



**PROSPERA BUSINESS NETWORK  
BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS  
2003-2015**

**2015**

Innovator of the Year: DropTrip  
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Chris Murphy & Kina Pickett, Helio & Company, LLC  
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Brie Thompson, Olivelle  
Economic Leadership Award: David Kack, HRDC Board of Directors  
Business of the Year: Universal Athletic Service

**2014**

Innovator of the Year: Ehson Mosleh, 406 Aerospace  
Entrepreneur(s) of the Year: Jon Slye & Jay Thane, Copper Whiskey Bar & Grill  
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Noelle Kehoe, The Daily Coffee Bar  
Economic Leadership Award: Rebecca Mahurin, MSU Technology Transfer Office  
Business of the Year: Gibson Brands Inc., Acoustic Division

**2013**

Innovator of the Year Award: Bryan Robertus, Advanced Electronic Designs  
Entrepreneur of the Year: Andrew Hull, Elixiter  
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Babs Noelle, Alara Jewelry  
Economic Leadership Award: Bill Berg, Greater Gardner Community Council  
Business of the Year: Community Food Co-op

**2012**

Innovation Award: TEXbase  
Entrepreneur of the Year: Tyler Jarosz, Twenty6 Products  
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Robin Bequet, Bequet Confections  
Economic Leadership Award: Brit Fontenot, City of Bozeman  
Business of the Year: BLACKHAWK!

**2011**

Innovation Award: Mystery Ranch  
Entrepreneur of the Year: Will Ritter, Spark R&D  
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Robyn Erlenbush  
Economic Leadership Award: Dr. Swearingen  
Business of the Year: RightNow Technologies

**2010**

Innovation Award: Pete Roos, Bridger Photonics  
Entrepreneur of the Year: Scott Johnson, Sustainable Oils  
Woman Entrepreneur of the Year: Tiffany Lach, Sola Café  
Economic Leadership Award: Mike Hope, Rockin' R Bar & Ferraro's  
Business of the Year: BioScience Laboratories

**2009**

Innovation Award: Natural Baby Company, Kim Ormsby  
Entrepreneur of the Year: Autopilot, Matt McCune  
Economic Leadership Award: Chris Naumann, Downtown Bozeman Partnership  
Business of the Year: Simms Fishing Products



## **2008**

Innovation Award: Cleanwaste

Entrepreneur of the Year: Jeff & Suzie Turczyn, Lone Mountain Gymnastics

Economic Leadership Award: Steve Holland, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center

Business of the Year: Zoot Enterprises

## **2007**

Innovation Award: Dr. Joseph Sofianek, Medical Associates, PC

Entrepreneur of the Year: Spencer Williams, West Paw Design

Economic Leadership Award: Tom McCoy, Montana State University

Business of the Year: Bozeman Deaconess Hospital

## **2006**

Innovation Award: LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Mike Yinger, Elk River Systems, Inc.

Start-up Business of the Year: The Gourmet Cellar

Business of the Year: Sweet Pea Landscaping, Inc.

## **2005**

Innovation Award: Dobeck Performance

Entrepreneur of the Year: McKinnon Baxter, President and Founder, Zearth.com

Start-up Business of the Year: Bequet Confections

Business of the Year: Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply

## **2004**

Innovation Award: Bacterin, Inc.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Larry Johnson, President and CEO, ILX Lightwave Corporation

Start-up Business of the Year: Little Apple Technologies, Inc.

Small Business of the Year: Schnee's Boots & Shoes

## **2003**

Innovation Award: Strategix ID

Entrepreneur of the Year: Greg Gianforte, Founder & CEO, RightNow Technologies

Start-up Business of the Year: Amaltheia Dairy LLC

Small Business of the Year: Sound to Earth