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Orléans Chamber of Commerce Announces 2016 Business Excellence Awards Finalists

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ORLÉANS, Ontario - The Orléans Chamber of Commerce has announced the finalists for the 14th annual Business Excellence Awards, which publicly recognizes outstanding business achievement and community involvement within the local community.

This year marks the very first time in the awards history that a panel of 5 independent judges was used to evaluate the nominees in 8 of the 12 award categories based on a scoring system that assessed Business Accomplishments, Level of Expertise, and Community Involvement. The public was allowed to vote for the finalists in the 4 main categories.

The winners in each of the 12 categories including our prestigious Small Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, New Business of the Year, and Business Person of the Year will be announced at an awards ceremony on Thursday January 28th, 2016 at the Ottawa Conference at Events Centre. Tickets to the event are \$125 +HST and can be purchased online at www.ortleanschamber.ca

The Orléans Chamber of Commerce is also thrilled to announce that former Canadian competitive figure skater, World and Olympic silver medalist, three-time Canadian national champion and Orléans resident, Elizabeth Manley will be the Master of Ceremony for the gala awards.

The finalists for the 14th annual Business Excellence Awards in alphabetical order are:

4 main categories

1. **BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR** – Jarrod Goldsmith - Sax Appeal/eSax, Monica Alongi - SURE Print and Graphics and Natalie Beauchamp – RJR Innovations
2. **LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - BDO Canada, Paul Rushforth Real Estate and SURE Print and Graphics
3. **NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - Bellefleur Physiotherapy, Core Elements Registered Massage Therapists and OCCO Kitchen
4. **SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - Cuisine & Passion, Pita Pit Orléans and Your Reno Guys

8 other categories (member nominated and jury selected) in alphabetical order:

1. **ARTS, RECREATION AND LEISURE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - AOE Arts Council, Arteast Ottawa Association and Sing House Studios
2. **COMMUNITY OR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR** - Cardinal Creek Community Association, Gloucester North Lions Club, Habitat for Humanity-National Capital Region

3. **HEALTHCARE AND WELLNESS PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR** - Amanda-Lyn Smith (Massage and Treatment Clinic), Dawn Oehring (Core Elements Registered Massage Therapists) and Dr. Linda Kwasnick (Dr. Linda Kwasnick Professional Cooperation)
4. **PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR (FINANCIAL)** - Janet Gray (Money Coaches Canada), Michelle Martin (Michelle Martin C.A Professional Cooperation) and Robert Rhéaume (BDO Canada LLP)
5. **PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR (NON FINANCIAL)** - Brad Evans (Dust Evans Grandmaitre), Cecilia Perdigao (La Pierre Law Office) and Jonathan Richardson (Augustine Bater Binks LLP)
6. **RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR** - Boston Pizza, Cuisine & Passion and Host India
7. **RETAIL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - Cuisine & Passion, JT Bradley Store and Wool'n Things
8. **SERVICE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** - East Coast Limos, Jason Pilon (Pilon Group) and Steve Sicard (Keller Williams Solid Rock Realty)

Congratulations to all the finalists.

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