

The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce Seeks Nominations for 2025 Choice Awards

(Palmer, MA – January 6, 2025) – The Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit organization that promotes business, development and tourism within surrounding communities of Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester counties, is seeking nominations for its 2025 Choice Awards. Award categories include: Community Hero and Educator of the Year, as well as Food/Drink and Retail Establishment of the Year. The Chamber will also be recognizing a member Business and Volunteer of the Year at a special event on May 1 at Teresa’s Restaurant in Ware honoring this year’s recipients.

“We are thrilled for the return of the Chamber’s annual Choice Awards event. And to specifically shine a spotlight on the difference making individuals and businesses that help make our communities so special”, said James Przypek, Chief Executive Officer of the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations can be submitted on the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce official website, qhma.com from now and until January 31. While online voting for this year’s winners will be conducted from February 1 through March 16.

The criteria for specific categories are:

COMMUNITY HERO OF THE YEAR

An individual (citizen, resident, veteran, first responder) who has gone above and beyond via a single outstanding act within the last 12 months, or a series of contributions over an extended period for the betterment of their community. The individual must reside or have performed their act or work within the Quaboag Hills 15 member communities.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

An individual who has positively impacted the school (public, regional, private or independent) and the students for which they work. The individual must reside, or the school for which they work must be located within the Quaboag Hills 15 member communities.

FOOD/DRINK ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YEAR

An outstanding local food and drink establishment such as a restaurant, winery, brewery, cidery or any other food and/or drink venue where product(s) can be consumed on-site.



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RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YEAR

An outstanding store or business physically located within, or whose online operations is based within the Quaboag Hills 15 member communities, that provides customers with goods or services.

About the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1978 and headquartered in Palmer, MA, the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to advance economic growth, interests and tourism for our members through policies, programs and development in the Quaboag Hills region, including the fifteen towns of Belchertown, Brimfield, Brookfield, East Brookfield, Hardwick, Holland, Monson, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Palmer, Spencer, Wales, Ware, Warren, and West Brookfield.

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