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Business Excellence Awards nominees announced

Kamloops, B.C. - Nominations for the 2018 Business Excellence Awards were released today by the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and TD.

A total of 505 nominations were received, nominating 167 Kamloops businesses in 17 award categories. The complete list of nominees is attached.

Background

The 32nd annual Business Excellence Awards are brought to the community by the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and TD.

Nominations have now closed for 2018 and nominees have sent in their submissions. An independent selection committee will now score each nominee.

The awards program culminates with a gala ceremony which celebrates the Kamloops business community and highlights 18 award winners in total. Beside the 17 categories listed below, the chamber board also annually awards the Business of the Year, chosen from recipients of the other award categories.

The timeline leading up to the gala event is as follows:

- June – An independent selection committee, comprised of three business leaders for each of the seventeen award categories, scores each nominee.
- Late June – KPMG tabulates the scores and informs the selection committee of the top three finalists in each award category.
- June 28 – Finalists are revealed at a chamber function hosted by Kamloops Ford Lincoln.
- June 28 – Gala tickets go on sale to the public.
- Summer – Selection committee interviews all finalists to determine award recipients.
- October 20 – Business Excellence Awards Gala at the Coast Kamloops Conference Centre.

Quotes

Joshua Knaak, President of the Board of Directors

“Nominees of the Business Excellence Awards have told us that their nominations have significantly increased their visibility and recognition in the community. We congratulate all this year’s nominees and invite the public to patronize these great local businesses.”

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2018 Business Excellence Award Nominees

Excel Personnel | Business Person of the Year

Brazilian Dog Guru Facility - Fernando Silva
 Canopy West Kamloops - Tanner Bishop
 Diverse Training Center - Bradley Young
 DiVine Tours - Terri Axani
 D-Junk Removal Specialists - Dallen Southwell
 Edward Jones Investments - Brant Hasanen
 Ezzy Moving & Cleaning - Jason Nijjer
 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott - Steve Earl
 First Comes Love Gowns & Events - Candace Reid
 Fit By Design Consulting - Sabrina Sinclair
 Genesis Fashion - Anna Harrison
 Green Home Construction & Design - James Boak
 Hegyi Refrigeration & Mechanical Ltd. - Steve Hegyi
 Hummingbird Drones - Robert Atwood
 I.T. ISIN Solutions - Alp Isin
 ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd. - Sean Bouchard
 Invis - Colman & Associates - Brenda Colman
 Joy Factory Films - Nathan Froese
 Kamloops Funeral Home - Natasha Schrader
 Lyons Landscaping Ltd. - Colin Lyons
 Manshadi Pharmacy - Missagh Manshadi
 Mastermind Studios - Peter Cameron-Inglis
 Mr. Rooter Kamloops - Kalen Gaetz
 M Sport 6 Apparel Inc - Monique Vek
 My Balanced Dog - Jessie Taylor
 Noran Printing - Ryan Holowaychuk
 Nuevo Dia Salon - Lisa Howcroft
 Nurse Next Door - Dayna Frame
 Purity Farm and Garden - John McCurrach
 Qphoria Tanning and Wellness - Lisa Woolner
 Rivercity Rock Products - Frank D'Amore
 RM Stone Masonry - Ryan McMillan
 Scott's Inn & Restaurant - Atish Patel
 Someday Retrievers Dog Training Academy - Linda Cline
 Stantec - Brian Christianson
 Sweetspot Cupcakes - Natalie Fournier
 The Academy of Dance - Krista Faraday
 The Lemonade Stand - Wesley Lesosky
 Thrive Business Strategies - Cindy Piva

TRU School of Business and Economics | Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Alpha-Omega Productions - Nolan McAllister
 D-Junk Removal Specialists - Dallen Southwell
 Ezzy Moving & Cleaning - Jason Nijjer
 First Comes Love Gowns & Events - Candace Reid
 Forward Law LLP - Ryan Scorgie
 GK Sound - Greg Klohn
 Hummingbird Drones - Robert Atwood
 Kamloops Optimal Health Clinic - Ashley Leighton
 Ladies Only Fitness - Delrae Kohnert
 Nuggles Design Group - Cherelle Arnesen
 RM Stone Masonry - Ryan McMillan
 Royal Lepage Real Estate - Tyler Becker
 Rozalind Photography - Rozalind Panasuk
 Three S Steel - Nick Strate
 Valley View Industries Ltd. - Nick Price

Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre | Employer of the Year

4Cats Arts Studio
 Abbott Wealth Management
 Brazilian Dog Guru Facility
 Broadcast Centre
 Canopy West Kamloops
 Cascades Casino
 Ezzy Moving & Cleaning
 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
 First Comes Love Gowns & Events
 Hegyi Refrigeration & Mechanical Ltd.
 ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd.
 Investors Group
 Invis - Colman & Associates
 Joy Factory Films
 Kamloops Ford Lincoln
 Kamloops Funeral Home
 Katapult
 No Limits Fitness
 Noran Printing Ltd.
 Nuevo Dia Salon
 Nurse Next Door Home Care Services
 Petland Kamloops
 Royal Lepage Real Estate
 Scott's Inn & Restaurant



Smooth Effects Laser Hair Removal
Stantec
Starbucks Coffee Canada
Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine
The Academy of Dance
The Lemonade Stand

Venture Kamloops | Small Business of the Year

4Cats Arts Studio
ABK Restoration Services Ltd.
Best Version Media
BeTEASed
Brazilian Dog Guru Facility
Canopy West Kamloops
Common Initiatives
Diverse Training Center
DiVine Tours
D-Junk Removal Specialists
Edward Jones Investments - Brant Hasanen
Ezzy Moving & Cleaning
Fiddleheads Violin Studio
First Comes Love Gowns & Events
Fit By Design Consulting
Gathercole Chiropractic & Massage
Gold Leaf Pastries
Green Home Construction & Design
Hummingbird Drones
I.T. ISIN Solutions
Invis - Colman & Associates
Joy Factory Films
Kamloops Funeral Home
Kamloops Optimal Health Clinic
Kamloops Smart Homes
Katapult
Ladies Only Fitness
Laine Dagneau - Looks By Laine
Lizzie Bits Baby Co
Mood Living
My Balanced Dog
Noran Printing Ltd.
Nuevo Dia Salon
Nuggles Design Group
Nurse Next Door Home Care Services
Open Gaming Solutions Inc.
Pink with Envy Nails & Esthetics
Qphoria Tanning and Wellness
Rivercity Rock Products
RM Stone Masonry
Rosalind Photography

SilverServers Inc.
SKIN Kamloops
Skippy's Kettlekorn
Smooth Effects Laser Hair Removal
Someday Retrievers Dog Training Academy
Streamline Transportation Systems Inc.
Sweetspot Cupcakes
Terra Restaurant
The Lemonade Stand
Thrive Business Strategies
Tumbleweed Toys
Twisted Roots Kitchen & Catering Ltd.
Valley View Industries Ltd.

United Way | Not-For-Profit of the Year

ASK Wellness
BIG Little Science Centre
Common Initiatives
Family Tree Family Centre
Habitat For Humanity ReStore
Kamloops Community YMCA-YWCA
Kamloops Food Bank Society
Kamloops Heritage Railway
Kamloops Innovation Centre Society
Kamloops Sports Council
People In Motion
Rotary Kamloops Daybreak Ribfest
Salvation Army
Tourism Kamloops
Kamloops Community Volunteer Services Society

City of Kamloops | Community Service Award

Abbott Wealth Management
Brazilian Dog Guru Facility
Broadcast Centre
Cascades Casino
Common Initiatives
Domino's Pizza
Edward Jones Investments - Brant Hasanen
Frenchie's Pouterie
I.T. ISIN Solutions
Kamloops Ford Lincoln
Kamloops Funeral Home
Kamloops Home Hardware Building Centre
Kamloops Hot Yoga
Kamloops Office Systems
Lyons Landscaping Ltd.
Mastermind Studios
New Afton Mine



Noran Printing Ltd.
Nuevo Dia Salon
Nurse Next Door Home Care Services
Petland Kamloops
Purity Farm and Garden
Rotary Kamloops Daybreak Ribfest
Scott's Inn & Restaurant
Someday Retrievers Dog Training Academy
Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine
TELUS

Rocky Mountaineer | Environmental Stewardship

Award

Aberdeen Mall
Changes Hair Salon
Habitat For Humanity ReStore
ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd.
Kamloops Food Bank Society
Mood Living
Stantec
Storms Restaurant Ltd.

