

2008 Small Business Week Award Honorees SBA Delaware District Office

Small Business Awards:

Small Business Persons of the Year

Marian Young, President & co-owner Mark Lannan, Principal & co-owner BrightFields, Inc. Wilmington, Delaware

Entrepreneurial Success of the Year*

John Ratliff, President & CEO Appletree Answering Service Wilmington, Delaware

* Also selected as the SBA's Regional Entrepreneurial Success of the Year among state winners from PA, MD, WV, VA, DE & DC

Family-Owned Business of the Year

Mary Lenhoff, Managing Member Bridgewater Jewelers, LLC Old New Castle, Delaware

Young Entrepreneur of the Year*

John Orona, President & CEO Shortcutz Lawn & Landscape Associates Dover, Delaware

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Small Business Exporters of the Year*

Anabel Panayotti, President Gwendolyn North, Vice President Port to Port International Corp. New Castle, Delaware

America's Small Business Resource



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Small Business Champion Awards:

Women in Business Champion of the Year

Carol Arnott, CFP, CDFA, ChFC Greenville Financial Group (President of NAWBO) Greenville, Delaware

Financial Services Champion of the Year

Rocco Perate, President & CEO Preferred Capital Wilmington, Delaware

Minority Small Business Champion of the Year

Carla Withers, Statewide Training Coordinator Delaware Small Business Development Center Newark, Delaware