

Adding a Little Dynamism to the Awards Mix

One year ago in this space, we saluted the 2014 Business Leader, Government Leader and Community of the Year and commemorated the first 25 years of the Indiana Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner.

We begin the next quarter century of celebrating business excellence with a new tradition – adding the *Indiana Vision 2025* Dynamic Leader of the Year award to the longstanding honors. Why? Because entrepreneurship and the goals in the Dynamic and Creative Culture driver of the *Indiana Vision 2025* plan are essential to our state's economic future. The people helping move us in that direction deserve recognition and support.



Dustin Sapp, CEO of TinderBox, is the inaugural winner of the new award. He may not have planned on an entrepreneurial career (see story on Page 40), but he now possesses 15 years of successfully starting and growing new businesses – and also serves as a mentor to others looking to do the same.

We also congratulate the 2015 trio of Mike Packnett of Parkview Health (Business Leader of the Year), State Sen. Brandt Hershman (Government Leader of the Year) and Carmel (Community of the Year).

In less than a decade, Packnett has achieved impressive results at Parkview, in the Fort Wayne community and in helping Northeast Indiana move forward as one region. Hershman is a tax and fiscal expert in the General Assembly who has played a major role on a variety of critical issues. Carmel continues to shine as one of the nation's leading examples of a community that embraces business and emphasizes an extremely high quality of life.

BizVoice® will begin 2016 with a special section focused on Indiana's 200th birthday. We'll bring you some of our state's illustrious business history, while also previewing a few of the ways Indiana will commemorate the occasion. The January-February issue has been endorsed as an official Bicentennial Legacy Project.

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