

Finalists named for 2008 Copper Cactus Awards

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Thirty-eight Tucson-area businesses have been named finalists for the 2008 Wells Fargo Copper Cactus Awards.

The awards program — billed as the region's oldest and largest small-business recognition event — is in its 11th year.

Wells Fargo received 535 nominations this year, Larry Finuf, regional president for Wells Fargo in Southern Arizona, said in a statement. The awards will be announced Oct. 2 at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa.

The event is open to the public, and tickets can be purchased at www.coppercactusawards.com.

Winners are honored in three categories: Business Growth, Community Service and Best Place to Work. To qualify, a business must have 250 or fewer employees and be locally owned and operated, profitable and in operation more than two years.

Additionally, in partnership with the Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, an award is given to the small business leader of the year.

This year's finalists selected from 535 nominations submitted earlier this year, are:

Best place to work

(Businesses that encourage growth, education and development for their employees through the workplace environment or employee benefits.)

- Advanced Ceramics Research, 3292 E. Hemisphere Loop
- American Home Mortgage, 5401 N. Oracle Road
- Blue House Catering Inc., 722 N. Stone Ave.
- BodyCentral Physical Therapy, 3124 N. Swan Rd & 8327 N. Oracle Rd.
- CAID Industries, 2275 E. Ganley Road
- Cemrock Landscapes Inc., 4790 S. Julian Ave.
- Cozzetti Construction Inc., 3849 E. Calle De Soto
- LeCroy & Milligan Associates Inc., 4911 E. Broadway, Suite 100
- Lizard Rock Designs LLC, 1640 E. River Road, Ste 206
- Majestic Drywall, 3161 E. 47th St.
- Pepper Viner Homes, 5633 E. Grant Road
- Randall & Richards Inc., 5151 E. Broadway, Ste 800
- Ridgetop Group Inc., 6595 N. Oracle Road
- Simpleview Inc., 7458 N. La Cholla Blvd., Ste 100
- **Veterinary Specialty Center of Tucson, 4909 N. La Cañada Drive**

Business growth

(Businesses that are unique and successful in the way they are handling growth or change in today's marketplace.)

- AGM Container Controls Inc., 3526 E. Fort Lowell Road
- Andrew Rosen Orthodontics, 1865 N. Kolb Road
- Barker Morrissey Contracting Inc., 3619 E. Speedway
- Blue Sierra Inc., 3234 N. Palo Verde Ave.
- Catalina Pointe Arthritis, 5501 N. Oracle Road, Ste 161
- Citron Paint, 7041 E. Tanque Verde Road
- Glaz-Tech Industries, 2207 E. Elvira Road
- Heinfeld, Meech & Co., 10120 N. Oracle Road
- McCaleb Construction Inc., 6565 E. Grant Road
- Mirage Plastering, 1802 W. Grant Road, Ste 114.
- Pace Technologies, 3601 E. 34th St.
- The Metal Man, 1552 S. Euclid Ave.
- Scientific Technologies Corp., 4400 E. Broadway, Ste 705
- Wild West Wings LLC Wingstop, 6096 N. Benjamin Place

Community service

(Businesses investing in the community through volunteerism, in-kind or cash contributions or support of non-profit organizations.)

- Beach, Fleischman & Co., 1985 E. River Road, Ste 201
- Bon Voyage Travel, 1640 E. River Road, Ste 115
- Commotion Studios LLC, 7458 N La Cholla Blvd, Ste 200
- Film Creations Ltd., 2021 E. Broadway
- Mesch, Clark & Rothschild, 259 N. Meyer Ave.
- Old Pueblo Anesthesia, 5700 E. Pima St., Ste E.
- Robin Stancliff Photography, 3441 N. Calle de Beso
- Strongpoint LLC, 48 N. Tucson Blvd.
- Western Sky Communications, 415 E. Seneca St.

Small business leader of the year

(Honoring exceptional leadership by a manager or owner who is active in the day-to-day activities of his or her company.)

- Julie Davey and Linda Fahey of Dark Horse Media, 4441 E. Fifth St.
- Todd Hanley of Hotel Congress, 311 E. Congress St.
- Christopher Litten of BodyBasics, 7355 N. Oracle Road, Ste 111
- Gus Montiel of MDC Mobile Detailing Concepts, 1952 W. Tourney Road
- Marylee Pangman of the Contained Gardener, 6152 E. 22nd St.