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Chamber Connection

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NEWSLETTER UNDERWRITTEN BY:



AWARDS CELEBRATION NOMINATIONS NEEDED

Nominate someone for our Annual Awards and help shine a spotlight on the businesses and individuals who make our community stronger, more vibrant, and deserving of recognition. Don't let their efforts go unnoticed! Nominations due March 13th.

Now Accepting Nominations

For The Chamber's Annual Awards Celebration

Every year, our Annual Awards Celebration shines a spotlight on the people, businesses, and organizations that make Rochester an exceptional place to live, work, and do business.

We need your help!

We are currently accepting nominations for the Chamber's Annual Awards of: Business of the Year, Nonprofit of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Educator of the Year.

Don't let the members of our incredible community go unnoticed! Nominations are due March 13th, 2026.

Visit rochesternh.org/business-non-profit-citizen-of-the-year-awards/ or scan the QR code to submit a nomination



PHOTOS BY:



Our Mission: To advance and promote the prosperity of its members and enhance the quality of life in the greater Rochester area

MEMBERSHIP

Benefits

Put Your Business in the Spotlight

Advertising Opportunities in 2026

Member E-Blast Rates: \$150/month; \$375/3 months; \$600/6 months; \$900/year. \$75/month for nonprofits.

Newsletter Inserts: \$100/month; \$75/month for nonprofits

Newsletter Ad: \$75

Enhanced Web Listing: \$100/year

Scholarship Champion: \$100-\$1,000+

Sponsorship Opportunities in 2026

Various levels of sponsorship are available for various events and publications that take place throughout the year. Contact Chamber staff to see how you can make your business stand out.

Please see our [Promotional Opportunities Guide](#).

Log in to Your Secure Member Portal Today!

LOG IN

Log in to your [Member Portal](#) where you can submit your business' events, news releases, register for events, access resources and more!

Member Benefit Spotlight Scholarship Program



Member employees and children of those employees at a member business are eligible to apply for a \$500+ scholarship that is awarded in a student's second year of attendance at a full-time college, university, or technical school. Find more information [here](#).

Next Session: Monday, March 9

GREATER ROCHESTER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber 101

Designed for new and seasoned members, to learn about getting the most out of Chamber membership.

Considering a membership? Then Chamber 101 is for you too!

Chamber 101 sponsored by:
Mass General Brigham
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital

Offer a Member-to-Member Deal

As a Chamber Member, you can both offer and receive exclusive Member-to-Member deals. Promote your business by offering a special discount, free service or product, BOGO deal, or other promotions available only to fellow Chamber Members.

Create your deal(s) anytime through your Member Portal. Chamber staff will review and approve it, and contact you if they have any questions.

Ready to save? Explore current offers on the Chamber website under "News and Discounts". Be sure to check regularly for new deals!

Have Job Openings?

Post your Job Vacancies on the Chamber Website at No Charge!

Submit postings through your Member Portal or contact Chamber staff:
Memberservices@rochesternh.org

Chamber Information Center

MEMBERS:

Bring in your brochures and business cards to display at the Chamber!





UPCOMING Events

FASTEST LABS RIBBON CUTTING


 Invites you to join us for a
RIBBON CUTTING
 March 12, 2026
 11:30AM

FASTEST LABS
 CLEAN FAST TESTING
 120 Washington Street, Suite 103
 Rochester, NH

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS



Thursday, March 5, 2026
5:30 to 7:00 pm
 HOSTED BY
R.W. Creteau Technology Center at Spaulding High School
REGISTER TO ATTEND:
rochesternh.org/marchbah

BUSINESS SHOWCASE



You're Invited To The
2026 BUSINESS SHOWCASE
GROW YOUR BUSINESS, BUILD CONNECTIONS, GENERATE EMPLOYMENT LEADS, AND REACH NEW CUSTOMERS!
April 1st, 2026
 4:00-6:00PM
James W. Foley Memorial Community Center
 150 Wakefield St Rochester, NH 03867
 Register as an attendee or business by visiting our website or scanning the QR code below
rochesternh.org/showcase
 Register here for a chance to win one of our generous door raffle prizes!
 Questions? Give us a call! 603-332-5080
 Visit our website to learn more! rochesternh.org

ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

UNDERWRITTEN BY:  
A NIGHT TO SHINE
2026 Annual Awards Celebration
 Bring Your Bling & Join the Chamber in celebrating the 2026 Awards Recipients:
 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR + NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR
 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR + EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR
 5:30-9:00 PM | **WEDNESDAY MAY 20th** | \$95 PER PERSON
 The Oaks Grandview
 100 Hide-Away Place, Somersworth
 Presented By: 
 RSVP BY MAY 15th, 2026
 Visit our website or scan the QR code rochesternh.org/awardscelebration





