



# OSHKOSH

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

## 111th Annual Meeting & Recognition Program

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# 2018 Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce

## **Alberta S. Kimball Community Service Award**

### **Oshkosh Student Association**



The Alberta Kimball Community Service Award is given to an individual or organization that has made a significant impact on the Oshkosh community. The Oshkosh Student Association (OSA) is the advocate for the best interests of the students at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. OSA promoted the revitalization of the riverfront in downtown, changing the complexion of part of the Oshkosh community. OSA is responsible for the distribution of \$9 million in segregated fees that fully fund several major campus structures, including the Student Recreation and Wellness Center and Reeve Memorial Union. Most recently, OSA managed the student referendum to approve the Rec Plex project. These types of new developments create an outstanding front door to the University and promote an extraordinary transformation of the waterfront. UW Oshkosh is a vital part of the Oshkosh community. In recognition of students making Oshkosh a better place to live, work and play, the Oshkosh Student Association is the 2018 recipient of the Alberta Kimball Community Service Award.

## **Horizon Award**

### **Jenna Golem and Carey Sharpe**



The Horizon Award is given to a person or organization with a clear and distinctive vision of the future for Oshkosh. In 1928 The Eagles Club opened. Its long and storied history created life-time memories for the people of Oshkosh. This year, a new chapter began when Jenna Golem and Carey Sharpe made the decision to resurrect this impressive monument. Jenna and Carey were inspired by the revitalization efforts going on in Oshkosh, particularly downtown, and wanted to continue that work to improve our community. The sisters and Oshkosh natives wanted to preserve the building and bring it back to its intended use as a place for socialization and community. Carey says, "we see The Howard as a gathering place for the community - a place where people come together to share a special experience and enjoy themselves. We are trying to create experiences that are so special and unique that people are excited to come back to see what else we have to offer." The Howard has extensive plans for entertainment. From concerts and dinner theater, to comedians, and a bowling alley, The Howard is guaranteed to become a reason why Oshkosh is "Wisconsin's Event City". Jenna and Carey's distinct vision for the future of The Howard makes them our 2018 recipients of the Horizon Award.

## **Lynne Webster Leadership Award**

### **Jim Macy**



This award is presented in memory of Lynne Webster, a woman who exemplified a commitment to Oshkosh like no other. The Lynne Webster Leadership Award is awarded to an individual who is making Oshkosh a better place. Jim Macy was chosen for his leadership and dedication to the Leadership Oshkosh program as the chair of the Leadership Oshkosh Steering Committee for over a decade. Jim is a graduate of the third Leadership Oshkosh class and Jim's firm, von Briesen & Roper, s.c., has been a long-time participant in the Leadership Oshkosh program, having a participant most every year. For Jim, Oshkosh leadership and service to the community is important. He says, "a strong community is built upon a strong commitment to service." For his commitment to help others become strong leaders and his dedication to continuing to guide the Leadership Oshkosh program year after year, Jim Macy is this year's recipient of the Lynne Webster Leadership Award.

## **Stephen Mosling Commitment to Education Award**

### **Aurora Health Care**



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The Stephen Mosling Commitment to Education Award is given to an individual or organization in our community who has displayed leadership and dedication to the future of our workforce. Aurora Health Care is being recognized for their commitment to education through their support and participation in the 8th Grade Career Exploration Fair and High School STEM Conference. Aurora Health Care participates and plans Youth Leadership Oshkosh's Health and Human Services Day. Their employees serve as youth career mentors and participate in the Youth Apprenticeship Program. In addition, they support talent development through participation in the adult Leadership Oshkosh program, serving on the steering committee. For their clear commitment to education and talent development in the Oshkosh community, Aurora Health Care is the 2018 recipient of the Stephen Mosling Commitment to Education Award.

## **Outstanding Chamber Volunteer Award**

### **Joe LeRoy**



Our Outstanding Chamber Volunteer award recognizes an individual or organization who has been dedicated to serving the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. For over 30 years, Joe LeRoy has been an active member of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce with his business. Stannard Launderers and Dry Cleaners has been in business for over 125 years. Joe has dedicated his time to the Chamber as a volunteer, event sponsor, Executive Committee member, and Accreditation Committee member. He also spent nine years on the Chamber's Board of Directors and served as its Treasurer. Joe joined the Chamber Board of Directors to "be the voice of Main Street businesses." Joe encourages more individuals to "get involved, volunteer, and make a difference for the betterment of business in Oshkosh, which touches the lives of all. You will be repaid tenfold by all the good people you will meet." Joe LeRoy is an exemplary volunteer and is the recipient of our 2018 Outstanding Chamber Volunteer Award.

