

Small Business of the Year Winners

1981 – Garland Terry, Terco General Contractors
1982 – Jimmy Smith, Jimmy Smith Jewelers
1983 – Ray Solley, Solley Construction Company
1984 – Doyle Whitlow, Doyle’s Supply Company, Inc.
1985 – James Hooper, Sue-Jac, Inc.
1986 – Ernie Smith, Medical Care Products
1987 – Hilda Brown, Brown’s Fabrics
1988 – John Cook, Cook’s Pest Control
1989 – Charles Allen, OSCO
1990 – Rick Stephenson, Electro Design
1991 – Vernon Lane, Mid-South Testing
1992 – Ruth Kirby, Metal Fasteners
1993 – John Crossno, Air-Dro Cylinders
1994 – Dr. Steve Osborne, Osborne Animal Clinic
1995 – Kenny Hubbard/Joe Drake, Hubbard & Drake
1996 – Jeron Witt, Cell-Pak Services
1997 – Carl Goss, Goss Electric Co., Inc.
1998 – Jim Fite/Jack Fite/Jim Hurst, Gobble-Fite Lumber Co.
1999 – Terrance McCall, Chiptec, Inc.
2000 – Joel McWhorter, McWhorter Design
2001 – H.M. Nowlin, Nowlin & Associates, LLC
2002 – Henry Bragg, Plastic Recyclers
2003 – John Woller, Summit Specialties
2004 – Lynn Layton, Lynn Layton Chevrolet
2005 – Barry Keith, Chick-Fil-A
2006 – Gail Holbert, Southern Staffing
2007 – Steve Sandlin, Pay Less Pharmacy Group
2008 – Mike Heath, Micor Industries, Inc.
2009 – Marshall Putman, Pro-Air Services
2010 – Bill O’Brien, Container Recycling, Inc.
2011 – Thomas Counts, Jr., 3-GIS
2012 – Cronan Connell, Valley Rubber
2013 – Donnie Lane, Enersolv, Inc. & Apple Lane Farms
2014 – Henry Bowman, C & L Wood Products
2015 – Lonnie Williams, FilTech, Inc.
2016 – Willie LaFavor, Contractor Service & Fabrication, Inc.
2017 – Ellen Didier, Red Sage Communications, Inc.
2018 – Tyler Jones, The RailYard, Whisk’D Café, High Point Market
2019 – Joe Lubisco, Entrusted Tees
2020 – NO AWARD - COVID-19 Pandemic
2021 – Kent Lawrence, TVW Electrical Supplies, Inc.
2022 – Keith Jackson, Jackson Plumbing, Heating & Cooling
2023 – Dewayne Eddy, Dewayne Eddy LPL Financial

Young Professionals of the Year

- 2011 – Jeremy Nails, Morgan County Economic Development Assoc.
- 2012 – Melanie Burdick, Burdick Tax & Accounting
- 2013 – Heather Thompson, Red Sage Communications
- 2014 – Brian Cook, Cook’s Pest Control & Cook Museum
- 2015 – Ashley Ashwander, The Paper Chase
- 2016 – Karissa Lang, Decatur City Schools
- 2017 – John Joseph, Decatur Corridor Development
- 2018 – Mary Ila Ward, Horizon Point Consulting
- 2019 – Autumn Dilbeck, Renasant Bank
- 2020 – NO AWARD - COVID-19 Pandemic
- 2021 – Miracle Osborne, ITW Sexton
- 2022 – Jacob Ladner, Thirdmark Capital
- 2023 – Cheyenne Maria Sanchez, Affinity Hospice & YP Decatur

Non-Profit Professionals of the Year

- 2011 – Carolyn Dobson, Hospice of the Valley
- 2012 – Jo Ann Harvey, Habitat for Humanity
- 2013 – Matt Richardson, Tennessee Valley Outreach
- 2014 – Larry Waye, Decatur-Morgan County Entrepreneurial Center
- 2015 – Mindy Thwing, Habitat for Humanity of Morgan County
- 2016 – Tim & Pam Bolding, Neighborhood Christian Center
- 2017 – Larry Franks, First Priority of Decatur
- 2018 – Michael Tubbs, Community Action Partnership
- 2019 – Sue Grumbir, Hands Across Decatur
- 2020 – NO AWARD - COVID-19 Pandemic
- 2021 – Tricia Pruitt, Better Business Bureau
- 2022 – Danielle Gibson, Decatur Morgan County Tourism
- 2023 – Connor Ross, Young Life Decatur/Morgan County