



Michigan Celebrates Small Business Awards Program Announces 2023 Recipients

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LANSING, Mich. - After receiving over 500 nominations, over 80 small businesses from across the state of Michigan will be highlighted for their positive impact at the 19th annual Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) Gala.

On May 2, 2023, over 800 guests will come together at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, Michigan to celebrate the achievements of this year's award recipients. Award categories include:

- Michigan 50 Companies to Watch
- SBDC Best Small Business
PTAC Best Small Business
- SmartZone Best Small Business
- Michigan 50 Distinguished Alumni - Great Place to Work
- Michigan 50 Distinguished Alumni - Strategically Focused
- Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year
- Minority-Owned Small Business of the Year

The full list of award recipients can be found at MichiganCelebrates.org/MCSB-Awardees.

The gala launched in 2005 and has become Michigan's awards program for small businesses. There have been over 1,000 companies honored at MCSB over the past 19 years, including 950 second-stage companies recognized as a Michigan 50 Companies to Watch Awardee.

"The Michigan Celebrates gala means more than giving out awards to small businesses -- it's coming together as a state to celebrate what success looks like through leadership, perseverance, and community," said Lauren Snyder, Vice President of Customer Experience for MCSB event sponsor, Consumers Energy. "We're excited to celebrate those employers who put Michigan to work, who reflect our state's values and who will help power our economy for the next generation."

The six Founding Partners created an annual awards gala to recognize small business and second-stage companies. The founding organizations of Michigan Celebrates are as follows:

- Edward Lowe Foundation
- Michigan Business Network
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)
- Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC)
- Small Business Association of Michigan (SBAM)
- U.S. Small Business Administration – Michigan District Office

Additional information and ticket information can be found at MichiganCelebrates.org.



About Michigan Celebrates Small Business

Michigan Celebrates Small Business is a collaboration of trusted statewide founding organizations that offer resources for small businesses. Since 2005, their awards gala has celebrated how small businesses positively impact our communities and state. MCSB is focused on supporting, connecting and celebrating small businesses in Michigan

Michigan Celebrates Small Business was founded by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Small Business Association of Michigan, U.S. Small Business Administration - Michigan, Edward Lowe Foundation, Michigan Business Network, and Michigan Small Business Development Center.

About Kinexus Group

Kinexus Group is the managing partner of the gala. Kinexus Group is an organization that invests its time and resources into inspiring positive economic change one individual, one business, and one community at a time. For more information, visit Kinexus.org, follow us on Twitter [@KinexusGroup](https://twitter.com/KinexusGroup) or “like” us on Facebook [@KinexusGroup](https://www.facebook.com/KinexusGroup).

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Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) is the most prestigious small business awards program in the state of Michigan. The mission of the program is to honor and recognize Michigan’s small business people as well as the champions and advocates that support them.

For more information about Michigan Celebrates Small Business, please visit MichiganCelebrates.org.