

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

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ATHENA AWARD/*Morley

Ballantine Award

1990 – Shari Chrane
1991 – Karen Zink
1992 – Laurel Waller
1993 – Sheri Rochford
1994 – Nancy Sellers
1995 – Barbara Conrad
1996 – Julie Cooley
1997 – Morley Ballantine
1998 – Diane Wildfang
1999 – Pauline Garner
2000 – Linda Dunaway
2001 – Lee Taylor
2002 – Barb Acosta
2003 – Ellen Roberts
2004 – Debra Parmenter
2005 – Karen Langhart* (*beginning of Morley Ballantine Award*)
2006 – Joanne Spina
2007 – Pam Patton
2008 – BJ Boucher
2009 – Patti Zink
2010 – Sid Zink

2011 – Deb Uroda
2012 – Vicki Coe
2013 – Kerry Petranek Siggins
2014 – Beth Drum
2015 – Linda Campbell
2016 – Stephanie Moran
2017 – Mary Jane Clark
2018 – Melissa Glick
2019 – Tiffany Lee
2020 – Karen Midkiff
2021 – Barbara McLachlan
2022 – Ann Morse

Barbara Conrad Community Leadership Award

(presented by Leadership La Plata in memory of Barbara Conrad)

1996 – Bill Mashaw
1997 – Linda Geer
1998 – Char Day
1999 – David Eppich
2000 – Pam Patton
2001 – Ed Morlan
2002 – Sidny Zink

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2003 – Lon Erwin
2004 – Nora Tracy
2005 – Dennis Lum
2006 – Marsha Porter-Norton
2007 – Indiana Reed
2008 – Kip Koso
2009 – Wanda Ellingson
2010 – Diane Becket
2011 – Christi Zeller
2012 – John and Cissy Anderson
2013 – Kris Oylar
2014 – Laura Lewis Marchino
2015 – Stan Crapo
2016 – Tara Kiene
2017 – Jenn Bartlett
2018 – Molly Martin
2019 – Kelsea Ferrato
2020 – Karen Thompson
2021 – Janae Hunderman
2022 – Tracy Cornutt

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

1988 – Comstock Creations
1989 – Bula/Fiji Wear
1990 – Columbia Chrome
1991 – Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
1992 – Durango Threadworks
1993 – Mercy Medical Center
1994 – Purgatory Ski Resort
1995 – Coca Cola
1996 – Bar-D Chuckwagon
1997 – North and South City Markets
1998 – La Plata Electric Assoc.
1999 – Toh-Atin
2000 – The Wells Group Real Estate Brokerage
2001 – Durango Mountain Resort
 & Durango Silverton
 Narrow Gauge Railroad
2002 – Nature's Oasis
2003 – The Durango Herald
2004 – Strater Hotel
2005 – Steamworks Brewing Company
2006 – Lore International
2007 – First National Bank of Durango
2008 – StoneAge Inc.

2009 – Mercury Payment Systems
2010 – Ska Brewing Company
2011 – Animas Surgical Center
2012 – Alpine Bank
2013 – Ecosphere Environmental Services Inc.
2014 – Coldwell Banker Heritage
 House Realtor
2015 – Durango Coca-Cola
2016 – Seasons of Durango
2017 – Durango Motor Company
2018 – Durango Dermatology
2019 – Peak Food & Beverage
2020 – First Southwest Bank
2021 – Kroegers Ace Hardware
2022 – Morehart Murphy Regional
 Auto Center

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Jean Reed
Cy Scarborough
1981 – Bob Beers (deceased)
1982 – Fred Kroeger (deceased)
1983 – Rexer Berndt (deceased)
1984 – Jackson Clark (deceased)
1985 – Dr. Leo Lloyd (deceased)
1986 – Stan Allan (deceased)
1987 – John Zink (deceased)
1988 – Bill Sageser
1989 – Don Whalen (deceased)
1990 – Morley Ballantine
 (deceased)
1991 – Bill “Beatle” Abshagen
1992 – Ron Pettigrew
1993 – Frank E. “Sam” Maynes (deceased)
1994 – Leonel Silva
1995 – Duane Smith
1996 – Leonard C. Burch (deceased)
1997 – Dr. Joel Jones (deceased)
1998 – Amos Cordova
1999 – Bob Dolphin (deceased)
2000 – Bill Mashaw (deceased)
2001 – Don Mapel
2002 – Fred Klatt
2003 – David Eppich
2004 – Ed Zink (deceased)
2005 – Patty Burkholder

