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CITY BUSINESSES SHINE & TAKE HOME TOP CHAMBER AWARDS



Manassas Business of the Year: Northern Virginia Community College
- Manassas Campus

On Tuesday evening February 26, 2019 the Prince William County Chamber of Commerce hosted its 8th annual business awards dinner at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas to honor the best of the local business community. Awards recognize excellence in business, innovative practices, outstanding contributions to the community and

businesses/organizations that stand out among their peers.

The City of Manassas presented its "**Business of the Year Award**" to Northern Virginia Community College - Manassas Campus. **Northern Virginia Community College - Manassas Campus** is leading the charge to strengthen Northern Virginia's technology workforce and create a robust talent pipeline to fill these new jobs being created in Manassas. For almost 50 years, NOVA has been a tremendous partner in the community, continually retooling and aligning its programs and services to meet evolving industry demands.

Student enrollment continues to climb each year, which is a testament to the College's relevant and cutting-edge course offerings. For example, this fall NOVA will launch the Engineering Technology A.A.S. degree at the Manassas Campus that will utilize a state-of-the-art Engineering Technology and Fabrication Laboratory created in partnership with Micron Technology, the U.S. Army, Night Vision Laboratories and BAE Systems.

Additionally, City businesses received top honors in 6 of the 11 Chamber categories:

- **TECH COMPANY OF THE YEAR: Lockheed Martin**



In 2018 Lockheed Martin celebrated its 50th year here in the City of Manassas. Originally built by IBM in 1968 before becoming a part of Lockheed Martin, the site is now home to more than

1,000 employees who engineer leading sonar, acoustics and undersea technologies for the U.S. Navy and allies. As one of the City's largest employers, Lockheed has had a tremendous impact on our local economy. Its technological innovations have had an even greater impact.

- **EXCELLENCE IN SMALL BUSINESS:**
Porter Architects

Loveless

Loveless Porter is an architecture and engineering firm dedicated to maintaining a reputation based on thoroughness and responsiveness. The firm is



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of permitting and regulations.

committed to giving back to the community and supports a number of nonprofit organizations that work to improve lives.

Clients credit Loveless Porter, winner of the 2016 and 2017 "Virginia Living" Best of Virginia Award, for helping them to achieve their architectural vision on time, and in budget and guiding them through a complex maze

- **BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD (11+ Employees):**
DuvallWheeler



DUVALLWHEELER LLP
Certified Public Accountants & Consultants

Bill Duvall and his partners opened DuvallWheeler in 2006 and have since grown the once four-person firm to 17 employees and counting. They have excelled where others have failed, in part, due to their philosophy that accounting firms should be a

partner in the growth of their clients and be committed to offer the best possible outcomes for each individual client. They treat each of their clients and their needs individually; there is no one-size-fits-all approach. DuvallWheeler is passionate about problem-solving and it shows in everything they do.

- **INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP OF THE YEAR:**
Leadership Prince William and Comcast

Leadership Prince William is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to inspire and engage adult and youth leaders who want to make a difference in the Greater Prince William area. Each year the current class of LPW works with Comcast on a featured project for Comcast Cares Day. This



year's project at Georgetown South was focused on enhancing the quality of life and aesthetics in a community that has been perceived as unsafe. Hundreds of volunteers worked to ensure every home in the community had visible house numbers essential for emergency response, painted all fencing along the roadway, created a public garden and more. The

sense of pride by residents was obvious as they worked alongside the volunteers.

- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AWARD:**
Federal Credit Union

Apple



Apple FCU is committed to community outreach and employee engagement through volunteerism and philanthropic support and by partnering with community groups and leaders who share a

corporate social responsibility philosophy. Over the past year, Apple FCU surpassed its organizational goals and was recognized for a CARE award from Northern Virginia Family Services for demonstrating extraordinary leadership and sustained commitment in creating community engagement and outreach.

- **AGNES L. COLGAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD,**
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:
Children's Intervention Services

CASA



Our volunteer Court

Appointed Special Advocates (CASA's) are assigned by local Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court judges to children who have entered the court

system due to abuse and neglect. Advocates meet with the children, as well as others involved in the case, and submit to the court a report and recommendations on what they believe is in the best interest of the child. CASA is the only volunteer organization that empowers

everyday citizens as appointed members of the court.

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