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## **Chamber to honor businesses at September 9 Business Excellence Awards**

**DURHAM, NC.** The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business Excellence Awards Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 9 at the Hilton Durham near Duke University. A cocktail reception for the nominees and attendees begins at 5:30 p.m. with the Awards Dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Business Excellence Awards highlight the accomplishments of businesses and individuals in the Durham community. This year's awards program will recognize a small, medium and large business for their efforts in making Durham stronger.

The Chamber will honor the Connectors of the Year . an individual who has given of their time and expertise to further the Chamber's mission, as well as the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility winners and the Duke Energy Citizenship and Service Award.

For more information, please contact the Chamber at (919) 328-8700 or go to [www.durhamchamber.org](http://www.durhamchamber.org) (click the Calendar of Events tab).

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The Nominees are:

<b>Non-Profit Award</b>		<b>Sustainability Award</b>	
Durham's Partnership for Children EarthShare North Carolina Meals on Wheels The Salvation Army Shodor		bioMerieux, Inc. Global Electric Electronic Processing, Inc. (GEEP) Quintiles	
<b>Business Excellence Awards</b>			
<b>Small Business Category</b>		<b>Medium Business Category</b>	

Centre Studio Architecture Featuretel Riley Life Industries, Inc. Therasim	Aldagen, Inc. Carpe Diem Cleaning, Inc. Expression Analysis Metabolon MHAworks Risk Management Associates Worksmart
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**Large Business Category**

ABC 11  
Parata Systems  
Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club

**Circle of Influence Diversity Award**

Meredythe Holmes . Monarch Services  
Renee Jones . Skanska USA Building, Inc.  
WorkSmart

**Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award**

Accentuate Staffing  
Fidelity Investments  
Riley Life Industries  
Risk Management Associates

**Alfred P. Sloan Award Winners & Honorable Mention Recipients**

Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau  
Durham Partnership for Children  
McKinney  
Mount Olive College at RTP  
US EPA . RTP

Honorable Mentions

Community Workforce Solutions, Inc.  
Hill, Chesson, Woody  
WorkSmart