# Presentation of Award Winners

## **Ambassador of the Year Award**

### **Marcus Butts**



The Ambassador of the Year Award is given to a Chamber Ambassador who has demonstrated outstanding dedication, service and leadership to advance the mission of the Oshkosh Chamber. Marcus Butts has been a dedicated Chamber volunteer for the last 16 years spending his time creating relationships with Chamber member businesses, participating in events such as Operation Thank You, attending ribbon cuttings, serving on planning committees and taking part in Leadership Oshkosh - 2006 graduate. Marcus is one of the most dependable Ambassadors when extra help is needed. This year alone, Marcus attended over 35 Chamber events. For Marcus, being an Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Ambassador is a very rewarding experience. He says, "when you get to meet with business owners and help them grow their business through the Chamber, you get to be a champion for business growth in the Oshkosh community." Marcus is an impeccable representation of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce and our mission to provide leadership and to serve and represent our members so their businesses and our community will prosper. For that, Marcus Butts is the 2018 recipient of the Ambassador of the Year Award.

## **Propel Young Professional of the Year Award**

### **Katie Talken**



The Propel Young Professional Award is given to an individual between 21 and 40 who is making a difference in our community. Over the past year, Katie Talken is a face you'll see most often at Propel events. She serves on the Propel Board and events and marketing committees. Katie has been dedicated to Propel's mission of engaging and empowering young professionals through community involvement, networking, and career and personal growth. Katie has always enjoyed helping others. She is the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh's Development & Grants Director, a youth mentor and has always worked in youth development services. Katie is also a member of St. Raphael Church and a 2018 Leadership Oshkosh graduate. Katie says, "being passionate about what you are doing just makes you better at your job." She promotes, "do what you love and you will never work a day in your life." And she brings that same passion to Propel. That is why Katie Talken is the 2018 recipient of the Young Professional of the Year Award.

## **Distinguished Service Award**

### **Dr. John Anderson**



The Distinguished Service Award is given to a past Chairman of the Board who has greatly impacted our organization. Dr. John Anderson has been an essential member of the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce. He served nine years on the Oshkosh Chamber Board of Directors, three on the Executive Committee, served as Chairman of the Board and was a member of the Accreditation Committee. John joined the Chamber Board to represent small business. For him, it was a great opportunity to meet and work with the other businesses and community leaders in the Oshkosh community. He says, "I was able to be heard and voice my concerns of what issues small business owners have. It made me realize whether big or small, we all have similar concerns." John has been an eye care provider for 37 years. Five years ago, he merged with Northshore Eye Care and opened InSight Eye Care, one of the largest independent eye care practices in Oshkosh. For his service to the Oshkosh Chamber and business community, Dr. John Anderson is the 2018 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award.

## **Enterprise of the Year Award**

### **CastlePierce**

**CASTLEPIERCE**

The Enterprise of the Year Award is in recognition of a local business that continues to grow and provide our community with a significant and consistent amount of jobs and support. CastlePierce, originally named Castle Printing, was founded in 1888 by William Morgan Castle in a three-room basement with two employees. In 1962, CastlePierce built a modern, state-of-the-art building, which the company still occupies today. As technology continued to advance, so did CastlePierce. In 2000, the company shifted away from commercial print and changed its primary focus to packaging. Continuing to grow in the field of narrow web flexible packaging, CastlePierce completed a \$4.5 million expansion project in 2016. CastlePierce proves to be a dynamic business, strategically investing in new technology to meet customer demands. After 130 years of doing business in Oshkosh, CastlePierce remains a strong and vital operation.

## **Small Business of the Year Award**

### **Steinert Printing**



Steinert Printing, a family-owned business, has grown and persevered through the ever changing printing industry for over 70 years! They remained innovative when the demand increased for higher efficiencies and digital products. In 2008, the company was impacted by the recession, but in the face of hard times, founder, Warren Steinert, chose to remain open and retain all staff. Warren very strongly believed in taking care of his employees as family. Taking over the reins in 2014, Mark and Anne Steinert continue his legacy and have remained dedicated to the growth and longevity of Steinert Printing. The company's overall profitability has improved by 313% since 2014. Mark and Anne have invested in 5 major pieces of new equipment within the last 2 years. The efficiencies gained through new technologies allow for quicker and more efficient processing of projects. Steinert Printing is changing with the times and is focusing on mailing, fulfillment and book publishing to grow the company. Building long-lasting partnerships is important to Steinert Printing. They take pride in generating cost savings for their customers. They supported over 30 community organizations this year through donations or collaborative efforts. Anne Steinert serves on the Board of Directors for Tempo Fox Valley and is a member of several Oshkosh area organizations. For their perseverance, growth and commitment to the Oshkosh community, Steinert Printing is the recipient of the 2018 Small Business of the Year Award.

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- Roe Nurseries, Inc. - Celebrating 150 Years
- Lakeside Elementary School - Celebrating 125 Years
- Fox Valley Plastic Surgery - Celebrating 25 years
- SERVPRO of Appleton and SERVPRO of Winnebago County - Celebrating 25 Years
- NTD - Celebrating 25 years