

Celebrating What Makes Our State So Great

Leadership and excellence come in a variety of forms.

A prime example is the annual award winners recognized in this issue for their contributions to their industries and Indiana's economic success. The class of 2016 features:



- **Business Leader of the Year Sonny Beck:** The 75-year-old CEO of Beck's Hybrids transforms his love for the farm into a marketing dynamo that places customer service and passion at the forefront in creating a true industry leader.
- **Government Leader of the Year Dan Leonard:** A career as a small businessman is invaluable for a state representative who leads the way on unemployment insurance and other important business issues. When he speaks, colleagues listen and respond.
- **Indiana Vision 2025 Dynamic Leaders of the Year Matt MacBeth and Don Inmon:** Their company is pi lab. Their star is Edwin the Duck. The talented pair has taken a childhood staple and turned it into an interactive teaching tool and friend to people of all ages.
- **Lifeline Data Centers Community of the Year Fishers:** Embracing innovation and creating a community where companies and residents can thrive have paved the way for Indiana's newest city. Public and private sector leaders have combined efforts to produce short-term progress and a long-term vision.

We also recognize our Indiana Chamber Volunteers of the Year – Stuart Buttrick, Todd Miller and Mark Richards – and examine organizations that are making a difference. While a select few are honored and profiled, the Chamber's 27th Annual Awards Dinner and this issue are truly a celebration of all Indiana business.

Yes, we have our challenges as a state. But, most importantly, we continue to tackle those obstacles without reservation. We value collaboration – on the job and in our communities; we possess a spirit that even better days are ahead; and we are creating the innovative climate that will allow that success to take place at its highest level.

Thank you, as always, for reading *BizVoice*® and supporting the Indiana Chamber.

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