

Past Hall of Fame, Distinguished Business, and Entrepreneur of the Year Award Recipients

Prior to 2008 these awards were presented early in the year following the award period (e.g. 2006 awards were presented in early 2007). Beginning in 2008 awards will be presented at the end of the year on November 20, 2008.

- 2008**
Entrepreneur of the Year – Contessa Restaurant
Distinguished Business – Frentz Construction, Angie's Kettle Corn
Hall of Fame – Pathstone Living, Kaye Corporation
- 2006**
Entrepreneur of the Year – Grace Senior Services
Distinguished Business – Brennan Companies
Hall of Fame – Exclusively Diamonds, Linder Radio
- 2005**
Entrepreneur of the Year – Dan & Angie Bastian
Distinguished Business – Coughlan Publishing
Hall of Fame – McDonald's of Mankato
- 2004**
New Business Award - LIV Aveda Salon & Spa
Entrepreneur of the Year - Pam Haugum
Distinguished Business - Volk Transfer, Inc.
Hall of Fame - All American Towing/MAS Communications, School Sisters of Notre Dame
- 2003**
New Business Award - Ridley Inc.
Distinguished Business - Target
Hall of Fame - Katolight, Kagermeier Oleson and Hobbie Architects, Winland Electronics
- 2002**
New Business Award - Culver's
Entrepreneur of the Year - Lynn Collins, Flowertrellis Gift Basket Co.
Distinguished Business - Central Concrete
Hall of Fame - Fisher Group, I&S Engineers & Architects, Wolf Etter & Co.
- 2001**
Entrepreneur of the Year - Tom & Kelly Doering, E-Travel Experts
Distinguished Business - Midwest Wireless, Paulsen Architects
Hall of Fame - Bolton & Menk, Farrish Johnson Law Office
- 2000**
BENCO Electric Cooperative; KEYC-TV
- 1999**
Chesley Freightliner; DeGroods TV & Appliance; Mankato Clinic
- 1998**
C & N Sales; EI Microcircuits; Jerry Crest & ISJ-MHS
- 1997**
HickoryTech, MRCl, Northwest Bank
- 1996**
MICO Incorporated; Matt J. Graif Clothing; Mocol's Supermarket
- 1995**
Hilltop Florist; Meyer & Sons; Schwickert's Holding Compan
- 1994**
Dick Lundin & Southern MN Construction; Blethen Gage & Krause; Raymond H. Sponberg, CLU, Insurance Agency
- 1993**
H. Warren Denison & Lloyd E. Johnson, Johnson Fishing; Paul Hadley, Corporate Graphics; Paul Gislason & Donald Meredith, The Orthopaedic & Fracture Clinic
- 1992**
Russell Foster, Mankato Corporation; Howard & Willard Vetter, Vetter Stone; John Votca, Mankato Technical College
- 1991**
Ferdinand Busher, American Bank; Frederick Family, Happy Chef Systems; Maurice "Al" Sween, Sween Corporation
- 1990**
Thomas P. Coughlan, Mankato-Kasota Stone; Kenneth S. Hiniker, Hiniker Company; Arthur J. Petrie, Petrie Development
- 1989**
Jared How, The Free Press, Robert J. Lloyd, Lloyd Companies; Glen A. Taylor, Taylor Corporation
- 1988**
Lowell W. Andreas, Archer Daniels Midland; Earl W. Madsen, Madsen's Super Valu; Paul & William Radichel, North Star Concrete
- 1987**
Ogden P. Confer, Hubbard Milling Co.; Cecil H. Jones, Kato Engineering & Jones Metal; Fred Lutz Sr., Northland Beverages; Brett M. Taylor, Sr. Brett's Department Store