

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following statements about this year's Legacy Award winners come from the script prepared by the Triangle East Chamber for the presentations:

EMERGING LEADER AWARD

acknowledges leaders under age 40 for contributions to the betterment of our community and impact on their business/organization.

Lynn Daniels Bowles moved back to Smithfield in 2013 to work in the family business operating two hotels. During this time she has been involved in many different civic groups. She has served on boards or been engaged with the Johnston County Visitors Bureau, the Triangle East Chamber of Commerce, First Baptist Church, Johnston Community College Foundation, and My Kid's Club, where she currently serves as president of the Board of Directors. Lynn is recognized by these organizations for her collaborative nature. Lynn credits her parents' example of servant leadership for inspiring her to work as part of a team for the greater good.

JIMMY CREECH SMALL BUSINESSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

is given in memory of 1976 Board Chair Jimmy Creech who operated Creech's Pharmacy in Downtown Smithfield for over 50 years. It is presented to an outstanding small business owner in the community based on success, longevity, and commitment to the community.

This year's honoree is **Jamie Stanley of Hinson's Printing** ...(which) has been in business for nearly 40 years. It was started with a small press and two employees and has grown to be a full-range printing operation employing six people. The COVID

pandemic presented challenges to businesses throughout the United States. Jamie kept his business viable in a variety of ways. First, it was an essential business as Hinson's prints for the sheriff's office as well as the hospital. Then they added additional services like Notary. Then they became a Trade Printer doing print work for other print shops around the state. They continue this work today.

While the firm was able to pivot during COVID, Jaime and his wife Amy faced a personal battle when Jamie was diagnosed with COVID and spent 17 days on a ventilator. He states that even through that he learned a lot about himself.

When he is not running his business he is an active member of his church and a member of the Central Johnston Rotary (Club) and is its incoming president. He is the proud father of two and grandfather of one.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

is presented to a citizen who, over the last year, has consistently served Johnston County with outstanding ability and dedication by voluntarily giving of their time, talent, and energies without remuneration.

This year's honoree is **Chandler Pernel**. It is hard not to smile when saying Chandler's name. Chandler is a unique individual who dances to the beat of his own drum. That has allowed him to become a successful and generous businessman.

Chandler serves on the Board of Directors of the Triangle East Chamber of Commerce.

Each year he is the presenting sponsor of the Athena International Leadership Award.

This award is presented to women for excellence in leadership and service. His support of this program demonstrates his commitment to providing opportunities for women in

the community. In addition, Chandler has been known to do our weekly member news video with his own unique twist whether it's writing a jingle or including his son.

Chandler serves as vice president of the Johnston County Arts Council. He has a particular interest in programs that provide the youth of Johnston County opportunities to experience the arts.

His support of youth of Johnston County extends to his involvement in My Kid's Club where he is known to stop in and do art projects or donate needed items.

Chandler is a key member of Activate Selma... a non-profit group of residents, volunteers, and business owners working together to uplift their beloved rail community. Chandler shares his unique gifts and talents with our community and for these reasons we are pleased to honor him as the Citizen of the Year.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

is presented to a citizen who, over their lifetime, has consistently served Johnston County with outstanding ability and dedication by voluntarily giving of their time, talent, and energies without remuneration.

We are proud to present this year's Lifetime Achievement Award to **Hank Daniels**.

Hank has been active in the community serving on various boards while also running his family business. He has served as United Way campaign chair, served as president of the Johnston County Mental Health Association, served as the chairman of the Johnston County Tourism Authority, and served on the Johnston County Board of Health. He has also been active with the Chamber and the First Baptist Church of

Smithfield as well as the Boy Scouts and was pleased when his entire den received the Arrow of Light Award.

Hank is vice chairman of the Board of Trustees for Johnston Community College. Lyn Austin, chair of the Board of Trustees, describes Hank as the “the most generous, thoughtful, and kindest people I have ever known.” Mrs. Austin said that while Hank takes his obligations seriously, he brings his sense of humor to the table. He has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically for the college and makes a real difference for our students, she said. “Simply put,” she added, “he is the best partner, side-kick, and friend you would ever want to have.”

For these reasons we are pleased to present Hank Daniels with this year’s Lifetime Achievement Award. We look forward to celebrating Hank’s continued success.