**99th Annual Banquet & Awards**

**Award Nominations**

It’s time to wrap up another business partnership, growth, and community involvement throughout Page County. As we prepare for our 99th year, we welcome the community to recognize and nominate those whose businesses have continued growing and adapting to new norms throughout 2024. Once more, we will recognize 3 businesses and 1 individual for their hard work and dedication to Page County at our annual banquet and awards on Thursday, June 12th. Nominations should be turned in by 5:00 PM, on Friday, April 5th.

**Small Business Excellence Award (50 employees or less) &**

**Large Business Excellence Award (51 employees or more)**

The Small and Large Business Excellence Awards celebrate for-profit businesses that truly embody a commitment to the Luray-Page County region’s growth, economic well-being, and workforce development. These outstanding businesses showcase exceptional leadership and contribute positively to our community, both locally and beyond. Nominees should shine in areas like trustworthiness in the marketplace, promotion of reputable business practices, active community involvement, and dedicated support for their workforce through training and retention efforts. Nominees must be current members in good standing of the Chamber.  Criteria for the small & large business awards include:

• Innovation and Creativity: Exhibits a commitment to innovation, demonstrating forward-thinking strategies that contribute to business success and growth.

• Community Impact: Actively engages with and positively influences the local community through philanthropy, partnerships, or community service initiatives.

• Economic Contribution: Shows a significant impact on economic prosperity, creating jobs and contributing to the overall economic development of the region.

• Sustainability: Displays a commitment to sustainable business practices, considering environmental and social responsibilities.

**Woman-Owned Business Excellence Award**

The Woman-Owned Business Excellence Award celebrates and honors the outstanding achievements of a business majority owned by a female(s). Like our other Business Excellence Awards, this one show commitment to growth and the economic well-being of the Luray-Page County region. Nominees must be current members in good standing of the Chamber.

**Non-Profit Excellence Award**

The Nonprofit Excellence Award honors a 501(c)3 serving the Luray-Page County region that goes above and beyond in communicating its mission and tirelessly works towards goals that not only align with a common purpose but also have a positive impact on the larger community. This award recognizes outstanding leadership and the significant benefits a nonprofit brings to the community through service, mentoring, and community outreach efforts. Nominees should actively foster relationships with other nonprofits to promote collaboration and a collective effort to address community needs. They should be committed to a lasting positive impact on the community. Nominees must be current members in good standing of the Chamber.

**Emerging Business of the Year**

This award recognizes a Chamber Partner who has made a distinct impact in the business community within their first 12-18 months of partnering with the Chamber. They have demonstrated a capacity for creativity, innovation, and experienced growth. This company has shown and embraced true Chamber spirit and an overall contribution to the community. Criteria for this award include:

• Innovation: Demonstrates creative and innovative practices in products, services, or business approaches.

• Sustainable Growth: Displays significant and sustainable growth, adapting effectively to market demands.

• Community Involvement: Actively engages with and positively influences the local community, demonstrating a commitment to social responsibility.

• Leadership: Shows strong leadership qualities that have guided the business through its early stages.

• Customer Satisfaction: Prioritizes and achieves high levels of customer satisfaction, building a positive reputation in the marketplace.

**The Mary Lee Bryant Volunteer of the Year**

This award goes to someone who has significantly contributed to the Page County community through volunteer efforts. Going above and beyond what is typically expected of a volunteer, this person displays high ethical and personal integrity and a commitment to volunteer service.

The rules for nominating are simple:

Nominees must be members of the Chamber of Commerce, except for the

Mary Lee Bryant Volunteer of the Year, which is open to everyone in the county

(see the Chamber’s membership list at [www.visitluraypage.com/chamber/directory)](http://www.visitluraypage.com/).

You may nominate any business/organization of any size in their respective category.

**99th Annual Banquet & Awards Award Nominations**

**Award Nominated For**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Nominee’s Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Nominee’s Website: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Nominee’s Contact: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Reason for Nomination. Explain why the nominee deserves recognition:**