2013 Business Awards finalists announced

PNC Bank and the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches are pleased to announce the finalists for the 2013 Business Awards. These awards recognize Palm Beach County companies that lead with confidence, demonstrating a solid commitment to their business goals, their employees, and their local community.

The Small Business Person of the Year finalists are Angela M. Barnard, Audio Video Systems Inc.; Robert Kirschner, Passport Publications & Media Corporation; and Steve Politziner, ESPN West Palm. This award is sponsored by PNC Bank.

The Business of the Year finalists are Gunster; Illustrated Properties Real Estate Inc.; Palm Beach Kennel Club; and Southern Waste Systems/Sun Recycling. This award is sponsored by The Palm Beach Post.



The Non-Profit of the Year/Arts & Culture finalists are The Norton Museum of Art; South Florida Fair & Palm Beach County Expositions Inc.; and the South Florida Science Museum.

The Non-Profit of the Year/Health & Human Services finalists are Education Foundation of Palm Beach County Inc.; Girl Scouts of Southeast Florida; Jack the Bike Man Inc.; The Lord's Place Inc.; and Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League of the Palm Beaches.

The Health/Science Professional of the Year finalists are Kevin Bandy, Hanley Center; Jeff Kotzen, M.D., Good Samaritan Medical Center; and Ali Malek, M.D., ES.N.I.S. St. Mary's Medical Center

The Community Leader of the Year Award will be presented to retired cardiologist Dr. Donald Warren, who co-founded Palm Beach Atlantic University and is the Founding President of the Community Foundation for Palm Beach and Martin Counties.

The door prize at the event will be a pair of round-trip tickets from

Southwest Airlines.

The Business Awards Breakfast will be held on Monday, May 20 at 7:45 a.m. at the Palm Beach County Convention Center. Early-bird coffee service will begin at 7 a.m. and is sponsored by FordHarrison LLP.

Registration is open for table-top displays and seats. Please register online at www.palmbeaches.org. For more information, contact Kelley Burke at kburke@palmbeaches.org or (561) 833-3711, ext. 231.