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17th Annual Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards celebrate National Small Business Week

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Duluth — Presented by the University of Minnesota Duluth Center for Economic Development, the Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards Program recognizes entrepreneurs and business owners from throughout the Twin Ports and northeastern Minnesota.

Each year the US Small Business Administration (SBA) designates a week to highlight entrepreneurs and small businesses.

The awards categories include Micro-Entrepreneur, Emerging Entrepreneur, Established Entrepreneur, Mature Entrepreneur and Innovation. Thirty-six entrepreneurs and business owners have been nominated for these awards. In addition to these awards there will also be several other awards presented at this event.

“This is the only regional ceremony that honors entrepreneurs who contribute so much to our economy and our communities. It is also an excellent opportunity to network with business and community leaders,” says Elaine Hansen, director of UMD CED.

The following companies have been nominated in each category: Micro Entrepreneur: Ablaze Custom Cleaning, LLC, Don Liimatainen Jr., Cloquet; Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg Consulting, Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg, Virginia; CMRA, LLC - Beth Wentzlauff, 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; and Woodland Wireless Inc., John Kinnunen and Walter Koski, Virginia.

Established Entrepreneur: AJ's Lawncare & Landscaping – Andrew Jutila and Dale Anderson, Duluth; Beaner's Central, Jason Wussow, Duluth; Cabinet Corner & Home Center, LLC, Mary Ann Olson, Grand Rapids; Food Farm, John and Jane Fisher-Merritt, Wrenshall; Golden Oaks Inc., Laura and Paul Lokken, Hermantown; Mother Nature & Company Florist & Greenhouse, Paul and Sarah Carpenter, Saginaw; Lutsen Lodging Co., 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, Robin Cich, Superior; Uncle Louis Café, Penny Briddell, Duluth; Wildfire Sprinkler, Inc., George Carlson, Grand Marais; Wine Creations, Chris Vatne, Duluth; and 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, Dan Krisak 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; and SwimCreative, Patrice Bradley, Duluth.

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The recipients will be announced at the luncheon and awards ceremony held on Tuesday, April 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the DECC. The UMD Labovitz School of Business and Economics will also announce its Business Person of the Year at this event.

The major event sponsors are Maurices, WestmorelandFlint, Flint Interactive, the Small Business Administration, Minnesota Small Business Development Center, the Greenstone Group, Park State Bank, and Iron Range Resources.

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