FIT Financial | Development of the Year

BIG Little Science Centre
DW Builders
Juniper West Developments
Katapult
Nexbuild Construction - Schubert 4plex
Open Gaming Solutions
Streamline Transportation Technologies Inc
TRU and TRU Community Trust

Open Door Group | Inclusive Workplace Award

Alliance Traffic Control
Costco
Domino's Pizza
Emterra
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
Investors Group
London Drugs
NorthAm Brewery
Paladin Security
PHI Hotel Group
Rona Kamloops
Sprott Shaw College
Staples
Starbucks Coffee Canada

Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine
Terra Restaurant
The Lemonade Stand
The Plaza Hotel
Tender Loving Care for Pets
Toys R Us
Tricom Building Maintenance
White Spot
Winners

BDC Business Development Bank | Manufacturer

Award

Axis Forestry Inc.
Daizen Joinery Ltd.
Fresh is Best Salsa & Co
Mood Living
M Sport 6 Apparel Inc
NorthAm Brewery
Scorpion Technologies
Skippy's Kettlekorn
Valley View Industries Ltd.

Domtar | Resource Industry Award

New Afton Mine
Rock Construction and Mining Inc.
Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine

Aberdeen Mall | Retailer 1 – 10 Staff Award

Canopy West Kamloops
First Comes Love Gowns & Events
Jardine's Domaine
No Limits Fitness
Roving K-9 Kare
Sweetspot Cupcakes
The Lemonade Stand
Tumbleweed Toys
Viva Bridal

Valley First Insurance | Retailer 11+ Staff Award

Andre's Electronic Experts
City Furniture
Kamloops Ford Lincoln
Kamloops Home Hardware Building Centre
Kamloops Office Systems
Manshadi Pharmacy
Monte Creek Ranch Winery
Purity Farm and Garden



Stereo Warehouse

Berwick on the Park | Service Provider Award 1-

10 Staff

4Cats Arts Studio
ABK Restoration Services Ltd.
Best Version Media
Brazilian Dog Guru Facility
Clearview Cuts
Custom Yard Workz
D-Junk Removal Specialists
Edward Jones Investments - Brant Hasanen
Ezzy Moving & Cleaning
First Comes Love Gowns & Events
Gathercole Chiropractic & Massage
I.T. ISIN Solutions
Invis - Colman & Associates
Joy Factory Films
Kamloops Funeral Home
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Looks By Laine
Lisa Novak Photography
Mastermind Studios
Mortgage Intelligence
My Balanced Dog
No Limits Fitness
Noran Printing
Pink with Envy Nails & Esthetics
Rosalind Photography
Scott's Inn & Restaurant
SilverServers Inc.
SKIN Kamloops
Someday Retrievers Dog Training Academy
Sunny Shores Dental
Thrive Business Strategies

Kamloops Lincoln | Service Provider Award 11+

Staff

Abbott Wealth Management
Hello Toast
ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd.
Investors Group
Kamloops Funeral Home
Kamloops Hot Yoga
Manshadi Pharmacy
No Limits Fitness

Nurse Next Door Home Care Services
Red Beard Café
Royal Lepage Real Estate
Scott's Inn & Restaurant
Señor Froggy Restaurants
Streamline Transportation Systems Inc.
TasteFull Excursions Inc

BCLC | Technology Innovator Award

Axis Forestry Inc.
BIG Little Science Centre
Graycon I.T.
Hummingbird Drones
I.T. ISIN Solutions
ICI Electrical Engineering Ltd.
Joy Factory Films
Kamloops Smart Homes
Katipult
Open Gaming Solutions Inc.
Streamline Transportation Systems Inc.
Sunny Shores Dental
Teck Highland Valley Copper Mine
Tourism Kamloops

TRU Faculty of Adventure, Culinary Arts & Tourism & Tourism Kamloops | Tourism and Hospitality Award

Cascades Casino
DiVine Tours
Monte Creek Ranch Winery
Mostly Mental Shuttles
Rotary Kamloops Daybreak Ribfest
Scott's Inn & Restaurant
Storms Restaurant Ltd.
TasteFull Excursions Inc.
Terra Restaurant
Tobiano Golf Course