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Chamber celebrates best businesses in Kamloops

Finalists for 2013 Business Excellence Awards announced

Kamloops is chock-full of successful businesses and entrepreneurs and on Wednesday, the Chamber of Commerce and TD Bank honoured a legion of them while celebrating the 2013 Business Excellence award finalists.

An independent selection committee comprised of 40 business leaders whittled down a list of 234 nominations of 139 businesses this month. The finalists now include 45 firms and individuals in 15 categories.

"Now the excitement builds as the final winners are chosen over the next month," said Bob Dieno, Chamber president.

A selection committee of 45 independent members will now research and interview each finalist to determine the winners.

The top honours will be announced at the Business Excellence Awards Gala on Oct. 19 at the Coast Kamloops Conference Centre.

"These finalists have made a real impact in our community and we wish them all good luck," said Lindy Baird, TD branch manager.

2013 Business Excellence Awards finalists:

City of Kamloops Community Service Award

- * Daley & Company Chartered Accountants LLP
- * Kamloops Home Hardware Building Centre
- * Kent Wong Photography

Berwick on the Park Service Provider Award 1-10 Staff

- * Kelly Funk Photography
- * Pratt's Compounding Pharmacy
- * ProCad Designs Ltd.

Kamloops Lincoln Service Provider Award 11+ Staff

- * Changes Hair Studio & Spa
- * Hotel Five540 Forty
- * Ra Hair Studio & Spa
- * South Thompson Inn Guest Ranch and Conference Centre

Venture Kamloops Resource Industry Award

- * Dominion Creek Ranch
- * Harper's Trail Winery

* New Gold Inc. □ New Afton Mine

Green Award 1-10 Staff

- * Competent Carpet Cleaning
- * Dr. Preety Desai Periodontal Specialist
- * Snug Glee Bumz Diaper Service

Rocky Mountaineer Green Award 11+ Staff

- * A&T Project Developments Inc.
- * Absorbent Products Ltd.
- * New Gold Inc. □ New Afton Mine

KGHM Ajax Mining Inc. Home Based Business of the Year Award

- * Holly Eburne Coaching Services
- * Snug Glee Bumz Diaper Service
- * ZERO Tolerance DD's Service Ltd.

BCLC Technology Innovator Award

- * AxiMech Robotics
- * Innovex Engineering
- * Western Industrial Solutions

TRU Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts & Tourism Hospitality & Tourism Award

- * Hotel Five540Forty
- * South Thompson Inn Guest Ranch and Conference Centre
- * The Plaza Hotel

Excel Personnel Business Person of the Year Award

- * Darryl Caunt □ Mibroc Group
- * Fiona Chan □ BDC
- * Steve Davidson □ Kamloops Ford Lincoln/Kamloops Kia/North Shore Collision

Home Hardware First Nations Business of the Year Award

- * Mannytan Tanning Co.
- * Sun Valley Mini Storage Ltd.
- * ZERO Tolerance DD's Service Ltd.

Aberdeen Mall Retailer Award 1-10 Staff

- * Nu Leaf Produce Market
- * Sakred Skin & Studio Ltd.
- * Sweet Spot Cupcakes

Underwriters Insurance Brokers Retailer Award 11+ Staff

- * Cooper's Foods
- * The Horse Barn
- * Kamloops Kia

BDC Business Development Bank Manufacturer Award

- * Absorbent Products Ltd.
- * Fresh is Best Salsa Company
- * Top 40 Woodworks Ltd.

Kamloops Business Magazine Young Entrepreneur Award

- * Sean Masse □ New Gold
- * Paula Presta □ KPMG LLP
- * Jaethan Reichel □ iTel Networks
- * Christopher Seguin □ Thompson Rivers University

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