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MBJ announces its 2016 Small Business Awards finalists

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One of the premier events of *Memphis Business Journal's* calendar, the Small Business Awards, enters its 36th year with an impressive group of finalists.

Since 1980, MBJ has highlighted numerous small businesses and their owners, the lifeblood of our economy. But, it was particularly difficult for the MBJ staff to winnow down the nominees this year, as the quality of this year's crop of finalists shows.

Here are the 2016 finalists by category, as determined by their number of employees:

Small businesses:



Dixie Pickers

Harvest Creative

Phillip Ashley Chocolates

Redeemer's Group Inc.

T-Star Luxury Ground Transportation

Medium businesses:

Allworld Project Management LLC

Big League Movers

Hi-Speed Industrial Service

Office Interiors of Memphis

OrgWide

Large businesses:

Campbell Clinic

Capstone Education Group

Montgomery Martin Contractors

Owen Brennan's Restaurant

Whitmor

Executive of the Year:

Michael Gallagher, Centro Inc

Nick Gant, **Gant Systems**

Nisha Powers, Powers Hill Design LLC

Ray Rico, Ray Rico Freelance LLC

Brian Stephens, Caissa Public Strategy LLC

A panel of independent judges will select the winners from the finalists in each of the three categories based on company size and also Executive of the Year.

The Small Business Awards winners will be named at a banquet on Tuesday, May 17, at the Holiday Inn University of Memphis. Networking and cocktail hour will be 5:30-6:30 p.m., with the program and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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