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The ballots are cast: Finalists named for Small Business Awards

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Finalists for Memphis Business Journal's 26th annual Small Business Awards have been named, which means the competition is gearing up with a small but diverse group of selected businesses and executives.

Ranging from landscaping to law to gastroenterology, 20 Mid-South companies are up for awards in four different categories, which will be presented at a banquet on May 16 at The Peabody. The Small Business of the Year Award will be given to businesses in three categories: 1-25 employees, 26-60 employees and 61-350 employees. The Executive of the Year Award will honor a small business executive in a company with up to 350 employees.

Finalists in the 1-25 employees category are:

Chris Woods Construction Co., Inc., which constructs and renovates commercial and industrial buildings; Chris Woods, president.

Destination King, Inc., a destination management company that brings groups and events to the Mid-South; Cindy Crill Brewer, president.

Joyce Signs, Inc., which specializes in signage products for commercial, retail, medical and educational facilities; Joyce Lower, owner and president.

Resource Entertainment Group LLC, an entertainment agency that books Memphis musicians; Howard Stovall, managing partner.

Siskind Sussner PC, an immigration law firm representing businesses and individual clients; Greg Siskind, shareholder.

Finalists in the 26-60 employees category are:

Centro, Inc., a distributor of valves and filtration products for flow control of fluids, solids and gases; Michael Gallagher, president.

Michael Hatcher & Associates LLC, a landscape contractor for residential and commercial venues; Michael Hatcher, president and owner.

Onyx Medical Corp., a manufacturer of orthopedic trauma implants and instruments for orthopedic companies; Laraine Gilmore, president.

Outdoors, Inc., a four-branch retailer specializing in equipment and clothing for outdoor sports, including kayaking, bicycling and hiking; Joe Royer, president.

Vantage Logistics, Inc., a transportation broker providing intermodal, truckload, less-than-truckload and parcel services; Don Davis, president.

Finalists in the 61-350 employees category are:

CTSI, formerly Continental Traffic Service, Inc., a freight billing and auditing firm, which also provides transportation management systems and consulting services; J. Kenneth Hazen, president and CEO.

Dennis Electric, Inc., an electrical contractor serving office buildings, hospitals and schools; Charles H. Dennis Jr., president.

Memphis Gastroenterology Group, a physician-owned medical practice specializing in treatment and disease prevention of the human digestive system; Lawrence D. Wruble, president.

Plan Express, Inc., a Web-based construction document management firm serving architects and construction professionals; DeWayne Adamson, CEO.

Sunshine Enterprise, an importer of goods from China, which is headquartered in Memphis and has locations in the U.S. and China; Wei Chen, CEO.

Finalists for Executive of the Year are:

Rebecca Adelman, owner of The Law and Mediation Offices of Rebecca Adelman, a law firm specializing in medical malpractice defense litigation.

Jerry Feinstone, president and owner of Boscos LLC, a restaurant and brewery with locations in Memphis, Nashville and Little Rock.

Victor L. Robilio Jr., president of Victor L. Robilio Co., Inc., an importer and wholesaler of wines and spirits.

Kirby M. Salton, president and CEO of SaltonFox Construction, a general contractor specializing in restaurant, retail and bank construction.

Stan White, co-owner of Grand Events & Party Rentals, a provider of rentals such as tents, props and artwork to wedding receptions, parties and other events in the Mid-South.

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