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Missouri Community Betterment Educational Fund, Inc.

CAMERON TOPS COMMUNITY BETTERMENT AWARDS October 24, 2016

Twenty-one communities and 10 community leaders were honored at the Missouri Community Betterment (MCB) conference in Columbia. The 53rd annual conference included speakers from the Missouri Department of Tourism, Missouri Department of Economic Development, USDA, and Regional Planning Commissions and had keynotes from Author and Syndicated Radio Host, Les Norman and Kevin Laue, the 1st player missing a limb to play NCAA Division 1 basketball. Missouri Community Betterment assists communities in their efforts to improve their quality of life through community and economic development efforts. Nearly 225 volunteers, community leaders and youth from across the state were in attendance.

The village of Cameron won the Gene Speichinger Community of the year award. This award recognizes the outstanding community amongst the 21 communities entered in this year's Awards program. MCB judges and Board members were impressed with their outstanding community involvement and how strategic planning was evident in all projects. Their projects had a wide impact on the community for its citizens of all ages.

"The Missouri Community Betterment Board congratulates all the volunteers from our communities all throughout the state," MCB President Brett Dinkins said. "These dedicated individuals and their collaborative community and economic development efforts continue to make Missouri's rural communities a place people want to call home."

The Monday evening Awards Banquet is an integral part of the MCB

program, which is administered by the Missouri Community Betterment Educational Fund. MCBEF is a not-for profit organization made up of businesses, public utilities, community representatives, federal and state agencies and individuals. From 2008-2016 MCB communities poured more than \$425,754,269 back into their local economies through their community development projects.

Following is a list of the community and individual award winners

Gene Speichinger Community of the Year Award Cameron

Community Awards

Category I

First Place: Mayview
Second Place: Galena
Third Place: Ladonia
Fourth Place: Allendale
Fifth Place: Annapolis

Category II

First Place: Albany
Second Place: Reeds Spring
Third Place: Mansfield
Fourth Place: Steelville
Fifth Place: Green City
Certificate of Merit: Lowry City

Category III

First Place: St. James
Second Place: Houston
Third Place: Louisiana
Fourth Place: Fayette
Fifth Place: Malden

Category IV

First Place: Cameron
Second Place: Perryville
Third Place: Lamar
Fourth Place: Salem
Fifth Place: Trenton

J.C. Smith Youth Group of the Year Award Steelville

Youth Groups

Category I

First Place: Galena
Second Place: Caledonia

Category II

First Place: Steelville
Second Place: Mansfield

Category III

First Place: Louisiana
Second Place: Houston

Category IV

First Place: Lamar
Second Place: Perryville

Youth Leadership Award

Blayre Messner - Albany
Makayla Koch - Houston
Noah Shaw - Lamar
Dawson Miller - Louisiana
Makayla Cahill - Salem

Adult Leadership Award

Jackie Allenbrand - Albany
Artie Howell - Annapolis
Barbara McDaniel - Lamar
Patricia Bolton - Louisiana
Alex Sellers - Salem

CONGRATULATIONS to All MCB Communities!

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