

Waukesha County Business Alliance celebrates award winners

Waukesha County Business Alliance held an awards gala Thursday night. Dan Duchniak, general manager of the Waukesha Water Utility, was recognized as the Waukesha County Advocate of the Year.

The Small and Large Nonprofit of the Year — Waukesha County Community Foundation and Hope Center, respectively — were also highlighted.

The winners of the Small, Medium and Large Business of the Year awards were also announced Thursday.

The Small, Medium and Large Business of the Year awards honor businesses with a significant presence in southeast Wisconsin who are committed to good business practices, are involved in their community, are committed to their customers and employees and demonstrate financial growth and consistency.

Submitted photos



Dan Duchniak, general manager of the Waukesha Water Utility, left, received the Waukesha County Advocate of the Year award from Suzanne Kelley, president & CEO of the Waukesha County Business Alliance. The award celebrates an individual who has demonstrated incredible dedication to making Waukesha County a vibrant and wonderful place to work, play and live.



Honored with the Medium Business of the Year award was VJS Construction Services.

Pictured from left to right are: Suzanne Kelley, president & CEO of the Waukesha County Business Alliance; Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow; Jason Schneider, partner and director of project management for VJS Construction Services; and Tim Casey, director of economic development for the Waukesha County Center for Growth.



The Large Nonprofit of the Year is Hope Center.

Pictured from left to right are: Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow; Ralph Zick, executive director of Hope Center; Mike Ward, senior vice president and Wisconsin regional manager for US Bank; and Tim Casey, director of economic growth for the Waukesha County Center for Growth.



The Large Business of the Year is Milwaukee Tool.

Pictured from left to right are: Suzanne Kelley, president & CEO of the Waukesha County Business Alliance; Katie Gavin, vice president of human resources for Milwaukee Tool; Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow; and Tim Casey, director of economic development for the Waukesha County Center for Growth.



Lakeland Supply was named the Small Business of the Year.

Pictured from left to right are: Suzanne Kelley, president & CEO of the Waukesha County Business Alliance; Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow; Vince Schmidt, president of Lakeland Supply; and Tim Casey, director of economic development for the Waukesha County Center for Growth.



The Small Nonprofit of the Year is Waukesha County Community Foundation.

Pictured from left to right are: Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow; Shelli Marquardt, president of the Waukesha County Community Foundation; Mike Ward, senior vice president and Wisconsin regional manager for US Bank; and Tim Casey, director of economic growth for the Waukesha County Center for Growth.