



## Midway Chamber of Commerce honors area businesses and its volunteer of the year

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(SAINT PAUL, MN) The Midway Chamber of Commerce has named the 2015 recipients of its annual leadership awards. The awards were given out at its annual celebration event and recognized different businesses, non-profits, and individuals, who go above and beyond in their support of the chamber and the Midway community through the volunteering of their time, staff, and other resources. The winners this year are the *American Engineering Testing, Fenske Law Office, Episcopal Homes, Turf Club and Jamison Randall*.

"The foundation of any chamber of commerce is its members and the commitment, dedication and leadership they demonstrate to support the Chamber and our community," said Kari Canfield, President of the Midway Chamber. "The winners of the leadership award this year show the strength of the Midway Chamber. They also prove the importance of being involved and the impact that involvement can have. Congratulations to all of the winners and the finalists."

This year's winners share a high level of energy and a proud commitment to our community," said Dan Leggett, Avant-Garde Marketing and the current chair of the Midway Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "For over 96 years the Chamber has been an important voice for businesses and our community, and these winners carry on that tradition. "

### **American Engineering Testing - large business of the year award**

American Engineering Testing received the award for large business of the year, Sponsored by the Midway Lions Club. American Engineering Testing (AET) is an employee-owned corporation providing geotechnical, environmental, materials and forensics consulting and laboratory services to public and private sector clients in a broad spectrum of industries. AET has been a member of the Midway Chamber of Commerce for the past 14 years. They are active members of the Chamber at many levels. You will find representatives from AET at our monthly luncheons, special events and at the Economic Development Meetings, serving as Economic Development Committee Co-Chair. AET was instrumental in taking the lead on implementing the now annual Economic Development Summit that will take place again this spring. They also show their continued support through sponsorship and volunteering at our programming and events and are members of the Sponsorship Circle at the Director's level.

### **Fenske Law Office – small business of the year award**

Fenske Law Office received the award for the small business of the year, sponsored by the Roseville Visitors Association. Founded by Attorney Jeff Fenske, Fenske Law Office assists businesses with all of their legal needs, and individuals in the areas of estate planning and probate, real estate, and family law.

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Fenske Law Office has a long history with the Midway Chamber of Commerce. Jeff attends every Chamber event his schedule allows and also is a supporter by volunteering in leadership positions. As a board member and vice chair, Jeff brings value to the organization with his expertise and willingness to serve. Most recently, Jeff volunteered his time to assist and establish a Midway Chamber Foundation making it possible for the Chamber to expand its programming and offer additional benefits to membership. As a small business owner, he understands the value of community while also running his own firm and balancing it all.

#### **Episcopal Homes – organization/non-profit of the year award**

Episcopal Homes received the award for organization/non-profit of the year, sponsored by Mahoney Ulbrich Christiansen & Russ P.A. Episcopal Homes offers a continuum of senior living options and affordability. They have been welcoming people from all walks of life for 121 years.

Episcopal Homes has been a Midway Chamber of Commerce member for the past 16 years. Located right in the heart of the Midway, you can find Episcopal Homes participating in Economic Development meetings as an attendee, presenter and host. They are regulars at all our events and programming including luncheons, annual celebration, golf and more. They also give back by donating their time, talent and resources. Episcopal Homes continues to invest in the community and are currently finishing their new location right on University Avenue. Throughout the years they have made amazing financial investments in the Midway area bringing growth and future possibilities.

#### **Turf Club – rookie of the year award**

The Turf Club received the rookie of the year award, sponsored by the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club. The Turf Club is a bar, restaurant and music venue in St. Paul. It was originally a dance hall in the 1940s. Since the 1990s, the Turf Club has been a popular venue for national and international touring acts. In 2013, the owners of First Avenue purchased The Turf Club and gave it a substantial remodel.

The Turf Club has shown its commitment to the Midway Area by investing in its building and business model. They have recently renovated the interior and are expanding their services by offering a full lunch menu. The Turf Club has openly embraced participating in the Midway Chamber of Commerce by joining and immediately coming on board as the presenting sponsor for the Midway Chamber Business Afterhours. Their partnership has transformed this event into a wonderful networking and business afterhours opportunity for our local business members and surrounding community. They are willing to try new things and actively support the Chamber and its efforts to help keep our Midway strong.

#### **Jamison Randall, Latuff Brothers Auto Body – volunteer of the year award**

Jamison Randall received the volunteer of the year award, sponsored by Davis Communications and Zipko Strategy. Jamison Randall is the consummate volunteer for the Midway Chamber of Commerce and is actively involved with Chamber activities. If it is happening at the Chamber – Jamison is there! He is engaged as a Board member, Co-Chair of the Ambassador Committee and has been a major contributor to the success of our Lunch on the Line program. He's in-the-know and able to help connect businesses to other businesses to help them grow. Jamison is a wonderful ambassador for the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

#### **About the Midway Chamber of Commerce**

The Midway Chamber was founded in 1919 represents more than 320 businesses and non-profits in the Midway area of St. Paul and Minneapolis. To learn more about the chamber, please visit our website at [midwaychamber.com](http://midwaychamber.com).

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