

- The **University Born Business of the Year** award is presented to a startup business born from university research, innovation, and entrepreneurial activity.
- The **New Business of the Year award** is presented to a business that has been operating for less than three years.
- The **Innovative Business of the year** award is presented to a business that has demonstrated innovation through the concept, value, delivery, and impact of a product or service, system, or event.
- The **Community Impact Award** is presented to an outstanding organization that has significantly and measurably made social, economic or environmental improvements within the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community.
- The **Large Business of the Year Award** will be presented to the outstanding Chamber member business with over 50 employees that has shown growth, innovation of product, exemplary customer service, response to adversity, and/or contribution to the community.
- The **Mid-Size Business of the Year Award** will be presented to the outstanding Chamber member business with between 6 and 50 employees that has shown growth, innovation of product, exemplary customer service, response to adversity, and/or contribution to the community.
- The **Micro-Enterprise Business of the Year Award** will be presented to the outstanding Chamber member business with fewer than 5 employees that has shown growth, innovation of product, exemplary customer service, response to adversity, and/or contribution to the community.
- The **Non-Profit Business of the Year Award** will be presented to the outstanding Chamber member charitable non-profit organization that has shown growth, innovation of product, exemplary customer service, response to adversity, and/or contribution to the community.
- The **Business Woman of the Year award** is presented to an exceptional woman in business that has not only excelled in her job function and industry, but has also pioneer initiatives to promote female leadership in business and the community.
- The **CHYP under 40 Young Professional of the Year** award is presented to a young professional under 40 that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in his/her industry and whose achievements have promoted young professional engagement via leadership in the community pertaining to economic development and civic engagement. The nominee must be under 40 years of age as of Jan. 1, 2019.