



## 2023 CIVITAS AWARDS | CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

Nominate a business, individual, or organization for well-deserved recognition

### Organization Awards

#### **CORNERSTONE AWARD FOR SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE**

This award recognizes a small or family-owned business that is a model of successful enterprise. Examples of excellence can include job creation, economic diversification, unique risks and results, or filling a market niche.

#### **TORCHBEARER AWARD FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT**

This award recognizes a business that makes a significant impact on economic prosperity and quality of life in our region. For this recognition, the business must create a significant economic impact through investment or job creation at the regional level.

#### **TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR FREE ENTERPRISE EXCELLENCE**

This award recognizes a start-up company or innovative established business in the region that demonstrates the spirit of free enterprise by investing in a new service or product offering.

#### **CARETAKER AWARD FOR NON-PROFIT EXCELLENCE**

This award recognizes a non-profit organization that demonstrates enhancement of the quality of life and betterment of the community, contributes a balance of time, expertise and funding, and meets an identified community need.

### Individual Awards

#### **SENTINEL AWARD FOR MILITARY CITIZENSHIP**

This award recognizes an individual who is actively serving our country at MCRD Parris Island, Naval Hospital Beaufort, or MCAS Beaufort and who demonstrates community stewardship and representation of the military in our region.

#### **PILLAR AWARD FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

This award recognizes a respected business leader who has personally excelled at improving the business environment in our region and who exemplifies the directive of Leadership Beaufort to be engaged and give back to the community.

#### **BUZZWORTHY AWARD FOR INFLUENTIAL LEADERSHIP**

This award recognizes a professional who has created positive, newsworthy awareness and who exemplifies strong professional capabilities, leadership qualities, service to the community, and is seen as a rising star in the region.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S AWARD**

This award is bestowed by the Chair of the Chamber of Commerce to recognize an individual who has gone above and beyond to support the important mission of the Chamber.

#### **LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP**

This award recognizes an individual who, throughout their lifetime, has made great contributions to the community through various avenues of service. Service may come in the form of business development, setting higher standards, and/or demonstrating great leadership skills. Lifetime contributions in communities prior to moving to the Beaufort region are also considered in determining lifelong leadership, provided the nominee meets the eligibility requirements.



## CIVITAS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Award you're nominating them for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe why this person or organization is being nominated with a paragraph between 100 and 300 words with specific information regarding how the nominee meets the award criteria as outlined.** Attach this write-up as a separate document in your submission. Incomplete applications are not acceptable.

The nominee will be notified upon receipt of a full nomination application and given the chance to send in supplemental information about themselves or their business by September 4, 2023.

A nominator may self-nominate, and there is no limit to the number of nominations made for any award, except Chairman's Award.

Thank you for helping the Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce provide well-earned recognition to exemplary people and businesses in our community! Please plan to join us for the Award Reception on October 12, 2023. Tickets can be purchased through the Chamber website.

More info about Civitas, forms and tickets, are available on the Chamber website: [www.BeaufortChamber.org](http://www.BeaufortChamber.org). To contact staff with questions, please email Megan Morris at [mmorris@beaufortchamber.org](mailto:mmorris@beaufortchamber.org).

Please submit this form no later than August 25, 2023  
Nominations can be e-mailed to Megan at [mmorris@beaufortchamber.org](mailto:mmorris@beaufortchamber.org) or mailed to:  
Civitas Awards, Beaufort Regional Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 910, Beaufort, SC 29901.



## PAST CIVITAS AWARD RECIPIENTS

### LIFETIME OF LEADERSHIP

2022 – Bill Prokop  
2021 – Frank Gibson  
2019 – Ed Duryea  
2018 – Samuel E. Murray  
2017 – Colden R. Battey  
2016 – Martin Goodman  
2015 – Jane Upshaw  
2014 – Susan Cato  
2013 – Richard Gray, Sr.  
2012 – Robert DeLoach  
2011 – Dorothy P. Gnann  
2010 – Henry Chambers  
2009 – Lt. Col. W.R. “Skeet” Von Harten, USMC (Ret.)  
2008 – Malcolm Goodridge  
2007 – William Brantley Harvey, Jr.  
2006 – Bill Knepp  
2005 – Jim Grimsley  
2004 – Helen Harvey  
2003 – Fred Washington, Jr.  
2002 – Connie Hipp

