

The National Small Business Awards is a highlight of [National Small Business Week](#) every year. During [two ceremonies](#) that kicked off the National Small Business Week, the [SBA](#) named the [National Small Business Person of the Year](#) and recognized [recipients](#) for their excellence in entrepreneurship, exporting, federal contracting, lending, and disaster recovery from a pool of national nominees. Congratulations to the 2019 national winners as well as all the [state and territory winners](#).

## **National Small Business Person(s) of the Year**

### **2019 National Small Business Person of the Year**

Jennifer Herbert, CEO and Jeff Herbert, CSO  
[Superstition Meadery, LLC](#) (Prescott, AZ)

### **First Runner-up**

Brad Barber, CEO and Angie Barber, COO  
[Cabin Coffee](#) (Clear Lake, IA)

### **Second Runner-up**

Bert Ortiz, Founder/Co-owner, President/CEO  
[AVMAC LLC](#) (Chesapeake, VA)

## **National Small Business Awardees**

### **8(a) Graduate of the Year**

[Prairie Quest Consulting](#) (Fort Wayne, IN)  
Stacey Smith, CEO

### **2019 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery by a Public Official**

[Linda Parks - Ventura County Supervisor, District 2](#) (Thousand Oaks, CA)

### **2019 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Contributions to Disaster Recovery by a Volunteer**

Christine Nieves Rodriguez and Luis Rodriguez Sanchez, Volunteers/Co-Founders  
[Proyecto de Apoyo Mutuo Mariana](#) (PAM) (Mariana Mutual Support Project) (Humacao, PR)

### **2019 Phoenix Award for Outstanding Small Business Disaster Recovery**

Stephanie Vitori, President  
[Cheeseburger Baby](#) (Miami Beach, FL)

**Dwight D. Eisenhower Award - Construction Category**

[Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.](#) (Alpharetta, GA)

Ann E. Massey, CEO

**Dwight D. Eisenhower Award - Manufacturing**

[Oshkosh Defense, LLC](#) (Oshkosh, WI)

Bridgette Lorrigan-Schuh, Small Business Liaison Manager; Alyssa Hopfensperger, Small Business Liaison Associate; and Travis Schmuhl, Vice President, Global Procurement & Supply Chain

**Dwight D. Eisenhower Award - R&D**

[Jet Propulsion Laboratory](#) (Pasadena, CA)

Felicia Aileen Bell, Manager, Small Business Programs Office

**Dwight D. Eisenhower Award - Services**

[Booz Allen Hamilton](#) (McLean, VA)

Linda Asher, Vice President, Financial Services and Lynn Livengood, Manager, Small Business Office

**Exporter of the Year**

[EarthQuaker Devices](#) (Akron, OH)

Julianne Marie Robbins, CEO and Jamie R. Stillman, Founder, President, Product Designer

**Jody C. Raskind Microlender of the Year**

[Colorado Enterprise Fund](#) (Denver, CO)

Ceyl Prinster, CFA, President and Chief Executive Officer

**National Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year**

[Medved Global, Inc.](#) (Dolores, CO)

Michelle Hicks, President

**National Small Business Subcontractor of the Year**

[Admiral Engineering & Manufacturing Company, Inc.](#) (Phoenix, AZ)

Jennifer Rahn, President

**SCORE**

[Portland, Maine Chapter](#) (Portland, ME)

Nancy Strojny, Chapter Chair

### **Small Business Development Center - Excellence and Innovation Award**

[Ohio SBDC at Youngstown State University](#) (Youngstown, OH)

Patricia Veisz, Director

### **Small Business Investment Company**

[Eagle Fund III, LP](#) (St. Louis, MO)

Wayne L. Smith II, Managing Director

### **Veterans Business Outreach Center**

[Gulf Coast State College](#) (Panama City, FL)

Brenton Peacock, Associate Director

### **Women's Business Center**

[Montana Women's Business Center at Prospera Business Network](#) (Bozeman, MT)

Suzi Berget White, Director

You can learn more about this year's national award winners from the [National Small Business Week Awards Program](#).

## **Resources**

Interested in starting your own business or looking to grow your existing business? [Find Your Local Small Business Development Center](#) for no-cost business advice and free or low-cost trainings.

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