Invite you to attend The
2026 Legislative Reception
Monday, March 30th 2026 5:00-7:00PM
 Frisbie Memorial Hospital Community Education & Conference Center
 11 Whitehall Road, Rochester, NH 05867
 Network with state, county, and local officials representing Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth at an informal Legislative Reception.
 Complimentary beverages and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.
 Registration is free, but required to attend.
 Register online at rochesternh.org/legislativereception or scan the QR code below.
 Questions? Contact your chamber or email the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce at memberservices@rochesternh.org.
 Underwritten By: **EVERSOURCE**
 Scan here to register

MEMBERSHIP

Update

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THE AI OPERATORS

John OBrien

Phone: (603) 944-7214

Web: aio-us.com



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY AUTISM SERVICES

Rachel Staudenmayer

245 Rochester Hill Road
Rochester, NH 03867

Phone: (877) 900-6497

Web: thestepingstonesgroup.com/parents



REAL ESTATE

KELLER WILLIAMS COASTAL LAKES & MOUNTAINS REALTY

Julia Libby

750 Lafayette Road, Suite 201
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Phone: (603) 948-0312

Web: linktr.ee/julialibby



Congratulations!

Member Anniversary Recognitions

The Chamber wishes to recognize and thank members that have 5, 10, 20 or 25 years of Chamber membership this month!

15 YEARS
Allstar Electric, Inc.

10 YEARS
Rochester Toyota

5 YEARS
Grondin Funeral Home
Sunwater Pet Resort & Spa

MEMBER RENEWALS



Basement Improvements LLC

Breezeline

Church of God of Rochester

Community Partners

Hope on Haven Hill

Index Packaging, Inc.

Lilac Property Management and Realty

MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank)

New Hampshire Farm Museum

Norman Vetter, Inc.

Profile Bank

Qualified Mike's Home Repair, LLC

RCB Construction Company

ReMax Home Connection

Revival Day of Hope

Rochester Country Club

Rochester Manor, Genesis HealthCare

Seacoast SCORE

SHARE Fund

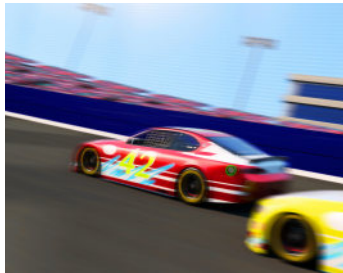
Spaulding Composites, Inc.

The Farmer's Kitchen

Yankee Electric & Co. LLC

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

in February, our Annual Awards Celebration, Chamber Raffle, Holiday Parade and Golf Tournament event committees met. Everyone came with great ideas and great energy - we are always working to improve our events and make each year the best one yet. We chose themes, went over menus, and reviewed budgets.



INTERESTED IN JOINING A COMMITTEE?

We would love to have you! Commitments include attending a few committee meetings throughout the year and assisting day of at the event. There is also opportunity for sponsor outreach, decor creation, logistical assistance and more. If you are creative, organized, want to get your name and business out there, or just love being part of your community - our event committees are for you. Contact us to get involved!

AMBASSADORS CORNER

The Ambassador Program is Sponsored By



We Are Pleased to Announce Our 2026 Chamber Ambassadors!

Kristen Bournival

Raiche & Company CPAs

Mary Henderson

Bank of New Hampshire

Jillian Pierce

Fresh Sprout Consulting

Michael Stevens

Ace Handyman Services—Seacoast



Chamber Ambassadors are Chamber members who volunteer their time to assist the Chamber with membership retention efforts and in exchange receive an elevated member experience that offers more opportunities to network and more visibility for their business.

Thank you, Ambassadors!

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL

MISSION:

The mission of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce Governmental Affairs Council is to represent, monitor and advocate members' concerns to local, regional, state and federal governmental organizations, on issues that affect the economic well-being and quality of life in the greater Rochester area.

COMMITTEE MEETING TIMES:

Governmental Affairs Council meetings are held on dates and times as determined by the committee.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

The Governmental Affairs Council strives to bring in quality speakers from various industries throughout the year. If you are interested in speaking at a future meeting, please contact the Chamber: 603-332-5080

MEMBERS

News

If you've got news or updates for your Chamber member company or organization, let us help you get the word out!

Submit your news to: memberservices@rochesternh.org

603 Technology Solutions, LLC: The New Hampshire Small Business Development Center has showcased 603 Technology Solutions Founder, Shane Pouliot, as their latest success story! Access the article [here](#).

Bank of New Hampshire invites you to elevate your earnings with a CD Special at BNH—Open online now or schedule an appointment. Call 800.832.0912 or visit <https://bnh.bank>.

Children's Museum of NH - Upcoming Events:

Wee Ones Wednesdays - Wednesdays, March 4-25, 9:15AM - 10:00AM

Silly Skit Studio - Thursdays, March 5-26, 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Family Light Night - Saturday, March 7, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Visit childrens-museum.org.

