

CELEBRATING INDIANA, PUSHING FOR EVEN MORE

It's a pleasure to celebrate our 35th Annual Awards Dinner this season and on these pages, giving much-deserved praise to those individuals and a city that consistently represent the very best of Indiana:



- **Ogletree Deakins Business Leader of the Year:** The Indiana Fever made a global splash in the sports world this year. But its then-president Allison Barber is hardly a new name in Indiana circles. This respected executive is known for her contributions to many aspects of our state – business, education and community.
- **Birch Bayh-Richard Lugar Government Leader of the Year:** Known in Fort Wayne as “the people’s mayor,” Tom Henry’s death in late March was deeply felt through the region. *BizVoice*® spoke to his colleagues and family about his lasting legacy.
- **Yamaha Dynamic Leader of the Year:** A push is underway for Indiana’s tech and entrepreneurial scene to be viewed among the nation’s best. Christopher “Toph” Day, CEO of Elevate Ventures, is a key catalyst in that effort with his leadership in innovation, venture capital and more.
- **Community of the Year:** With more than 133 blocks of historic architecture, Madison’s downtown business corridor is one of the country’s largest National Historic Landmark Districts. Combine this with its access to nature and thriving local business sector and you have an award-winning community.
- **NextEra Energy Resources Young Professional of the Year:** Patricio Daneri, co-founder of Energy Harness Corporation in Zionsville, immigrated to the United States from Argentina as a teenager. Within a decade, he started his own business and today has several successful enterprises to his name.

We also show our gratitude for the Indiana Chamber’s Samuel C. Schlosser Volunteers of the Year – Gerry Dick of Inside INdiana Business – a division of IBJ Media, Tim Higgins of KERAMIDA, Inc. and Shelley Jackson of Krieg DeVault LLP – for all they’ve done for our organization through the years and especially in 2024.

While we spend most of our time reflecting on Hoosier excellence in this edition, it’s also a time to examine areas in which we can reach even greater heights – especially in the policy arena. Pressing healthcare and workforce matters as well as the results of our two-phase tax study all take center stage.

And don’t miss the features on our longtime members, including a Q&A with Ice Miller’s Melissa Proffitt, the new chair of our board of directors.

As always, thank you for reading *BizVoice* and supporting the Indiana Chamber!

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