vanworks
WBC Award of Excellence: Ris Higgins, Leadership Outfitters
Economic Leadership Award: Folkvord Family
Business of the Year: Mystery Ranch

2017
Innovator of the Year: Blackmore Sensors & Analytics
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Jessica Dehn, Dino Drop-In
WBC Business of the Year: Marley McKenna, Taco del Sol
Economic Leadership Award: Bob Hietala, Gallatin College
Business of the Year: Foundant Tech

2016
Innovator of the Year: Salient Technologies, Inc.
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Serena Rundberg, Inspired Madness Inc.
WBC Start-Up of the Year: Darcy Cook, Granite Sports Medicine
Economic Leadership Award: Larry Johnson, MPIA
Business of the Year: West Paw Design

2015
Innovator of the Year: DropTrip
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Chris Murphy & Kina Pickett, Helio & Company, LLC
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Brie Thompson, Olivelle
Economic Leadership Award: David Kack, HRDC Board of Directors
Business of the Year: Universal Athletic Service

2014
Innovator of the Year: Ehson Mosleh, 406 Aerospace
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Jon Slye & Jay Thane, Copper Whiskey Bar & Grill
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Noelle Kehoe, The Daily Coffee Bar
Economic Leadership Award: Rebecca Mahurin, MSU Technology Transfer Office
Business of the Year: Gibson Brands Inc., Acoustic Division

2013
Innovator of the Year Award: Bryan Robertus, Advanced Electronic Designs
Entrepreneur of the Year: Andrew Hull, Elixiter
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Babs Noelle, Alara Jewelry
Economic Leadership Award: Bill Berg, Greater Gardner Community Council
Business of the Year: Community Food Co-op

2012
Innovation Award: TEXbase
Entrepreneur of the Year: Tyler Jarosz, Twenty6 Products
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Robin Bequet, Bequet Confections
Economic Leadership Award: Brit Fontenot, City of Bozeman
Business of the Year: BLACKHAWK!

2011
Innovation Award: Mystery Ranch
Entrepreneur of the Year: Will Ritter, Spark R&D
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Robyn Erlenbush
Economic Leadership Award: Dr. Swearingen
Business of the Year: RightNow Technologies

2010
Innovation Award: Pete Roos, Bridger Photonics
Entrepreneur of the Year: Scott Johnson, Sustainable Oils
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Tiffany Lach, Sola Café
Economic Leadership Award: Mike Hope, Rockin’ R Bar & Ferraro’s
Business of the Year: BioScience Laboratories

2009
Innovation Award: Natural Baby Company, Kim Ormsby
Entrepreneur of the Year: Autopilot, Matt McCune
Economic Leadership Award: Chris Naumann, Downtown Bozeman Partnership
Business of the Year: Simms Fishing Products

2008
Innovation Award: Cleanwaste
Entrepreneur of the Year: Jeff & Suzie Turczyn, Lone Mountain Gymnastics
Economic Leadership Award: Steve Holland, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
Business of the Year: Zoot Enterprises

2007
Innovation Award: Dr. Joseph Sofianek, Medical Associates, PC
Entrepreneur of the Year: Spencer Williams, West Paw Design
Economic Leadership Award: Tom McCoy, Montana State University
Business of the Year: Bozeman Deaconess Hospital
2006
Innovation Award: LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Entrepreneur of the Year: Mike Yinger, Elk River Systems, Inc.
Start-up Business of the Year: The Gourmet Cellar
Business of the Year: Sweet Pea Landscaping, Inc.

2005
Innovation Award: Dobeck Performance
Entrepreneur of the Year: McKinnon Baxter, President and Founder, Zearth.com
Start-up Business of the Year: Bequet Confections
Business of the Year: Murdoch’s Ranch & Home Supply

2004
Innovation Award: Bacterin, Inc.
Entrepreneur of the Year: Larry Johnson, President and CEO, ILX Lightwave Corp
Start-up Business of the Year: Little Apple Technologies, Inc.
Small Business of the Year: Schnee’s Boots & Shoes

2003
Innovation Award: Strategix ID
Entrepreneur of the Year: Greg Gianforte, Founder & CEO, RightNow Technologies
Start-up Business of the Year: Amaltheia Dairy LLC
Small Business of the Year: Sound to Earth