



Proximity Marketing Proximity Marketing is an interactive marketing agency that creates and manages award-winning programs for consumers. Their clients rely on them to develop engaging websites, improve direct email, search marketing, and social media marketing programs. Based in Brunswick, the firm 20-year-old marketing firm seeks to provide growth for clients has been recognized with numerous honors, including the Weatherhead 100 Award and Sales and Marketing Executive's 100th Award for Excellence in Marketing. They were also named the 2017 Media County Outstanding Community Advocate.

Media County Business Awards
For the past fourteen years, Media County has celebrated the best and brightest firms within its business community, and this year was no exception. An audience of nearly 300 people also present in Woodfield Center on October 26 to celebrate the 2017 Media County Business Awards.

From over 100 nominations, the judges whittled the list down to 26 finalists in four award categories, including: Business Growth, Capital Investment, Community Advocate, and Entrepreneur of the Year.



"This business awards event is an opportunity to honor the outstanding people who make up Media County's business community, and to bring well-deserved recognition to the companies who choose to invest in our area and create family-sustaining jobs," said Industry Director, Executive Director of Media County Economic Development Corporation, which hosts the business awards program. "Out of 2,000 companies in Media County, the companies being honored are truly exceptional."

The Media County Business Awards program is sponsored by Unitedfield Bank. Chairman and CEO Jon Park said, "Unitedfield is proud to be a part of the business excellence that is the backbone of Media County. We want to congratulate and the honorees and winners."

Nominees in the Business Growth category were:

- All Construction Services
- Adams Pizz
- Buckle City
- Engle Construction Solutions
- Ethole

The Business Growth award went to Engle Construction Solutions, a Brunswick construction management services firm which is expanding into a new location to accommodate its growth.

Nominees in the Capital Investment category were:

- Adco Metals
- Ashley Tool and Die
- Conwest Tools
- Francis International Technology
- Haldy the Express
- Media Metropolitan Housing Authority
- MFD Products Inc.

The Capital Investment award went to MFD Products of Valley City, which added over 150 employees while investing \$5.8 million last year in its operations.

Nominees in the Community Advocate category were:

- City of Media
- DB Benefits - Matt Baker
- Fluor Daniel International Technology
- Media County Career Center - Sandy Prosser
- Media Center Living
- Proximity Marketing
- The Ruston Corporation - Russ Gregory
- SFS Inc
- TJ Transportation

The Community Advocate award went to Proximity Marketing, a Brunswick marketing company which has assisted countless hours towards supporting community development efforts like the Make in Media County expo.

The nominees in the Entrepreneur of the Year award were:

- East West LLC
- Pleasant Valley Corporation
- Quality Innovative Products
- Siggy Side

The Entrepreneur of the Year award went to Pleasant Valley Corporation, a family owned construction and facility management firm in Granger Township which has hired 75 new employees in the past few years and is currently constructing a new great headquarters facility.

The honorees also received congratulations from Ohio Representatives Steve Hambley and Daniel Rife, Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted, Ohio Governor John Kasich, and US Senators Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman. Nominations for the 2018 Business Awards can be emailed to awards@mediacounty.org through June 1, 2018.

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