Cinco's Cantina: News and Upcoming Events:

Fiesta Fundraisers—

3/3 Lamprey River Elementary School PTO

3/10 Marshwood Little Hawks Wrestling

3/17 Pope Memorial

3/24 Krempels Brain Injury Center

3/31 Roger Allen Rocket Baseball

Visit: cincoscantina.com

Colliers is pleased to announce the retirement of Principal and Shareholder David Choate after 35-year career. Visit: colliers.com

Cornerstone VNA proudly recognizes and celebrates the remarkable 36 years of volunteer service of Stella Marcotte, a longtime resident of Rochester, NH. Over the course of those 36 years, Stella became one of Cornerstone VNA's many healthcare heroes, quietly and cheerfully working behind the scenes to support both office and field staff. Visit: cornerstonevna.org

Easterseals New Hampshire: Following nearly 30 years of service in the US Army, NH National Guard, and as national director for military counseling services, Ana McKenna has been named Interim Director of Easterseals NH Military & Veterans Campus in Franklin. Visit: eastersealsnh.org

Greater Seacoast Community Health celebrates Elynn Schreiber, LCMHC, as she has earned the 2026 Award of Excellence from the New Hampshire Association for Infant Mental Health (NHAIMH). Visit: getcommunityhealth.org

Heartbeep Marketing NH: LiFi Inc. has announced a formal strategic partnership with Life In Focus, marking an official alignment designed to strengthen both organizations while preserving the creative identity and client relationships that have made each successful. Visit: heartbeepmarketingnh.com

Leone, McDonnell & Roberts, Professional Association (LMR) is pleased to announce the addition of three new team members: Jalyn Pearl, Janie Donahue, and Nathaniel Barber. Their diverse backgrounds and talents further strengthen the firm's commitment to delivering exceptional service to clients across the region. Visit: lmrpa.com

LifeBalance Counseling Coaching and Wellness: Kerry Fitzpatrick brings over 25 years of experience supporting youth, families, and individuals through life's most challenging transitions. Her work blends clinical expertise, coaching insight, and genuine care to create a calm, supportive space for meaningful growth. To learn more or schedule an appointment, visit: lifebalancecoachingnh.com

Monarch School of New England will be hosting their 8th Annual Golf Tournament on May 21st at the Rochester Country Club. Visit: monarchschoole.org.

MVSB (Meredith Village Savings Bank) is pleased to welcome Lauren Young as Vice President, Residential Mortgage Sales NMLS# 1890212. Visit mvsb.com.

Neuropsychology & Concussion Management Associates, LLC: Jamie Evans, LCMHC, is accepting new patients for therapy and executive function coaching sessions Telehealth and in office sessions are available. Visit: ncmamaine.com

New York Life Insurance: "Life in Business" seminar, Thursday, March 5th at 11:30 AM. Hosted at MB2 Restore at 933 Islington St., Portsmouth, NH and presented by Lawrence Laryea, this workshop will discuss business planning strategies designed specifically for entrepreneurs like you — to address the sustainability of your business, your ability to retire comfortably, and the financial security of your family. Visit: newyorklife.com

Palmer Gas & Oil has earned its 10th consecutive Best Of Business Award - Best Fuel Provider, as recognized by NH Business Review's 2026 BOB Awards. Visit: palmergas.com

Rochester Opera House — Upcoming Shows:

Musical Murder Mystery - January 23-March 14

The Lightning Thief—February 26-March 8

Teen Rock Show - March 27

Feud Gone Wild - March 28

To buy tickets please call (603) 335-1992, stop by Stage Door for tickets and more at 1 Wakefield St. Rochester, NH or visit: rochesteroperahouse.com.

Rochester Recreation & Arena: This spring, we're planning lots of opportunities for fun and fitness for people of all ages! View the full program guide here: SpringPrograms2026

Seacoast SCORE offers free online business training on a variety of small business topics. Click to register for the online workshops. Visit score.org.

Sole City Dance: Upcoming Events:

Treasure Island - April 3 at 7:00 pm, April 4 at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Dance Northeast 2026 - March 7-8

Visit: solecitydance.org

Spaulding High School FBLA is accepting food drive donations from November 1st through March. Drop off all donations at the Main or TECH office at the front of Spaulding High School. Donations are accepted during school hours, 7:30am to 2:15pm.

Any questions can be directed to Rusty Keefe and Krystle Beaulieu:

rustykeefefbla@gmail.com, beaulieu.kesau54.org.

Victims Inc. is the host and beneficiary of Granite State Bingo every Saturday Night. Bingo is hosted at the Lilac Club Casino at 7 Milton Road in Rochester, NH. Opening at 4pm, a warm up game is held at 6pm, with regular games at 6:30pm.

Visit victimsinc.org.

Vouchers for Veterans: Displayed on the Rochester Common over Memorial Day weekend will be a stirring and unforgettable tribute to the heroism of the men and women who have served in the armed forces. For more information and to dedicate a flag, visit vouchersforveterans.org.

