

Business

9 companies recognized with Copper Cactus award

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Wells Fargo presented its 11th annual Copper Cactus Awards Thursday at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa to honor nine local companies chosen from more than 535 nominees.

Three Eller College of Management students also were honored with scholarships, and the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce announced its Small-Business Leader of the Year.

The Copper Cactus Awards presentation is Southern Arizona's oldest and largest small-business recognition program, according to a statement released by Wells Fargo.

Bobby Rich of KMXZ-FM 94.9 and Chuck George of KOLD Channel 13 served as emcees before a crowd of almost 600 people.

Best place to work:

- 1 to 30 employees: Bodycentral Physical Therapy
- 31 to 75 employees: Pepper Viner Homes
- 76 to 250 employees: Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson

Business Growth:

- 1 to 30 employees: Pace Technologies
- 31 to 75 employees: Scientific Technologies Corp.
- 76 to 250 employees: AGM Container Controls Inc.

Community Service

- 1 to 30 employees: Film Creations Ltd.
- 31 to 75 employees: Mesch, Clark & Rothschild
- 76 to 250 employees: Beach, Fleischman & Co.

Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Small-Business Leader of the Year

Todd Hanley, Hotel Congress

In conjunction with the awards program, Wells Fargo awarded \$2,000 scholarships to three students who are studying business-related fields at the University of Arizona Eller College of Management:

Aleena Astorga

Khoi Vo

Joseph Altamirano

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