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PIONEER OF THE YEAR



The 2019 Pioneer of the Year is Jim Peckham, Executive Director of Friends in Service Helping (FISH) since 2009. Under Jim's leadership, FISH (NVFISH.com) has grown to become rural Northern Nevada's largest and most complete social services program. The non-profit organization is focused on helping guide individuals and families in Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, and Storey counties toward self-sufficiency. This includes providing life and soft skills for the region's workforce which are critical to employers. Jim was instrumental in the construction of Richards Crossing in Carson City. A collaboration between FISH and Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NVRURAL.org), Richards Crossing is a 38-unit affordable housing development for the homeless and extremely low-income individuals which opened in Spring 2017. In addition to providing shelter, the facility provides on-site services and related support including referrals to local service organizations.

"This is a great honor, recognizing the staff and volunteers of FISH, as we creatively provide a Hand-up, not a Hand-out to those in need. In the last 12 months, FISH has helped over 7,000 individuals with our "Hand-up" programs. We rely on God, staff, board members, volunteers, and partner organizations for ideas and solutions to systemic challenges in our community. Personally, I work hard and pray hard, and everything eventually comes together."

-- Jim Peckham.

Jim Peckham joins the ranks of our previous Pioneer Awards winners



2018
Aaron West
CEO
The Nevada
Builders Alliance



2017
Collie Hutter
Co-Founder &
Chairman
Click Bond, Inc.



2016
Bill Miles
President &
CEO
Miles Construction



2015
The Honorable
Robert Crowell
Mayor of
Carson City

WELCOME

- 5:30 PM Cocktails & Silent Auction
- 7:00 PM Dinner
- 7:15 PM Opening Ceremonies
- 7:20 PM Opening Remarks from
 NND&A CEO Rob Hooper
- 7:30 PM Presentation of Awards
- Golden Hammer Award
 - Boundary Peak Award
 - Silver Forge Award
 - Kit Carson Award
 - The Pioneer of the Year Award
- 9:15 PM Closing Remarks



MASTER OF CEREMONY Vince Solis, President Western Nevada College

Dr. Solis brings more than 25 years of service in higher education to WNC and his primary focus is the students of WNC. His higher education background includes extensive leadership

in instruction and academic affairs, student services, enrollment, community outreach services, dual enrollment initiatives, auxiliary business services, special projects, construction and student success/engagement/graduation programs.

“Our goals are not only to ensure the success of students in our classrooms and academic programs but also to create students who are prepared to excel in their chosen academic fields and serve as leaders in their communities.”

--Dr. Solis

2019 Pioneer Awards Winners



Western Nevada College

FOUNDATION

WNC Foundation develops resources and encourages philanthropy in support of Western Nevada College. The organization is being recognized for extraordinary growth in funding streams from 2016-2019, active board involvement, presence in the community, and support of workforce development initiatives.

"We are so honored to receive this prestigious award! The board of directors for the WNC Foundation has worked very hard over the past few years to support students through scholarships, emergency funding and WNC facility improvements in order to contribute to workforce development in this region."

- WNC Foundation Executive Director Niki Gladys





PUREGROUND INGREDIENTS

Kevin Lindseth is being honored with the Kit Carson Extraordinary Entrepreneurship Award. He is the CEO of Pure Ground Ingredients which is an industrial supplier of organic botanicals, spices, chili, and black and green teas. Kevin is a visionary entrepreneur and is being distinguished for his ability to meet market needs, the ongoing refinement of the PGI business model, the company's growth and environmental responsibility, use of state-of-the-art systems, worldwide community engagement, work with students, and training programs for employees.

"Pure Ground Ingredients expresses our gratitude to NNDA and our community, our employees and global network of customers and growers. We couldn't have made it this far without the continued dedication and support over the years!"

- Kevin Lindseth



FRANKLIN® ARMORY

Franklin Armory® specializes in manufacturing quality firearms for sporting, military, and law enforcement applications. The company is being honored as the creator of a new cluster of businesses that support the manufacturing of firearms in Nevada's Sierra Region, as well as for its innovative manufacturing techniques, community involvement with local law enforcement, growing exports, and recent business expansions.

"Northern Nevada continues to provide lower manufacturing costs including real estate, skilled labor, energy, and compliance. These competitive advantages allow us to prosper and grow in the Silver State as we satisfy global demand for new products."

- Jay Jacobson, President Franklin Armory®



GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD

308 Curry Street Project

The 308 Curry Street Mixed-Use Development in Carson City was envisioned by the owner, The Hop & Mae Adams Foundation, and built by Metcalf Builders (an NNDA Partner). This three-story mixed-use project is now home to retail on the first floor, offices (Lumos Engineering and Prime Lending) on the second floor, and residential units on the third floor. The project is the embodiment of the mission of the Adams Foundation to provide for the betterment of the people of Carson City and adds tremendous economic impact to its downtown.



METCALF BUILDERS INC.

Metcalf Builders is a General Contractor specializing in commercial construction and construction management, in both the public and private sectors. The company's owners, employees and staff come from diverse backgrounds in commercial construction, having worked for major construction firms in Nevada, Northern and Southern California, Colorado, Utah, and Hawaii. Metcalf Builders believes in developing a relationship that allows them to deliver the optimum combination of cost, quality and timing while addressing specific project requirements. The company is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PIONEER AWARD RECIPIENT?

Know an individual or company who deserves all-star recognition?

Nominations open January 2020 for the 6th Annual Pioneer Awards!

Stay in touch at PioneerAwards.com

Criteria for all awards

Nominees must be in business a minimum of 2 years.

Nominees must have the bulk of their contribution and be an active supporter of economic development as it pertains to the award within the prior 5 years.

Company must be located in the Sierra Region: Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Storey County and Mineral County OR Companies located outside the region must be an NNDA partner.

Battle Born Award

Salutes leadership and excellence in achieving sustainability which benefits their company and community.

Sustainability is defined for the purposes of the award as business practices resulting in water and/or energy reduction to provide superior cost performance, repurposing and/or recycling of materials, and/or provide additional customer value, and/or contributed to the health and/or environmental best practices of the Sierra Region.

Boundary Peak Award

Honors the nonprofit who has scaled new heights in providing services to the community.

The nonprofit provides the target population for services, measurements of success of the nonprofit, demonstrates financial viability, and shows how it differentiates itself from other nonprofits in the pursuit of excellent.

Silver Forge Award

Showcases the manufacturer who is an innovator and leader in manufacturing technology.

Provides examples of industry leadership, differentiation from competitors, and business practices and achievements that set them apart from other businesses in the region.

Kit Carson Award

Applauds the visionary individual or company who trail blazed a new or unique path to meet market and customer needs.



NDA | Northern Nevada Development Authority

Northern Nevada Development Authority (NDA) is the state-designated Regional Development Authority (RDA) for the Sierra Region of Nevada: Carson City (state capital), Douglas County, Lyon County, Mineral County, and Storey County.

Established in 1981, the organization is a Nevada domestic nonprofit corporation. NDA helps to grow and strengthen the region's economic ecosystem, and facilitates business-to-business resources to support new and resident businesses.

Since 2010, NDA has assisted more than 100 companies with relocation and expansion, generating over \$1.4 Billion total economic impact for the region.

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