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2006 – Pat Murphy
2007 – Jerry Martinez
2008 – Dr. Richard Lawton
2009 – Sheri Rochford-Figgs
2010 – Joe Colgan
2011 – Katharine Roser
2012 – Peter Marshall
2013 – Richard Ballantine
2014 – Sidney Zink
2015 – Steve Parker
2016 – Steve Short
2017 – Linda Mannix
2018 – Joanne Spina
2019 – Ellen Roberts
2020 – Bob Wolff
2021 – Karen Zink
2022 – Gaige Sippy

DIPLOMATS “SPIRIT OF DURANGO” AWARD

1989 – North & South City Markets
1990 – Coca-Cola
1991 – Kroeger’s True Value Hardware
1992 – Bula/Fiji Wear
1993 – McDonald’s
1994 – KIQX
1995 – Albertson’s
1996 – Red Snapper Restaurant
1997 – Amoco Production Company
1998 – Steamworks Brewing Company
1999 – Norwest Bank
2000 – Four Corners River Sports
2000 – Not given this year
2001 – Not given this year
2002 – Firefighters of La Plata County
and Nationwide
2003 – Southwestern Beverage
2004 – Advanced Eyecare
2005 – Tri State Care Flight
2006 – Carvers Brewing Co.
2007 – Morehart Chevrolet
2008 – Kiwanis Club of Durango
and Animas Media (tie)
2009 – Durango Sports Club
2010 – Durango Doughworks
2011 – Leland House/Rochester Hotel

2012 – Lost Dog Bar and Lounge
2013 – Ska Brewing
2014 – Vectra Bank
2015 – Honeyville
2016 – Four Leaves Winery
2017 – El Moro Spirits and Tavern
2018 – Star Liquor
2019 – Durango Electrical Service
2020 – Ore House Restaurant
2021 – Dietz Market
2022 – Pathfinder Chiropractic

DIPLOMAT OF THE YEAR

1989 – Jane Zimmerman
1990 – Patti McCarthy
1991 – Jim Christen
1992 – Linda Geer
1993 – Don Whalen
1994 – Mary El Emrich & John Kolb
1995 – Becky Moore
1996 – Mark Schelper
1997 – Joy Zwisler
1998 – Bobbie Carll
1999 – Brian Zwisler
2000 – Dianne Andrews
2001 – Darryl Hunt
2002 – Debi Lorenz
2003 – Julie Pickering
2004 – Mary Jo Paxton
2005 – Angelia Cook
2006 – Virginia Wright
2007 – Breta Dodd
2008 – Kathy Myrick
2009 – Nancy Ottman
2010 – Steve Pease
2011 – Susan Smith
2012 – Nick Spence
2013 – Bev Theberge
2014 – Marily Berger
2015 – Brad Cook
2016 – Mitch Dye
2017 – Coelene O’Kane
2018 – Matt Gomez
2019 – Ben Frihauf
2020 – Tom Loch
2021 – Nancy Ottman
2022 – Brad Cook

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

- 2004 – Todd Youngblood / Computhority
- 2005 – Spaaah Shop/Christine Helm
- 2006 – Durango Soda Co. /
B. Zuber & D. Aggeler
- 2007 – Durango Joe's Coffee House
Joe Lloyd
- 2008 – Open Sky Wilderness
(Aaron Fernandes)
- 2009 – Thrive: A Creating Wellness Center –
Trapper Niccum
- 2010 – Durango Magazine – Julie Schlutz
- 2011 – FASTSIGNS of Durango –
Laurie Sigilitto
- 2012 – not given this year
- 2013 – Rent-A-Man – Eric Sirois
and Joe Storck
- 2014 – Mountain View TLC –
Kevin Dehlinger, Kiki Searfus,

