

2016 Entrepreneur Award Winners



Back Row L to R: Mayor Tommy Battle, Ellen Didier, Jamie Miller, Hillary Dunham
Front Row L to R: Debbie Batson standing in for Dr. Mark Whorton, Caitlin Lyon, Laura Huckabee-Jennings

Entrepreneur of the Year – Ellen Didier

Didier is the president of Decatur-based strategic communications company Red Sage Communications which provides marketing and website development services for clients.

Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year – Jamie Miller

Miller is the CEO of Mission Multiplier. This cybersecurity company is a small, but growing company with six total employees. Miller started the company after recently moving from Washington, D.C. to Huntsville.

Creative Entrepreneur of the Year – Caitlin Lyon

Lyon is one of the sisters behind Pizzelle's Confections. This small operation specializes in chocolates, candies and other sweet treats.

Intrapreneur of the Year – Dr. Mark Whorton

Whorton is the chief technologist at Teledyne Brown Engineering. He served as the principal investigator of the Multiple User System for Earth Sensing (MUSES), which is a high-tech camera mount companies can use for Earth observation via the International Space Station.

People's Choice – Hillary Dunham

Dunham is the owner of the Mint Julep Market on Memorial Parkway in Huntsville. She also is behind Mint Julep Monograms, which provides personalized gifts for customer.

WBC Entrepreneur of the Year – Laura Huckabee-Jennings

Huckabee-Jennings is the executive leadership coach and strategist for Transcend. Transcend is a consulting company which provides services to many local businesses and organizations including Aviagen, Intergraph and Huntsville Utilities.

Entrepreneur Champion of the Year – Tommy Battle

Battle is the Mayor of the City of Huntsville.