Waste Management is now hiring CDL Truck Drivers & Heavy Equipment Mechanics. Visit: wm.com/careers

WorkReadyNH: Have you been wanting to...

Find a new job? Take classes at Great Bay Community College? Learn new skills? Upgrade the skills you have? Join for an information session March 4th at 3:30PM.

Visit ccsnh.edu/workreadynh.

If you've got news or updates for your Chamber member company or organization, let us help you get the word out! Submit your news to: memberservices@rochesternh.org.



CHAMBER *Happenings*

TRI-CHAMBER BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The Dover, Somersworth, and Greater Rochester Chambers had an incredible night partnering with Blue Dolphin Screenprint & Embroidery!



ANNUAL MEETING BREAKFAST

Thank you to all who attended! We had a great breakfast and left feeling inspired. Looking forward to all the growth 2026 has to bring.



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2025 ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION RECIPIENTS



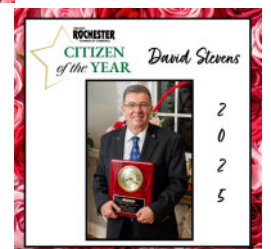
Business of the Year
Daystar

Nonprofit of the Year
New Hampshire Farm Museum



Educator of the Year
Davita Fortier

Citizen of the Year
David Stevens



CHAMBER Calendar

MARCH | 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Business After Hours 5:00-7:00 PM	6	7
8	9 Chamber 101 4:00 PM	10 Annual Awards Committee 8:00AM	11	12 Ribbon Cutting Fastest Labs 11:30AM	13 Awards Nominations Due	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Ambassadors 4:00PM	20 Governmental Affairs Committee 8:00AM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Board of Directors 7:30AM	28
29	30 Tri-Chamber Legislative Reception 5:00-7:00PM	31				

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL:
Business Showcase, April 1st

MAY:
Annual Awards Celebration, May 20th

JUNE:
Business After Hours, June 4th

2026 CHAMBER LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board:
Caitlyn Turgeon
HBL Insurance

Chair-Elect:
Mary Henderson
Bank of New Hampshire

Vice Chair, Governmental Affairs:
Mark Farrell

Vice Chair, Events & Fund Raisers:
Dr. Deepa Reddy
Deepa Reddy, DMD, PLLC

Vice Chair, Membership:
Kendall Spewock
Admiral Property Management & Sales

Treasurer:
Ellen Miller
Frisbie Memorial Hospital/
HCA Healthcare

Immediate Past Chairman:
Kerrie Landry
Living Innovations

DIRECTORS

Tammy Adams
Great Bay Facility Maintenance, Inc.

Kristen Bournival
Raiche & Company CPAs

Alan Brown
Newburyport Bank

Anne Brown
Daystar - Your Technology Partner

Brian Dickie
Eversource

Lauren Jerr
Spaulding High School

Scott Littlefield
Profile Bank

Carl Potvin
Law Office of Carl W. Potvin, P.C.

Michael Scala
City of Rochester
Economic Development

Cheryl Thompson
First Seacoast Bank

Jennifer Ufkin
Cornerstone VNA

Laura Vrettos
The Home Depot

Sue Willson
Potter's House Bakery & Café

CHAMBER STAFF

Tanya Hervey
President/CEO

Abigail Gilbert
Business Development Specialist

Taylor Blackden
Events & Communications Specialist



**GREATER
ROCHESTER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**LET'S STAY
Connected**

We are here for you! Stop by our office Monday-Friday from 9-5 to say hello, ask a question, or drop off a flyer. We want to stay updated on what's happening with you & your business!



603-332-5216



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[facebook.com/RochesterChamber/](https://www.facebook.com/RochesterChamber/)



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

SUBMIT YOUR BUSINESS FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!

SUBMIT YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR OR NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

These two prestigious awards will be announced and presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet.

The Business of the Year award recognizes a Chamber member business in good standing that has demonstrated excellence in their business and has made substantial contributions to its industry and the Rochester area.

The Non-Profit of the Year award recognizes an organization that has made a sustainable impact in the Rochester community.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
March 13, 2026

QUALIFICATIONS FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

1. Business in an active company.
2. Demonstrates excellence in the business community and industry.
3. Participates in and provides support to the general benefit of the Chamber of Commerce, business community and greater Rochester area.
4. Contributes to the community, beyond business interests and Chamber of Commerce activities will be considered.
5. Business is member in good standing of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce.
6. Services need not be confined to a single year, but should be have current significance.
7. Prior winners are ineligible.
8. This award will not be given posthumously.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Please complete and attach form as the nomination cover page along with a separate sheet detailing the explanation of distinguished activities for why the nomination is being submitted. Supporting documentation is required to support your nomination to include:

- * Company/organization business description or mission.
- * Impact/contributions to industry/community.
- * Involvement in the community.
- * Awards/honors received.
- * 3 Letters of recommendation.
- *Nominations without detailed information may not be considered.

