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Chamber to honor businesses at September 15 Business Excellence Awards

DURHAM, NC— The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce will hold its Business Excellence Awards Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Durham Convention Center. A cocktail reception for the nominees and attendees begins at 5:30 p.m. and the Awards Dinner begins 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 also present the Sustainability Award and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

The Chamber will honor the Connector 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 or to register for the Awards, please contact the Chamber at (919) 328-8700 or go to www.durhamchamber.org (visit Calendar of Events).

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The Nominees are:

Non-Profit Award		Sustainability Award
Housing for New Hope	YMCA	The King's Daughters Inn Hughes, Pittman, Gupton, LLC Vert & Vogue
The Scrap Exchange	The Durham Literacy Center	
KidZNotes	Meals on Wheels of Durham	
Urban Ministries of Durham	Eno River Association	
First in Families of North Carolina		
The Volunteer Center of Durham		
Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Triangle		
Business Excellence Awards		
Small Business Category		Medium Business Category

The Special Event Company Faulkner's Dance and Gymnastics Bioptigen, Inc. Replay Photos, LLC Fusion Multicultural Marketing & Communications	Mello Staffing Vert & Vogue Savvy Event Designs LLC Park West Barber School	Hotel Indigo Netsertive, Inc. Shoeboxed Southern Energy Management
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Large Business Category

Syngenta
Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club

Entrepreneur of the Year

Rubberbanditz
Logistical Athletic Solutions
Argyle Social
EvoApp
Clinical Ambassador
Fusion Multicultural Marketing & Communications

Duke Energy Citizenship & Service Award

IBM
MindWorks Multimedia
Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties

Alfred P. Sloan Award Winners

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
American Journal Experts
Deloitte
Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau
Hill, Chesson, Woody Employee Benefit Services
ICF International
McKinney
Rho, Inc.
Shodor Education Foundation
US EPA – RTP