

Business Excellence Awards Past Recipients

2023

Young Business Individual of the Year
Madison Hetherington

Business Individual of the Year
Larry Delaey

Young Entrepreneur of the Year
Drew Ferren

Entrepreneur of the Year
Denny Vervaeet

Business of the Year (Small)
CK Tubs & Taps

Business of the Year (Medium)
Schinkels' Gourmet Meats

Business of the Year (Large)
AarKel Tool & Die Inc.

Citizen of the Year
Lynn McGeachy - Schultz

2022

Young Business Individual of the Year
Tiffany Cunningham

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Maria Whittal

Young Entrepreneur of the Year
Curtis Lemieux

Entrepreneur of the Year
Robb Nelson

Business of the Year (Small)
Mallory Law

Business of the Year (Medium)
Maple City Homes

Citizen of the Year
Anne Coulter

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Four Diamond Events

2021

Business of the Year (Small)
Devos Furniture

Business of the Year (Medium)
Handy Bros ClimateCare

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Jennifer Hua

Young Entrepreneur of the Year
Alex Wingrove

Entrepreneur of the Year
Rachel Schwarz

Business Individual of the Year
Tanya Sinnett

Citizen of the Year
JP (Jon Paul) Huggins

2020

Business of the Year (Small)
Battery Boy

Business of the Year (Medium)
JP Contractors

Business of the Year (Large)
Honey Electric Ltd.

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Avery Norris

Young Business Individual of the Year
Darin Willder

Business Individual of the Year
Ron Nydam

Entrepreneur of the Year
Corine Wagenaar

Citizen of the Year
Derwyn Armstrong

2019

Business of the Year (Small)

Nest Realty

Entrepreneur of the Year

Elizabeth Suni

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Hannah Beintema

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Matthew Vanheule

Young Business Individual of the Year

Morena McDonald

Business Individual of the Year

John Fry

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Community Living

Citizen of the Year

Brenda LeClair

2018

Citizen of the Year

n/a

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Habitat for Humanity

Business of the Year (Small 1- 10 Employees)

Hub Creative Group

Business of the Year (Medium 11- 50 Employees)

Chatham Breakfast House & Grille

Business Individual of the Year

Magdiel Hoste

Young Business Individual of the Year

Christine Fairbairn

Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Steven Peach

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Jeremey Dean

Entrepreneur of the Year

n/a

2017

Citizen of the Year

Carolyn Powers

Corporate Citizen of the Year

n/a

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

Enviroshake

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence

Entrepreneur of the Year

Fred Naclerio

Business Professional

Tricia Xavier

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Natalie Devolder

Young Entrepreneur/Professional of the Year

2016

Citizen of the Year
Jennifer Wilson

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Erieau Marina Ltd.

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Dajcor Aluminum Ltd.

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence
Kent & Essex Mutual Insurance

Entrepreneur of the Year
Mike & Sue Korpan

Business Professional

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Jacklyn Janssen

Young Entrepreneur/Professional of the Year
Jeff McFadden

2015

Citizen of the Year
Barry Fraser

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Victory Ford Lincoln Sales Ltd.

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Devolder Farms

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence
Southwest Granite & Glass

Entrepreneur of the Year
Emily Meko

Business Professional
Emily Meko

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Jessica Weaver

2014

Citizen of the Year
Shannon & Brian Prince

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Downtown Chatham Centre

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Dresden Industrial

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence
WINMAR

Entrepreneur of the Year
Advanced Basement Systems

Business Professional
Christine Stover

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Jessica Bosazzi

2013

Citizen of the Year
Patricia Robbins–Clark

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Chatham-Kent Home Builders
Association

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Schinkel's Legacy

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence
St. Andrew's Residence

Entrepreneur of the Year
ATW Automotive

Business Professional
Brenda Richardson

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
William Bain

2012

Citizen of the Year

Jim Loyer

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Leon's Furniture

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

Smith & Wilson Estate Wines

Industry of the Year (50+)

MSSC Canada

Business of Excellence

Advanced Basement Systems

Entrepreneur of the Year

Jim & Dee Meurkes

Business Professional

Rob McKinlay

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Rochelle Bowles

Environmental Leadership Award

Chatham-Kent Health Alliance

2011

Citizen of the Year

Dr. John Button

Corporate Citizen of the Year

TVCOGECO

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

GSL Group

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence

Brad-Lea Meadows Ltd.

