

Ask What's
Possible

The Citizen of the Year Award is given annually in recognition of outstanding and unselfish service to the San Luis Obispo community. Anyone may be nominated for the award, but only Chamber members may nominate. The information you provide will help the Chamber Board in their decision making process. Only completed forms will be accepted. You may attach additional information.

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We ask that you please keep your nomination confidential so feelings are spared should your nominee not be selected for the award. Likewise, the Chamber will keep all nominations confidential, even after the nominating process has concluded. The award recipient will be kept closely guarded until it is announced at the Chamber's Annual Dinner. The 2021 Annual Dinner date will be announced in the new year.

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Please review the eligibility and selection criteria below, as well as the list of previous Citizen of the Year award recipients, before making your nomination.

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Criteria for Eligibility

- I. The nominee must either live or work in the San Luis Obispo area.
- II. The nominee does not have to be a member of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.
- III. The nominator must be a member of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce.

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to Have Fun

Criteria for Selection

- I. The award will be presented in recognition of outstanding and unselfish service to the community of San Luis Obispo. The recipient will be of high moral character and well respected in the community, bringing honor both to the recipient and to the Chamber.
- II. Current board members and staff of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce are not eligible to receive the award.
- III. Only an individual is eligible to receive the award.
- IV. Past Citizens of the Year are not eligible to receive the award again.
- V. The award cannot be given posthumously.
- VI. Sitting elected officials are not eligible to receive the award.

Thank you for ensuring that the nomination process remains confidential. Please return all completed forms January 29, 2021 via mail or email to one of the destinations listed below:

San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Dusty Colyer-Worth
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Past Citizen of the Year Recipients

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|------|-----------------------|------|-------------------|
| 2019 | Erik Justesen | 1996 | Dave & Maggie Cox |
| 2018 | Jeff Buckingham | 1995 | Grace Mitchell |
| 2017 | Anita Robinson | 1994 | Warren Sinsheimer |
| 2016 | Liz Wagner Summer | 1993 | Lynn Cooper |
| 2015 | John Spatafore | 1992 | Ken Schwartz |
| 2014 | Dave Romero | 1991 | Frank Drake |
| 2013 | Lauren Brown | 1990 | Ethel Cooley |
| 2012 | Phyllis Madonna | 1989 | Frank Sheahan |
| 2011 | Dave Juhnke | 1988 | David Bernhardt |
| 2010 | Greg Hind | 1987 | James Brabeck |
| 2009 | John Dunn | 1986 | Don Kennady |
| 2008 | Bob Wacker | 1985 | Myron Graham |
| 2007 | Rob Rossi | 1984 | Dale Andrews |
| 2006 | Barbara George | 1983 | Richard Burke |
| 2005 | Bert Forbes | 1982 | Rusty Duval |
| 2004 | Michael Morris | 1981 | Nancy Poe |
| 2003 | Pierre Rademaker | 1980 | Beth Law |
| 2002 | Debby Nicklas | 1979 | Anthony Keese |
| 2001 | Jim & Elaine Gardiner | 1978 | Robert Kennedy |
| 2000 | Gil Stork | 1977 | Alex Madonna |
| 1999 | Tom Sullivan | 1976 | Syl Culwell |
| 1998 | Wanda Strassburg | 1975 | Ron Dunin |
| 1997 | Bill Thoma | 1974 | Linnaea Phillips |
| | | 1973 | H. Henderson |

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Nominee's Name:

Occupation:

Company:

Phone:

Email:

Years in SLO:

Your Name:

Your Business:

Your Phone:

Your Email:

Why do you believe the nominee deserves the award? Please be specific and include both professional and non-professional accomplishments as well as honors received by the nominee and stories that emphasize their commitment to the community. Selection of the recipient is weighed heaviest on the work they do outside their profession. (Please limit your response to 500 words or less. You may also attach your response on a separate sheet.)

Please list the nominee's community involvement. Include the name of the organization, their role in the organization, and years of service. (Please limit your response to 500 words or less. You may also attach your response on a separate sheet.)

Thank you for your nomination.