

## 'Strive for results, prestige will follow'

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Fredericton business leaders were recognized Thursday night for the part they play in creating a vibrant community.

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The Fredericton Chamber of Commerce held its 2009 Business Excellence Awards on Thursday evening. Above, chamber CEO Anthony Knight, centre, and chamber president Lee Winchester, right, talk with Derek Sullivan, owner of Auto City, prior to the event. Sullivan won the Wilson Insurance Youth Entrepreneur Award.

Awards were handed out in eight categories at the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Business Excellence Awards.

Orthodontist Dr. Robert Hatheway, a partner in Hatheway and Instrum Orthodontics, which earned the intermediate business award, said it's great to be recognized. But success isn't about awards and recognition, he said, it's about seizing opportunity and getting the job done.

"Results are prestige," he told the business people in the audience.

"Strive for results and the prestige will follow."

Awards were handed out to seven companies and one non-profit group from the city.

A total of 22 organizations were nominated in the eight categories.

Chamber president Lee Winchester said casting a spotlight on the best and brightest in the business community is important.

"This year's nominees exemplify the hard work and commitment demonstrated by chamber members throughout the city during challenging economic times," said Winchester. "Tonight's recipients are truly deserving and leaders in their respective fields."

The awards ceremony, which is in its 11th year, was held Thursday night in conjunction with Small Business Week events.

Mike Toole, first vice-president of the chamber and a partner at Wilson Insurance, said the community has plenty of deserving businesses.

He wasn't on the selection committee this year, but Toole has participated in the process in the past.

He said it's a difficult decision given the number of companies that are working hard to be among the best.

"I think this is a great opportunity for the chamber to recognize businesses that lead in the community and in their sector of business," Toole said.

Dale Dunphy, the past-president of the chamber, said the event was an opportunity to recognize the impact local businesses have on the Fredericton community.

The impact the nominees have isn't just economic, he said.

They are also good corporate citizens, he said.

The award winners were:

\* Bell Aliant Entrepreneurial Achievement Award - Uwe and Beale Keuster of Chocolaterie Fackleman and Schnitzel Parlour

\* The TD Canada Trust Micro Business Award -Made You Blush

\* Delta Fredericton Hotel Small Business Award - The Learning Bar

\* KPMG Intermediate Business Award - Hatheway and Instrum Orthodontics

\* UPS Large Business Award - Delta Fredericton Hotel

\* Covey Basics Community Impact Award - OPAL Family Services

\* Wilson Insurance Youth Entrepreneur Award - Auto City

\* Matthews McCrea Elliott Intelligent Company Award - Green Imaging Technologies