

2006 Success Celebration

On March 30, 2006 at 4:30pm the KU SBDC recognized fifteen regional entrepreneurs at the Success Celebration; held during the Kutztown University's Decision Makers Forum.

Thirteen entrepreneurs, who have worked with the KU SBDC, received Entrepreneurial Achievement Awards for succeeding in bringing their visions to life, innovatively carving out a competitive position in the marketplace, and creating sustained growth for their businesses. These winners were nominated by their KU SBDC consultants.

The award winners were:

David S Esh – Beanies of Lancaster, Lancaster, PA
Douglas Held and Joseph Bakanowski– DeLux Dental Laboratory, Inc., Reading, PA
Howard Atkins – Group Three Trading Company, Downingtown, PA
William Hanson – Hanson Technologies, Inc., Carlisle, PA
Colin A Bartlett – Kinetic Web Solutions, Limerick, PA
Daniel Mareck and Brad Bobbitt – LSM Technologies, Inc., Stewartstown, PA
Sarah Hetznecker and Gary Sheehan – Mesa Environmental Sciences, Inc., Malvern, PA
Peter M Toll – Ocean Blue Bar and Grille, Reading, PA
Richard Bashore – Reading Electric Motor Service, Inc., Reading, PA
David Williams – Sechan Electronics Inc., Lititz, PA
Randy S Haluck, MD – Verefi Technologies, Inc., Elizabethtown, PA
Scott Bentley – VideoRay, Phoenixville, PA
Ian Zagon – ZoeGenics, Hummelstown, PA

Other awards include the Partnership & Economic Development Award and the President's Award. This year the KU SBDC honored Dennis C Wolff, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, with the Partnership & Economic Development Award for fostering a partnership between the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and the KU SBDC and for promoting economic development in the commonwealth.

Roger J Schmidt, partner of E.J. Breneman, Inc. in Sinking Spring, received the President's Award. Schmidt was nominated by Dr. Javier Cevallos, Kutztown University's president for being a regional industry leader who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in four areas: growing a regional business, leading a business with integrity, providing leadership to regional economic development and civic organizations, and giving time and resources to further advance higher education in the region.

Many state and local government officials were in attendance to help recognize the award recipients. Special guests included the Regional Administrator of SBA's Philadelphia Region III, Stephanie A Watkins; Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Dennis C. Wolf; Deputy Secretary of Marketing and Economic Development, Cheryl L. Cook, Esq.; Associate Administrator for the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Office of Small Business Development Centers, Antonio Doss; Philadelphia District Director of U.S. Small Business Administration, David C. Dickson; and Deputy Secretary for Business Assistance Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, John M. Lori.