Judith Vanderryn and Lisa Smith

- 2015 – Daudi Barnes / Advanced
Mobile Propulsion Test
- 2016 – Mark Thompson Phoenix Recycling
- 2017 – Tracie Holcomb CrossFit Catacombs
- 2018 – Jessika Buell
Marketing Concepts Squared
- 2019 – Jeff and Jennifer Vierling,
Tailwind Nutrition
- 2020 – Erin Neer, MuniRevs
- 2021 – Carol Clark
- 2022 – Ben Sorensen

NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

- 2006 – United Way
- 2007 – SW Institute For Education and
Conservation (Adult Ed Center
& SW Conservation Corp.)
- 2008 – Community Connections
- 2009 – SUCAP
- 2010 – Women's Resource Center
- 2011 – Manna Soup Kitchen
- 2012 – Durango Arts Center
- 2013 – Boys and Girls Club
- 2014 – Alternative Horizons

- 2015 – La Plata Youth Services
- 2016 – Durango Adult Education Center
- 2017 – The Garden Project of SW Colorado
- 2018 – The Community Foundation
Serving SW Colorado
- 2019 – Trails 2000
- 2020 – Region 9 Economic Development
District
- 2021 – Business Improvement District
- 2022 – HomesFund

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

- 1993 – Olde Tymers
- 1994 – Four Corners River Sports
- 1995 – Dietz Market
- 1996 – Thru the Lens
- 1997 – Griego's
- 1998 – Honeyville
- 1999 – Durango Quick Lube
- 2000 – FredrickZinkElliott, P.C.
- 2001 – Ska Brewing Company
- 2002 – Bank of the San Juans
- 2003 – Maria's Bookshop
- 2004 – Steaming Bean Coffee Company
- 2005 – Hogan's Store
- 2006 – Siesta Motel
- 2007 – Mountain Bike Specialists
- 2008 – Professional Computer Solutions
- 2009 – Backcountry Experience
- 2010 – Sunnyside Meats
- 2011 – Russell Planning & Engineering
- 2012 – Durango Party Rental
- 2013 – Basin Printing & Imaging
- 2014 – Tafoya Barrett and Associates
- 2015 – The Payroll Department
- 2016 – Evenings Porch Assisting Living
- 2017 – Four Corners Broadcasting
- 2018 – Pet Haus
- 2019 – Durango Harley Davidson
- 2020 – Honeyville & Honey House Distillery
- 2021 – Southwest Eye Consultants
- 2022 – Adela Flora

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

1990 – Shari Chrane/Bill Mashaw
1991 – Jim Christen
1992 – Ann Butler
1993 – Florence Minor
1994 – Harold Green
1995 – Barbara Acosta
1996 – Pete Gomez
1997 – Patty Burkholder
1998 – John Marvel
1999 – Bruce Anderson
2000 – Pat Russell
2001 – Debra Parmenter
2002 – Julie McCallister
2003 – Victoria Romero-Coe
2004 – John Anderson
2005 – Jim Foster
2006 – La Plata County Search and Rescue
2007 – Liz Carey
2008 – Peter Marshall and Nancy Wharton
2009 – Bob Aber
2010 – Tom Grams
2011 – Pat & Calvin Story
2012 – Chuck and Cheryl Carson
2013 – Terry Swan
2014 – Ron Corkish
2015 – Renea Young
2016 – Laura McKinney
2017 – Pat Barrett
2018 – Jeff Givens
2019 – Lisa Barrett
2020 – Dave Woodruff
2021 – Vaughn Morris
2022 – Joe Kusar

YPOD OF THE YEAR

2012 – Mandi Davis
2013 – Allison Ragsdale and Matt Hoaglin
2014 – Paul Eckenrode
2015 – Jeremy Ham
2016 – Krii Black
2017 – Ryan Lowe
2018 – Taylor Criswell
2019 – Luke Prince
2020 – Liz Demko
2021 – Catie Bird
2022 – Joseph Kuzma