### THE BUZZWORTHY AWARD

#### LOWCOUNTRY YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

2022 – Charlie Stone, Beaufort Economic Dev. Corp.  
2021 – Jennifer Phillips, 303 Associates  
2019 – Patrick Cunningham, Merrill Lynch  
2018 – Russell Baxley, Beaufort Memorial Hospital  
2017 – Lindsay Gifford, Pink Magazine  
2016 – Kevin Dukes, Harvey & Battey, PA  
2015 – Gloria Duryea, Coastal Community Foundation  
2014 – Stephanie Greene, River Oaks Assisted Living  
2013 – Jon Rembold, Ward Edwards Engineering  
2012 – Stephen Murray, Kazoobie Kazoos  
2011 – Ian Leslie, Lowcountry Economic Network  
2010 – Huntley Duryea  
2009 – Tray Hunter, Hargray Communications  
2008 – Kim Statler, Lowcountry Economic Network

### THE SENTINEL AWARD

#### MILITARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

2022 – Gunnery Sgt Sean Kasper  
2021 – Sergeant Diego Marmolejo  
2020 – All MCRDPI Graduates in 2020  
2018 – Sergeant David Moncada, USMC  
2017 – HM1 Donna Patrick, Navy (Retired)  
2016 – James W. Boozer, USAF Reserves  
2015 – Gunnery Sergeant Ron Voegeli, USMC (Retired)  
2014 – Lieutenant Colonel W.R. “Skeet” Von Harten, USMC (Retired)  
2013 – Colonel Jack Snider, USMC (Retired)  
2012 – Lieutenant Colonel Bill Severns, USAF (Retired)  
2011 – Colonel John Payne, USMCR (Retired)  
2010 – Captain Steve Illes, USMC (Retired)  
2009 – Sergeant Ryan T. Montgomery, USMC  
2008 – Staff Sergeant Nicholas Underwood, USMC

### THE TRAILBLAZER AWARD

#### EXCELLENCE IN FREE ENTERPRISE

2022 – Magnus Development Partners  
2021 – Glass WRX

2019 – Seaside Grown  
2018 – Geismar  
2017 – J. H. Hiers Construction, LLC  
2016 – Flint Group Beaufort  
2015 – Bob Woodman Tires & Motorsports  
2014 – Sea Eagle Market  
2013 – Grayco Hardware and Home  
2012 – Greenbug All Natural Pest Control  
2011 – Lowcountry Produce  
2010 – Kazoobie Kazoos

### THE TORCHBEARER AWARD

#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT

2022 – 303 Associates  
2021 – Beaufort Memorial Hospital  
2020 – All Hospitality Sector Businesses  
2019 – Alpha Genesis Inc.  
2018 – Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS)  
2017 – Harris Pillow Supply  
2015 – Lockheed Martin  
2014 – Heritage Classic Foundation  
2013 – Midtown Square, Community Dev. Corp.  
2012 – Technical College of the Lowcountry  
2011 – University of South Carolina Beaufort  
2010 – Beaufort Memorial Hospital  
2009 – Technical College of the Lowcountry  
2008 – CareCore National, LLC  
2007 – The Millennium Real Estate Group  
2006 – Karen Harvey – Friends of Caroline Hospice  
2005 – Clarece Walker, United Way of the Lowcountry  
2004 – Ellen Long, Beaufort Arts Association Gallery  
2003 – Frank Gibson, Lowcountry Insurance Services 2002 – Dennis Green, Kieretsu, Inc.

### THE CARETAKER AWARD

#### OUTSTANDING NON-PROFIT

2022 – DragonBoat Beaufort  
2021 – BJH Comp Health Services  
2019 – Adaptive Golf Experience  
2018 – Beaufort-Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry  
2017 – Friends of Caroline Hospice  
2016 – Lowcountry Habitat for Humanity  
2015 – Citizens Opposed to Domestic Abuse (CODA)  
2014 – Second Helpings  
2013 – Child Abuse Prevention Association  
2012 – HELP of Beaufort  
2011 – Junior Service League of Beaufort  
2010 – Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry  
2009 – Kiwanis Club of Beaufort  
2008 – The Little Red Dog Foundation  
2007 – Second Helpings  
2006 – The Friends of Hunting Island State Park  
2005 – Hope Cottage, Inc.  
2004 – Literacy Volunteers of the Lowcountry  
2003 – Beaufort Marine Institute

### THE PILLAR AWARD

#### OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER

2022 – Courtney Worrell  
2021 – Stephen Murray  
2019 – Ross Vezin

2018 – Amy Achurch  
2017 – Greg Rawls  
2016 – John Troutman  
2015 – Charlotte Gonzalez  
2014 – Jack Cunningham  
2013 – Rob Bridgers  
2012 – Terry Bennett  
2011 – Connie Hipp  
2010 – Kendall Erickson

#### **THE CORNERSTONE AWARD**

##### **SMALL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE**

2022 -- AlphaGraphics  
2021 – Bill’s Liquor and Fine Wine

#### **THE CHAIRMAN’S AWARD**

##### **EXCEPTIONAL CHAMBER IMPACT**

2022 – Leadership Beaufort Team  
2021 – Whitney McDaniel

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*We also honor worthy past recipients of previous awards:*