If a candidate is not selected this year, the nomination will be automatically resubmitted for the next two years.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Business Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Years in Business _____ # of Employees _____ # of Locations _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

NOMINATOR (SUBMITTING NOMINATION):

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Date _____

Submit to:

Awards Selection Committee, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, 18 South Main St., Rochester, NH 03867
 Email: president@rochesternh.org

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR NOMINATION



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DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
March 13, 2026

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR

1. Non-profit in an active organization.
2. Demonstrates excellence in the community and in organization.
3. Has provided a significant impact to benefit of the Rochester community.
4. Organization is a member in good standing of Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce.
5. Services need not be confined to a single year, but should be recent enough to have current significance.
6. Prior winners are ineligible.
7. This award will not be given posthumously.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Please complete the form and attach it as the nomination cover page along with a separate sheet detailing the explanation of distinguished activities for why the nomination is being submitted. Supporting documentation is required to support your nomination to include:

- * Organization business description or mission.
- * Impact/contributions to industry/community.
- * 3 Letters of recommendation.
- * Involvement in the community.
- * Awards/honors received.
- * Nominations without detailed information may not be considered.

If a candidate is not selected this year, the nomination will be automatically resubmitted for the next two years.

NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Organization Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Years in Business _____ # of Employees _____ # of Volunteers _____ # of Locations _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

NOMINATOR (SUBMITTING NOMINATION):

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Date _____

Submit to:

Awards Selection Committee, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
18 South Main St., Rochester, NH 03867
Email: president@rochesternh.org

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINATION



**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
NOMINATIONS:**

March 13, 2026

The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce is pleased to be presenting its 61st annual

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This prestigious award will be presented at the Chamber's Dinner & Awards Banquet. This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated excellent leadership and citizenship in the community and has made substantial contributions to the betterment of the Greater Rochester area.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

1. Adult resident of Rochester/northern Strafford County and activities should be in the same area..
2. Contributed to the general benefit of the community as a whole.
3. Demonstrates excellence in the community, for instance in civic affairs, church, PTA, etc.
4. Some activities performed should be over and above the normal duties of one's paid or salaried position; activities performed in the course of one's normal duties are also considered.
5. Services need not be confined to only current activities, but should be recent enough to have current significance.
6. Prior winners are ineligible.
7. Individuals nominated do not have to be members of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce or the business community. Individuals from all walks of life are encouraged.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Complete the form and attach it as the nomination cover page along with a separate sheet detailing the explanation of distinguished activities for why the nomination is submitted.

Letters of recommendations are encouraged to accompany nomination.

Nominations without detailed information may not be considered.

If a candidate is not selected this year, the nomination will be automatically resubmitted for the next three years.

All nominations are kept confidential. Please DO NOT notify this individual of the nomination. We will contact you to contact others should your nomination be selected.

PAST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS

1963 - Judge Leonard Hardwick	1983 - Jan Nelson	2004 – Charles G. Ward
1964 - Elery "Doc" Lyndes (Courier Publishing)	1984 - Bea Craig	2005 – Robert "Cider" Berry
1965 - Herve Lagasse	1985 - Victor Hamel	2006 – R. Bradley Trafton
1966 - Kenneth Denton (J. Zuromskis - Honored)	1986 - Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rose	2007—Fred Hall, Jr.
1967 - Vi Bliskey	1987 - Bernice Bickford	2008—Frank Callaghan
1968 - Dr. Albert Barcomb	1988 - Alfred Benton	2009— Gerard "Gerry" Gilbert
1969 - James Foss (General Conrad Snow - Honored)	1989 - Cynthia Edgerly (Roger N. Allen - Honored)	2010—Linda Gaskell Bisson
1970 - Albert Miltner	1990 - Vincent J. DeNobile	2011—Ken Billings
1971 - Kennett R. Kendall, Sr.	1991 - Dorothy Callaghan	2012—Kenn Ortmann
1972 - Joseph Zuromskis	1992 - Richard W. Creteau (Posthumously)	2013—Gerard Gravel
1973 - Dr. Alexander Smith	1993 - Marilyn R. Berry	2014—Gerald & Claire Bisailion
1974 - Roland Keans	1994 - Harvey Bernier	2015—Jane Cooper Fall
1975 - Gerry Rainville	1995 - Roland Roberge (Posthumously)	2016– Derek Peters
1976 - Mayor John Shaw (refused award)	1996 - Robert "Bob" Brown	2017—Walter Hoerman, MD
1977 - Helen Berry	1997 - Daniel Lacroix	2018—Hoagy Higgins
1978 - Judge Richard Cooper	1998 – Terry McGarghan	2019—Patricia Rainboth
1979 - Arnold T. Clement	1999 – Kevin Flynn	2020—Lisa Stanley
1980 - Bud Carlson	2000 – Marion Veno	2021—Jeanne Grover and Alicia Frye
1981 - Elmer R. Waitt	2001 – Janet Pelley	2022—Kathleen H. Sessler
1982 - Fr. Donald Marsh	2002 – Steven B. Dore	2023—Jackie Fitzpatrick
	2003 – John Rigazio	2024—Mary Henderson
		2025—David Stevens

