

History of Chamber Award Winners

Community Service Award (Volunteer):

1997- Charles Tripp
1998- Danny Fitzpatrick
1999- Steve Nipper
2000- Randy Lann
2001- Margo Weiser
2002- Lois Gene Russell
2003- Annette Pate
2004- Kelli Souter
2005- Trish Franks
2006- Les and Valerie Kent
2007- Janet Rider-Babbitt
2008- Richard Metzelaars
2009- Doris Warren
2010- Steel Magnolias Breast Cancer Support Group
2011- David Nelson
2012- Ronnie & Dawn Sanders
2013-
2014- James Souter
2015- Julia Nipper
2016- Making Magnolia Blossom
2017- David Kaar
2018- Albemarle Foundation
2019- Magnolia Jr. Charity League
2020- Bill Dailey
2021- Peoples Bank
2022- Lesley Thompson

Public Servant Award (Award of Valor 2018)

2011- Lt. Leroy Martin
2012- Michael Caldwell
2013- Columbia County Ambulance Service
2014- Greg Pinner
2015- Sherry Bell, County Clerk Office
2016- Colton Burks
2017- Todd Dew
2018- Linley Crisp
2019- Natalie Hill/The Call
2020- Scott Reeves
2021- Amanda Warren-Newton
2022- Kaylynn Sands

Rising Star

2005- Aaron Street

Young Person of the Year

2011- Ashley Dingman
2012- Victoria Maloch
2013- Barrett Sanders
2014- Gabrielle Davis

2015- Katy Hicks
2016- Clair Peterson
2017- Samantha Gregory
2018- Reece McDonald
2019- Terrel Paige
2020- Brandon Bailey
2021- Tanner Nielsen
2022- Troi Kascir

Educator of the Year

2011- David O. Stuart Sr.
2012- LaNita Talley
2013- Gary Hines
2014- Robbie Frizzell, Emerson, Taylor, Bradley
2015- Roger Loper, MHS
2016- Dr. David Ashby
2017- Carol Liberty
2018- Larry Dunn
2019- Tracy Card
2020- Jennifer Kyle
2021- Barbara Pearson
2022- Courtney McHenry

Leadership Magnolia Distinguished Alumni Award

2012- Celia McQuiston
2013- Debbie Arnold
2014- Todd Smith
2015- Roger Guevara
2018- Kristen Reeves
2019- Samantha Roberson
?- Margaret West

Employee of the Year

2011- David Smith
2012- Bronwyn Sneed
2013- Bobby Heinze, Peoples Bank
2014- Greg Pinner, Magnolia Fire Dept
2015- Virgil Davis, East Side School
2016- Samantha Roberson
2017- Cheryl Sanders

Business Person of the Year (Business Leader of the Year 2018)

2011- Annette Pate
2012- Downtown Magnolia Square
2013- David Haney
2014- Mark Taylor, Southern Aluminum
2015- Macy Braswell, Lifetouch Hospice
2016- Mike Boyd

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2017- Ashley Talley
2018- David Taylor
2019- Jamie Waller
2020- Doug McCrary
2021- Denisa Jamerson and Chris Ludwig
2022- Lacey Ogle

Young Professional of the Year:

2022- Andrew Hinkle

Retail Business of the Year:

1997- Lois Geans
1998- Jennifer's
1999- Smitty's
2000- Warnock's
2001- Fallin Tractor
2002- Magnolia Bake Shop
2003- Murphy's Jewelers
2004- Cameo Theatre
2005- Treasure Chest
2006- Farmers Bank & Trust
*Changed in 2008 – to be Business/Industry of the Year

Business/Industry of the Year:

1997- Alcoa
1998- SMI Steel
1999- Albemarle
2000- Entergy
2001- Southern Aluminum
2002- Quail Piping
2003- SAU
2004- Reliance Well Service
2005- Alcoa
2006- Columbia Sewing
2007- CMC Steel
*Business/Industry of the Year:
2008- Entergy
2009- Peoples Bank
2010- Magnolia Regional Medical Center
2011- S&S Home Center
2012- Lewis Funeral Home
2013- KDAS (Kathy's Dance Arts Studio)
2014- Hixson Lumber
2015- Chicken Express, Robert Dodson
2016- Jefferson Garage Door, Jeffers Jefferson
2017- Murphy's Jewelers
2018- Hampton Inn Magnolia
2019- Elliott Manufacturing
2020- Quantum Rehabilitation

2021- Amfuel
2022- Southern Caregivers

Citizen of the Year:

1967- Dr. Dean Andrews
1968- Flo Bradley
1969- Dr. Fay Smith
1970- Morris Ratley
1971- Richard Clark
1972- F.B. Buffington
1973- Jim Arnold
1974- Cody Harrison
1975- W.C. Blewster
1976- Louise Phillips
1978- Joseph Street
1979- W.H. Handy
1980- Connie Irwin
1981- O.A. "Buddy" Franks, Jr.
1982- Carlton Hasley
1983- Vivian Shiver and Paul Crumpler
1984- Verbie Graney
1985- Selwyn Whitehead
1986- Gresham Shinn, Posthumously
1987- Ralph Weiser
1988- Rochelle McMahan
1989- W.C. Partee
1990- Dorothy Edwards
1991- Jim Davis
1992- Homer "Sonny" Greer
1993- Dianne Scott
1994- Don McMahan
1995- James Whitefield
1996- Harold Fincher
1997- Jim Givens
1998- W.P. Florence
1999- Rucker Clayton
2000- Mary Harsh
2001- Archie Monroe
2002- Jeannie Bismark
2003- Steve Nipper
2004- Betty Epley
2005- Sara Carrington
2006- John Miller
2007- Steve Morgan
2008- The 39th Brigade
2009- Molly Burns
2012- Therral & Jan Story
2013- Sharon Eichenberger
2014- Mike Davis (Banquet 2014)
2015- David Nelson

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2016- Steve Keith
2017- Whitney Whitelaw
2018- Kathy Gean
2019- Bruce Maloch
2020- Dr. Trey Berry
2021- Steve Crowell
2022- Parnell Vann

Lifetime Achievement Award:

2003- W.T. Watson
2004- Jim Arnold
2005- No nomination
2006- Mike Kinard

2008- Sue Shinn
2009- Ralph Weiser
2010- Archie Monroe
2011- Not given
2012- Pete Schmidt
2013- Harold Fincher
2014- Not Given
2015- Dr. David Rankin
2016- Donna Garrett
2017- Judge Michael Epley
2018- Mary Harsh
2019- Larry Price
2020- Joe Mullins
2021- Leesa Stephens
2022- Robert "Bob" Burns