Entrepreneur of the Year

Renee Hartford

Business Professional

Robb & Kim Nelson

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Dalton Loveday

Environmental Leadership Award

AGRIS Co-operative Ltd.

2010

Citizen of the Year

John Lawrence

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Tim Horton's (Mike & Paula Grail)

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

BDM Millwrights Inc.

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence

Adult Language & Learning

Entrepreneur of the Year

Dan Warrenner

Business Professional

Nancy Snobelen

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Curtis Peterson

Environmental Leadership Award

Gilles Michaud Construction

2009

Citizen of the Year
Pat Zimmer

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Chatham-Kent Home Builders
Association

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Waltron Trailers Inc.

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence
Bell Aliant

Entrepreneur of the Year
Sarah Graham

Business Professional
Robert Watson

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Adam Hopson

2008

Citizen of the Year
Jason Chickowski

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Alexander Funeral Home

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Challenger Pallet Ltd.

Industry of the Year (50+)
Global Vehicle Systems Inc.

Business of Excellence
TJ Stables

Entrepreneur of the Year
Rocky Gaudrault

Business Professional
Bill Loucks

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Chantelle Bilodeau

2007

Citizen of the Year
Gwen Robinson

Corporate Citizen of the Year
PremStar Energy Canada Limited
Partnership

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
M.P.T. Inc.

Industry of the Year (50+)
Guspro Inc.

Business of Excellence
Henry Heyink Construction Ltd.

Entrepreneur of the Year
Barb Anderson

Business Professional

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Cheryl Tran

2006

Citizen of the Year
Darrin Canniff, CA

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Union Gas Limited

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Resistance Welding Products

Industry of the Year (50+)
Daymond Aluminum

Business of Excellence
The Purple Pansy Flower Boutique

Entrepreneur of the Year
Max Fantuz

Business Professional

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Emily deSa

2005

Citizen of the Year
Marjorie Crew

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Scotiabank

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Windmill Cabinet Shop Ltd.

Industry of the Year (50+)
Autoliv Canada

Business of Excellence
Restoration Masters

Entrepreneur of the Year
Pauline Goodal

Business Professional

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Michael Derynck

2004

Citizen of the Year
Master Sun Jung

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Unigasco Community Credit Union

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Harvest – Pac Products Inc.

Industry of the Year (50+)
Metaldyne

Business of Excellence
Dean & Barb's No Frills

Entrepreneur of the Year
Don Tetrault

Business Professional
John Gibbons

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Aaron Roffel

2003

Citizen of the Year
Bob Fox

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Canadian Tire

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Industrial Metal Fabricators

Industry of the Year (50+)
Arvin Meritor

Business of Excellence
Crabby Joe's

Entrepreneur of the Year
Herny Vanminnen

Business Professional
Greg Davenport

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Nina Lulla

2002

Citizen of the Year
Greg Hetherington

Corporate Citizen of the Year
Bea-Ver Communications Inc.

Industry of the Year (1- 50)
Schinkel's Sausage and Deli Products

Industry of the Year (50+)
Sonoco Canada Corporation

Business of Excellence
APW Electronics Limited

Entrepreneur of the Year
Dan Warrenner

Business Professional
Stephen J. Andari, Barrister &
Solicitor

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year
Lisa Asher

2001

Citizen of the Year

Mike Genge

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Pioneer Hi-Bred Limited

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

Erie Architectural Products Inc.

Industry of the Year (50+)

Woodbridge Foam Corporation

Business of Excellence

Comcare Health Services & Smiston
Communications Limited

Entrepreneur of the Year

Lisa Fulkerson

Business Professional

Ann Riegling, CGA

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Sara Regnier

2000

Citizen of the Year

Reg McDonald

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

Mallory Industrial Inc.

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence

Maple City Marine (1 -100) & Tim Hortons (
+ 100)

Entrepreneur of the Year

Charlie McDonell

Business Professional

Tami Allan

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Rebecca De Sutter

1998

Citizen of the Year

Peter Bakker & Mike Currie

Corporate Citizen of the Year

Industry of the Year (1- 50)

Navistar International

Industry of the Year (50+)

Business of Excellence

Virtual Connections Network Incorporated

Entrepreneur of the Year

Don Tetrault

Business Professional

Hugh Thomas

Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Candice Tulloch