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR NOMINATION



**CONFIDENTIAL NOMINATION OF THE
2026 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

NOMINEE:

Full Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

NOMINATOR (INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION SUBMITTING NOMINATION):

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NOMINEE:

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF NOMINEE:

Signature of Individual Submitting Nomination

Date

Nomination form and attached documentation must be submitted by **March 13, 2026** to:

Awards Committee
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
18 South Main Street, Rochester, NH 03867
president@rochesternh.org
Phone: (603) 332-5080 Fax: (603) 332-5216



NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

NOMINATE AN EDUCATOR FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!

QUALIFICATIONS FOR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Attributes:

1. A genuine love for teaching and a passion for education should shine through in the educator's work and interactions with students.
2. Ability to adapt their teaching methods to meet the diverse needs of their students and create a supportive and inclusive classroom environment.
3. Demonstrate creativity and innovation in their teaching methods to enhance the learning experience
4. A commitment to professional development and continuous improvement in their own knowledge and teaching methods
5. Strong communication skills, both with students and families, are vital for building positive relationships and fostering a collaborative learning environment.
6. Involvement in the community, school, or extracurricular activities that support the educational mission.
7. Services need not be confined to a single year, but have current significance.
8. Prior winners are ineligible.
9. This award will not be given posthumously.

SUBMIT A NOMINATION FOR EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

This prestigious award will be announced and presented at the Chamber's Annual Dinner & Awards Banquet.

The Educator of the Year award recognizes a local educator that has demonstrated excellence in their profession and has made substantial contributions to its students and community.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS
March 13, 2026

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Please complete and attach form as the nomination cover page along with a separate sheet detailing the explanation of distinguished activities, based on attributes listed above, and why the nomination is being submitted. Supporting documentation **is required** to support your nomination to include:

- * Educator/School
- * Involvement in the community.
- * 3 Letters of recommendation.
- * Impact/contributions to students/community.
- * Awards/honors received.
- * Outstanding leadership, commitment and collaborative efforts.

Nominations without detailed information may not be considered.

If a candidate is not selected this year, the nomination will be automatically resubmitted for the next two years.

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINEE

Educator Name _____
 School _____ Title _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 # of Years as Educator _____

NOMINATOR (SUBMITTING NOMINATION):

Name _____ Phone _____
 Email _____ Date _____

Submit all items in one PDF to:

Awards Selection Committee, Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, 18 South Main St., Rochester, NH 03867
 Email: president@rochesternh.org



2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION/ ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship(s) will be offered to a graduating high school student.
2. Student must be employed by or have a parent employed by a Chamber member company for a minimum of six months to be eligible to apply.
3. The applicant must be planning to attend a full-time college, university, technical, or trade school with the scholarship being made payable in the second year of enrollment.
4. The applicant must attach a High School Transcript including grade point average (GPA).
5. Applicant must attach a letter of recommendation.
6. Application must be completed in full to be considered.
7. Additional sheet with information may be attached.

CRITERIA EVALUATION

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points Earned</u>
1. Involvement in School Activities	20
2. Involvement in Community Activities	25
3. Work Experience	25
4. Scholastic Achievement	20
5. Career Plans	10

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE:

MARCH 27, 2026

Student Information

Student's Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____

Educational Information

High School Attending: _____

GPA: _____

NOTE: Official High School Transcript MUST be attached for consideration

Letter of Recommendation must also be attached.

College Information

College Major Being Pursued _____

College Attending _____

Estimated College Expenses

Tuition	\$ _____	Room & Board	\$ _____	Fees	\$ _____
Commuter Travel	\$ _____	Books & Supplies	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____

Chamber Member Information

Chamber Member Company Where Student/Parent is Employed _____

Name of Employee at Chamber Member Company _____

Employee's Relationship to Student _____

I certify that the above applicant is an **employee** or **son/daughter** (circle one) of the employee

indicated above at _____ (Chamber member company)

Chamber Member Representative

Date



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Career Plans (please indicate your plans after college) Attach separate sheet if necessary

School Activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Role & Responsibility</u>

Community Activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Role & Responsibility</u>

Work Experience

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Role & Responsibility</u>	<u>Hours/Week</u>

Student/Parent Signature

The signature below will attest to the accurateness of the information provided and grants permission to the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce to make this information available to the Scholarship Committee.

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Complete and Return to:

Scholarship Committee
Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
18 South Main Street, Rochester, NH 03867
Phone: (603) 332-5080 Fax: (603) 332-5216
Email: president@rochesternh.org



BE A GREATER ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP CHAMPION FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS BY FUNDING THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce is pleased to offer its members the opportunity to be named a **Chamber Scholarship Champion**. Your donation will benefit the Scholarship Fund that enables the Chamber to provide scholarships to several graduating seniors who are employees of a Chamber member or the child of an employee of a Chamber member business or organization, to help toward their college, university, technical, or trade school expenses. See the funding levels provided below.