##### **COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP**

2020 – All Clinicians & Healthcare Workers  
2018 – Lockheed Martin  
2017 – Sea Eagle Market  
2016 – Carolina SportsCare  
2015 – SugarBelle  
2014 – Harris Pillow Supply  
2013 – Kinghorn Insurance Agency of Beaufort, LLC  
2012 – Robinson Grant & Co.  
2011 – H2 Builders  
2010 – Hargray Communications  
2009 – First Citizens Bank  
2008 – Tanger Properties, LP  
2007 – MCAS Beaufort Federal Credit Union  
2006 – Peter F. White, M.D., Biopsy Diagnostics  
2005 – HomeTown Realty  
2004 – A.G. Edwards & Sons  
2003 – Ward Edwards  
2002 – Paul Kern – Lobeco Products

##### **OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE**

2020 – All working-from-home Parents & Teachers  
2019 – Kendra Twitty, CAPA  
2018 – Cesar Garcia, Second Helpings  
2017 – Betsy Hinderliter, Beaufort-Jasper YMCA  
2016 – Margo Wehrenberg, Beaufort Memorial Hospital  
2015 – Ben Duncan, CenturyLink  
2014 – Tracey Robinson, Wardle Family YMCA  
2013 – Cindy Coburn-Smith, LifeFit at Beaufort Memorial  
2012 – Androula Weiland, Main Street Beaufort  
2011 – Kim Merritt, Beaufort Memorial Hospital  
2010 – Corina Altamarino, Literacy Volunteers of Lwctry  
2008 – Anna Edwards, A. G Edwards  
2007 – Nicholas Miranda, The Veranda Restaurant  
2006 – Maldia Thames, Tri-Command Communities  
2005 – Rebecca Berry, Sandbar Productions

2004 – Kenneth Cowart, NetSolutions Technology  
2003 – Naomi Hroncich, Friends of Caroline Hospice

##### **JUNIOR ENLISTED SERVICE MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

2019 – Lance Corporal Ashanti Washington, USMC  
2018 – Lance Corporal Xukai Chi, USMC  
2017 – Lance Corporal Ashley A. Phillips, USMC  
2016 – Lance Corporal Jimmy J. Vertus, USMC  
2015 – Lance Corporal Scott M. Foster, USMC  
2014 – Lance Corporal Timothy J. Zawiski, USMC  
2013 – Corporal Sarah Cherry, USMC  
2012 – HM2 Samuel J. Woodson, USN  
2011 – Corporal Jesse J. Park, USMC  
2010 – Hospitalman Holden J. Roberts, USN  
2009 – Airman Shawn Reagan, USMC  
2008 – Sergeant Jason Harris, USMC  
2007 – HMCS Steven E. Teaford, USN  
2006 – MA1 Kenneth M. Drane, USN  
2005 – Sergeant Major Alexander McBride, USMC  
2004 – Sr Master Chief Bob Bible, USMC (Retired)  
2003 – 1st Sergeant Lorenzo Cox, USMC  
2002 – Gunnery Sergeant Robert Baxter, USMC

##### **NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF THE YEAR**

2019 – Corporal Kathryn Adams, USMC  
2018 – Corporal Saamad A. Mitchell, USMC  
2017 – Sergeant David A. Waterfield, USMC  
2016 – Corporal Daniel L. Odom, USMC  
2015 – Corporal Anthony C. Yan, USMC  
2014 – Corporal Juan A. Garay, USMC  
2013 – Corporal Judena Seck, USMC  
2012 – Sergeant Ashley Mohr, USMC  
2011 – Staff Sergeant Nicholas J. Underwood, USMC  
2010 – Sergeant Charles E. Jackson II, USMC  
2009 – Sergeant Patrick L. DeForge, USMC  
2008 – Sergeant Jason Harris, USMC  
2007 – Major Teagan Yonash, USMC  
2006 – Lt. Col. Patrick J. Campbell, USMC  
2005 – Capt. Jodie Moser, USMC  
2004 – Capt. George Hull, USN  
2003 – Lt. Col. Michael Viers, USMC  
2002 – 1st Lt. Gary R. Kipe, USMC

##### **HISTORIC REHABILITATION**

2018 – Fordham Market

##### **TOURISM LEADERSHIP**

2019 – Pat Conroy Literary Center  
2018 – Anchorage 1770  
2017 – Penn Center  
2016 – The Beaufort Inn  
2015 – Cuthbert House Inn  
2014 – Anita Singleton-Prather, ASE'-Gullah Education  
2013 – Beaufort International Film Festival  
2012 – Beaufort Water Festival  
2011 – Friends of Hunting Island State Park  
2010 – Susan Sauer, Discover Tours

##### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

2018 – Katherine Cuppia Phifer