

Six Members Recognized at Beach Chamber Awards Dinner

The Panama City Beach Chamber of Commerce's celebratory Annual Awards Dinner presented by Noble Public Adjusting Group was a night of recognition as they honored six of their outstanding members on Thursday, February 26, at Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort.

This prestigious event acknowledged members for their dedication and accomplishments in the community and with the Panama City Beach Chamber. Awards included the Young Professional of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Business Excellence, Humanitarian of the Year, Community Impact, and a dedication to the Chamber's 2025 Chairman.

"Our Awards Dinner is an evening dedicated to celebrating members who have made a lasting impact on both the Beach Chamber and our wider community. Tonight, we are honored to recognize our recipients for their selfless volunteerism, their commitment to those in need, and their vital contributions to our regional economy. Congratulations to each of our distinguished winners," said President/CEO, Kristopher McLane.

The 2025 Young Professional of the Year Award was presented to Jacob Willard with Panhandle Credit Union. His ambition to see young professionals like



himself thrive within the community played a key role in promoting the Young Professionals program and growing its membership.

The Ambassador of the Year Award winner was Rob Griffith of Hutt Insurance. His devotion to the Beach Chamber's growth and influence has truly gone above and beyond since joining the Ambassador team.

The Business Excel-

lence Award was awarded to Ms. Newby's Liquors and accepted by Charlotte Newby's sons, Will and Wesley Pickenpaugh. This organization joined the Chamber nearly 30 years ago and has since proven to be an exceptional member and partner in our community.

Humanitarian of the Year Award was given to The Women's Civic Club of Panama City Beach for their generosity and commitment to improving our area and the future generations to come. Throughout the years, they have hosted many impactful "give-back" events that directly benefit our community and the organizations that work tirelessly to serve others.

The Chamber awarded its 2025 Community Impact Award to Andrew Starr with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare for their vision, compassion, and lasting impact on health in the community.

The Past Chair Award was given to 2025 Chairman of the Board, Ryan Mulvey. His commitment to leading the Beach Chamber helped grow the membership to over 1,500 members.

Congratulations to all award winners and thank you to everyone that made the 2026 Annual Awards Dinner a huge success.