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HELPING ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESSES GROW AND SUCCEED

A joint program of the Labovitz School of Business and Economics, Natural Resources Research Institute, and Swenson College of Science and Engineering.

AWARDS NOMINEES By Category

Micro-entrepreneur

Ablaze Custom Cleaning, LLC, Don Liimatainen Jr., Cloquet
Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg Consulting - Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg, Virginia
CMRA, LLC - Beth Wentzlaff, Duluth
magic box photography - Chelsea E. Morgan, Duluth
Sawtooth Solutions - Jeff Ryan, Duluth

Emerging-entrepreneur

AMI Consulting Engineers, PA - Craig Jouppi and Chad W. Scott, Duluth
eco - Julie A. McDonnell, Duluth
Exodus Machines, Inc. - Bruce Bacon, Superior
Monaco Air Duluth - Don Monaco, Duluth
Portable Bore Repair & Welding, Inc. - John and Kim Anderson, Superior
ShipRock Management Inc. - Andy Weyrauch, Blake Shippee, Justin Galzki, Duluth
Woodland Wireless Inc. - John Kinnunen and Walter Koski, Virginia

Established-entrepreneur

AJ's Lawncare & Landscaping - Andrew Jutila and Dale Anderson, Duluth
Beamer's Central - Jason Wussow, Duluth
Cabinet Corner & Home Center, LLC - Mary Ann Olson, Grand Rapids
Food Farm - John and Jane Fisher-Merritt, Wrenshall



*You
are
invited
to*

Celebrate Entrepreneurship

at the
17th Annual

Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards Ceremony & Luncheon

Tuesday, April 21, 2009
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Harborside Ballroom, DECC
\$25.00

For reservations: www.umdced.com

Reservation deadline: Friday, April 17, 2009

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Established Entrepreneurs (cont.)

Golden Oaks Inc – Laura and Paul Lokken, Hermantown
Mother Nature & Company Florist & Greenhouse - Paul and Sarah Carpenter, Saginaw
Mountain Inn/Lutsen Lodging Company - Mike Larson, Lutsen
Offices of Simon & Guthrie - Michelle Simon, Duluth
Pro Print, Inc. – Creston Dorothy and Scott Cooke, Duluth
Rabe's Supply, Inc. - Dennis and Mary Rabe, Hibbing
Udeen Trucking, Inc. - Robin Cich, Superior
Uncle Louis Café - Penny Briddell, Duluth
Wildfire Sprinkler, Inc. - George Carlson, Grand Marais
Wine Creations – Chris and Neil Vatne, Duluth
World Block, Inc. - Dan Stocke and Rod Johnson, Duluth

Mature entrepreneur

J.M. Auto Service - John Meglen, Eveleth
Positively 3rd Street Cooperative Bakery - Andrea Wood, Michael Latsch (worker-owned business), Duluth
Schemmer's Cleaning Services - Roger N. Schemmer, Two Harbors
Super 8 Motel - Bill Aho, Eveleth

Innovative

Clearly Superior, Inc. – Doug Stetzer and James Colborn, Superior
GeaCom, Inc. - Chris Butler and Mat Johnson, Duluth
Hometown Focus – Jeff Asbach and Scott Asbach, Virginia
Magnetation, Inc. - Larry Lehtinen, Nashwauk
SwimCreative - Patrice Bradley, Duluth

The LSBE Business Person of the Year will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and Luncheon.



“Nothing happens except for the initiative of a single individual.”

-Joel Labovitz

“You have to put in any, many, many tiny efforts that nobody sees or appreciates before you achieve anything worthwhile.”

-Brian Tracy

“The real source of wealth and capital in this new era is not material things...it is the human mind, the human spirit, the human imagination, and our faith in the future.”

-Steve Forbes

The University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development offers numerous workshops to help entrepreneurs and employees operate more efficiently. All workshops are held at the Duluth Technology Village, 11 E. Superior Street, Suite 210 unless otherwise noted. To register call: 218-726-7298, 888-387-4594 or register online: www.umdced.com/workshops.

The mission of the University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development is to assist entrepreneurs and businesses to grow and succeed.

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