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EDH Chamber Celebrates Board, Athletes, and Award Winners

(EL DORADO HILLS, CA) – The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce held its **33rd Annual Installation & Business Awards Dinner on June 30, 2021 at Serrano Country Club to a sold-out crowd of 180 attendees.** ABC-10’s Mark S. Allen was the emcee, and A & A Music Events helped to make the evening festive. The program opened with the pledge of allegiance and introductions of 17 notable guests throughout the region.

The event included a special presentation by Supervisor John Hidahl, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for El Dorado County. Supervisor Hidahl presented a Proclamation to Olympic Swimmer, Bryce Mefford and New Orleans Saints draft-pick, Ian Book. Both athletes are 2016 graduates of Oak Ridge High School in El Dorado Hills. Ian was able to attend the event with his parents and former coach. Bryce joined the event on Zoom between training times in Hawaii, with his parents and coaches attending in person. There was also a surprise presentation, marking the 20th year at the Chamber for the President & CEO, Debbie Manning. Guests and her staff shared stories, quips, and a slideshow to mark the milestone.

The Chamber recognized their Premier Partners, Government Relations Committee, Foundation, and supporters. The 2020 Business of the Year Award Winners were announced, celebrated, and received Certificates of Recognition from the offices of all local, elected officials. Congratulations to:

Excellence in Business of the Year - **Dr. Kevin Nagle - The Nagle Company**
Small Business of the Year - **Jeremy Barkhurst State Farm Insurance Agency**
Start-Up Business of the Year - **Blissful Gardens**
Young Entrepreneur of the Year - **Kevin Duewel - Law Office of Kevin Duewel**
Home-Based Business of the Year - **Right at Home Interiors**

Lieutenant Jeff Leikauf led the swearing in ceremony for the Board of Directors, who took their oath of volunteer service. The Chamber has 12 directors; Kevin Barri, Region Bank President for Wells Fargo, is the Chairman of the Board. Kevin Barri and Debbie Manning presented a check from the Chamber to the UC Davis Firefighters Burn Institute Regional Burn Center. The donation was accepted for UC Davis by Mark S. Allen, who is a long-time supporter of the Institute and his son recently a patient.

The program concluded with the silent auction, raising \$4,175 for programs of the Chamber, including the Scholarship Fund for local, graduating high schoolers. Donations included autographed items by Bryce Mefford and Ian Book. Nearly \$3,000 was raised from the Chamber’s first virtual silent auction in March. “Celebrating accomplishments is especially important as we rebuild from the pandemic. Supporting our local businesses and organizations is vital to strengthening our regional economy, which is why we promote #KeepItLocal365,” shared Debbie Manning. The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization, founded in 1986 to serve and advocate for the local business community.

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