\$1,000+

- Company/Organization logo prominently displayed on Chamber website
- Individual social media shout-out
- Company/Organization logo in Chamber newsletter
- Company/Organization name included in press release
- Company/Organization logo on E-blast
- Company/Organization thanked at Scholarship Ceremony
- Personal letter from your company/organization included with scholarship recipient's award letter

\$500

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\$100

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YES, please sign up my business to become a Chamber Scholarship Champion!

\$1,000 \$500 \$100 Payment Enclosed Invoice Me

Company Name _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

E-Mail: _____

RETURN FORM TO:

Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce
18 South Main Street Rochester, NH 03867

Phone: 603-332-5080 / Fax: 603-332-5216 / Email: memberservices@rochesternh.org

The Tri-Chambers of Commerce



Invite you to attend The

2026 Legislative Reception

Monday, March 30th 2026 5:00-7:00PM

Frisbie Memorial Hospital Community Education & Conference Center
11 Whitehall Road, Rochester, NH 03867



Network with state, county, and local officials representing Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth at an informal Legislative Reception.

Complimentary beverages and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.

Registration is free, but required to attend.

Register online at rochesternh.org/legislativereception or scan the QR code below.

Questions? Contact your chamber or email the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce at memberservices@rochesternh.org.

Underwritten By:

EVERSOURCE



*Scan here
to register*

You're Invited To The

2026 BUSINESS SHOWCASE



**GROW YOUR BUSINESS, BUILD CONNECTIONS, GENERATE
EMPLOYMENT LEADS, AND REACH NEW CUSTOMERS!**



April 1st, 2026
4:00-6:00PM



**James W. Foley Memorial
Community Center**
150 Wakefield St Rochester, NH 03867

Register as an attendee or business by visiting our website
or by scanning the QR code below

rochesternh.org/showcase

Register here for a
chance to win one of
our generous
door raffle prizes!



Questions? Give us a call!
603-332-5080



Visit our website to learn more!
rochesternh.org





WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST
3:00 PM: EXCLUSIVE BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENT
4:00-6:00PM: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

JAMES W. FOLEY MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER
150 WAKEFIELD ST., ROCHESTER NH 03867

2026 BUSINESS SHOWCASE PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION

- Please sign my business up as a 2026 Business Showcase Participant for \$100
The Chamber will provide a table. Participants are encouraged to bring their own branded tablecloth and branded swag items to hand out to attendees. Instructions and information will be provided to all participants prior to event day. All participants will be listed in the event program. *Participation is at no charge for Corporate, Program, and Event Sponsors.*

BUSINESS NAME: _____

INDUSTRY TYPE: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

INVOICE ME **PAYMENT ENCLOSED**

PLEASE INDICATE THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

WILL YOU NEED A TABLECLOTH?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
WILL YOU NEED ELECTRICITY (WE WILL DO OUR BEST BUT CANNOT GAURANTEE!)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
ARE YOU HIRING?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Is your company or organization interested in additional promotional opportunities as a sponsor of this event? Most sponsor levels include the participant table fee.

YES, PLEASE SEND ME INFO! **NO, NOT AT THIS TIME.**

Would your company or organization like to donate a door prize item to the event raffles? In exchange for your donation, your company or organization will receive promotion at the event during the raffle drawing. Chamber staff will contact you for details if item details below are left blank.

YES, LET'S DO IT! **NO THANKS!**

ITEM(S): _____ **VALUE OF ITEM(S):** _____

- I will conduct a raffle prize of my own. This will require me to collect tickets, draw winners, and contact them myself.**
- I am a member restaurant that would like to showcase our food. The Chamber will provide member restaurants providing food with a free booth space to showcase their menu and food items, and promotion in exchange for providing 1-2 food items for approximately 300 attendees from 4:00-6:00PM.**

BE A SHOWCASE STAR!

Review the suggestions below for items to bring to the event that will help get you noticed.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING

- Branded tablecloth
- Banner (vertical, free-standing banners work best)
- Brochures & Flyers
- Business Cards
- Branded Swag
- Raffle items (if conducting raffles at your table)
 - Prize(s)
 - Sign for table announcing the raffle
 - Container to collect business cards and/or names

IF YOUR COMPANY IS HIRING, BRING:

- Application forms
- Clipboards
- Pens
- Descriptions of future/current job openings
- Contact person's business card

**MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING DAY OF INSTRUCTIONS,
WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU PRIOR TO THE EVENT**

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:
Email: events@rochesternh.gov Fax: 603-332-5216**

**Or, stop by our office!
18 South Main St
Rochester, NH 03867
603-332-5080**

**PREFER TO REGISTER ONLINE? VISIT THE LINK BELOW OR SCAN OUR QR CODE.
Rochesternh.org/showcase**



**2026 BUSINESS
SHOWCASE**

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**GREATER
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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150 WAKEFIELD ST., ROCHESTER NH 03867

PROMOTIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Sponsors of the 2026 Business Showcase will receive recognition on the following promotion; see the various levels below for additional benefits:

Business logo or name in event programs, business logo or name included in publicity on social media and website, business logo with backlink or name included in several e-blasts to members promoting the event, business logo or name on PowerPoint presentation displayed at event, and recognition in the official "Thank You" flyer in the Chamber Newsletter.

