



**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