Please Note: *Instructions and information will be provided to all participants prior to event day. All completed forms can be returned via email at events@rochesternh.org.*

Please sign my business up as a sponsor as indicated below with a

CORPORATE SPONSOR \$1000

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- **Prime** table space at the event (no participant charge)
- Logo *prominently* displayed on event signage
- Logo *prominently* displayed in event program

PROGRAM SPONSOR \$600

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- *Full page ad* on the back of all event programs
- Logo displayed on event signage
- Table at event (no participant charge)

EVENT SPONSOR \$500

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Logo displayed on event programs
- Table at event (no participant charge)

TABLE SPONSOR \$200

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Logo displayed in event programs

PARTICIPANT \$100

- Bring your own branded tablecloth and swag - the chamber will provide a table. All participants will be listed in the event program.

BUSINESS NAME: _____ **CONTACT NAME:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

INVOICE ME

PAYMENT ENCLOSED

I would like to donate a door prize item to the event raffles in exchange for promotion. Chamber staff will contact you for details if left blank.

ITEM(S): _____

**VALUE OF
ITEM(S):** _____

UNDERWRITTEN BY:



breezeline™



A NIGHT TO SHINE

2026 Annual Awards Celebration



Bring Your Bling & Join the Chamber

in celebrating the 2026 Awards Recipients:

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR ♦ NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR ♦ EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

5:30–
9:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 20TH**

\$95
PER
PERSON

The Oaks Grandview
100 Hide-Away Place, Somersworth



RSVP BY MAY 15TH, 2026

Visit our website or scan the QR code
rochesternh.org/awardscelebration

GREATER
ROCHESTER
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



2026 ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

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A NIGHT TO SHINE: 2026 ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION
WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH
5:30-9:00PM

THE OAKS GRANDVIEW
100, HIDE-AWAY PLACE SOMERSWORTH, NH 03878

Bring Your Sling!

PROMOTIONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Sponsors of the 2026 Annual Awards Celebration will receive recognition on the following promotion; see the various levels below for additional benefits:

- Business logo or name in event invitations sent to thousands
 - Business logo or name in event programs
- Business name included in publicity on social media and website
- Business logo/backlink or name included in several e-blasts to members promoting the event
 - Business logo or name on PowerPoint presentation displayed at the event
 - Business name announced to attendees at the event
- Recognition in the official "Thank You" flyer in the Chamber newsletter

Please Note:

If the sponsorship level you want is unavailable, we will contact you with an alternative.

Please sign my business up as a sponsor as indicated below with a

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$2000

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- 2 tickets to the event
- Business name in press release(s)
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage
- Banner displayed at event

RAFFLE PRIZE SPONSOR \$2000

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- 2 tickets to the event
- Business name in press release(s)
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage
- Banner displayed at event

CORPORATE SPONSOR \$1200

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- 2 tickets to the event
- Business name in press release(s)
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

VIDEO SPONSOR \$1200

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business logo displayed on the recipients video
- Business logo displayed on the event video

SOCIAL PERIOD SPONSOR (SOL SPONSORSHIP) \$750

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Banner displayed at event
- Business name in press release(s)
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

AWARDS SPONSOR (4 AVAILABLE) \$600

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business name in press release(s)
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

PROGRAM SPONSOR (SOL SPONSORSHIP) \$600

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Your add on the back cover of the event program
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR \$500

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

REGISTRATION SPONSOR (SOL SPONSORSHIP) \$600

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage
- Sign with logo on registration table

TECHNOLOGY SPONSOR (SOL SPONSORSHIP) \$600

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

DINNER SPONSORS \$400

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business logo prominently displayed on event signage

DECORATION/CENTERPIECE SPONSOR \$300-\$500

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business logo displayed on event signage (upgrade to a prominent logo for \$500)

TABLE SPONSORS \$100

- All promotional items listed above, **PLUS:**
- Business name displayed on table
- Business name displayed on event signage

BUSINESS NAME: _____ **CONTACT NAME:** _____**PHONE:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____**INVOICE ME****PAYMENT ENCLOSED**

I would like to donate a door prize item to the event raffles valued at \$100 or more in exchange for promotion.

We will drop off the item at the chamber

Please pickup item (Rochester only)

ITEM(S): _____**VALUE OF
ITEM(S):** _____**Please complete and return form or email us at events@rochesternh.org to confirm your sponsorship.**