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Business of the Year

Benchmark Senior Living at Hamden, 2024
Rumanoff's Jewelers, 2023
D'Andrea and Pantera, DMD PC, 2022
K&J Tree Service, 2021
Ion Bank, 2018
Atria Larson Place, 2017
Specialty Wire & Cord Sets, 2016
Gesmonde, Pietrosimone & Sgrignari, 2015
Partyka Chevrolet, 2014
Whitney Manor Rehab Center, 2013
Quinnipiac Bank & Trust Co., 2012
Apex Pharmacy & Home Care, 2011
Beecher & Bennett Funeral Service, 2010
Whitney Center, 2009
Bob Thomas Ford, 2008
The Eye Center, 2007
Calcagni Associates, 2006
Beazley Company, 2005
Richard Penna Salon, 2004
Raffaello's Ristorante, 2003
American Medical Response, 2002
Whitney Donut, 2001
Rainbow Cleaners, 2000

Outstanding Contribution to the Chamber

Arthur Erickson, 2024
Jennifer Rignoli, Esq., 2023
Ian Williams, 2022
Jim Brewster, 2021
Steven Diaz, 2019
Guy Tomassi, 2018
Yetta Augur, 2017
Karen DelChiaro, 2016
Alice Avallone, 2015
Robbie Juliano, 2012
Greg Gravel, 2011
John Columbus, 2010
Ira Kuzma, 2009
Frances Granquist, Esq., 2008
Pamela Matocha, 2007
Mark Stevens, 2006
Susan Rapini, 2005
The Masotta Family, 2004
Harborside Healthcare Arden House, 2003
Domenic Twohill, 2002
Gloria Sandillo, 2001
John Nutcher, 2000
Lewis & Lauraine Panzo, 1999

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Business / Community Advocate of the Year

Linda Mooser, Books & Company, 2024
WOWCT Radio, 2023
Adam Sendroff, 2022
Marian Amodeo, 2019
Canal Crossing at Whitneyville West, 2018
Herb Kolodny, 2018
Friends of the Hamden Library, 2017
Steve Rolnick, 2016
Steve Zion, Toyota of Wallingford, 2015
Hamden Senior Wish Society, 2014
Dean Ellen Durnin-SCSU, 2013
P.L.A.C.E. Children's Museum, 2012
AM 1220 WQUN, 2011
CT Community Investment Corp., 2010
Your Place Youth Center, 2009
Lou & Mary Tagliatela, 2008
Donald Camerato, 2007
Dolores Giannini, 2006
The United Illuminating Co, 2005
Dale Kroop, 2004
Dr. Phillip Frese, 2003
Ed DellaValle, 2002
Ray Peach, 2001
Bill O'Brien, 2000
Atty. Stephen Ciardiello, 1999
Anthony Sachetti, 1998
Richard DePodesta, 1997
Atty. Bernard Pellegrino, 1996

Notable Citizen of the Year

Edward (Ned) Burt, Jr., 2024
Lyn Baumgartner, 2023
John Sullivan, 2022
Gary Merwede, 2022
Vera Morrison, 2021
Scott Jackson, 2018
Joseph J. Crisco, Jr., 2017
John Lahey, 2016
Scott Burrell, 2015
Al Gorman, 2014
Judge Salvatore Diglio, 2013
Craig B. Henrici, 2011
George Grande, 2010
Joe Castiglione, 2010
Ann Dematteo, 2009
Mimsie Coleman, 2008
Donald Weinbach, 2007
Carl Amento, 2006
Betty Wetmore, 2005
Carl Porto, Sr., 2004
The Federico Family, 2003
The Burt Family, 2002
Peter Villano, 2001
Dr. Lawrence DeNardis, 2000
Jean A. Murray, 1999
John Ambrogio, 1998
Ron Rohmer, 1997
Richard Diana, M.D. 1996

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Small Business of the Year

Made Rite Shades, 2024
Best Video Film & Cultural Center, 2023
Johnson's Duckpin Lanes, 2022
Freskos, 2021
Nolan's Hamden Monument Co, 2017
Lady Olga's Lingerie, 2016
Kelly's Cone Connection, 2015
Hearing Balance & Speech Center, 2014
Flowers from the Farm, 2013
Mount Carmel Travel Center, 2012
Prezioso Dental, 2011
Chiropractic Health Care Center, 2010
Ryan Oil Company, 2009
Hindinger Farm, 2008
Joiya Day Spa & Hair Design, 2007
Rollins Printing, 2006
Lucian's Florist & Greenhouse, 2005

Service Organization of the Year

ACES, 2024
The Children's Ctr of Hamden, 2023
Hamden SPCP, 2022
Empower Her, 2021
Clifford Beers, 2018
Habitat for Humanity/Sleeping Giant Build, 2017
The Animal Haven, 2016
Arts for Learning, 2015
SARAH, Inc., 2014
Friends of Brooksvale Park, 2013
CERT (Comm Emergency Response Team), 2012
RSVP of South Central CT, 2011
Clelian Adult Day Center, 2010
Hamden Happy Tails Foundation, 2009
Hamden/No. Haven YMCA, 2008
Don's Hat Rack, 2007
The C.H.A.I.N Fund, 2006
Special Olympics Connecticut, 2005
JDRF, 2004
Human Relations Club, 2003
The Amity Club, 2002
Volunteer Firefighters, 2001
Historical Society, 2000
Goldenbells Committee, 1999
Unitas Club, 1998
Quinnipiac Council, BSA, 1997
Hamden Rotary Club, 1996 & 2019

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Educator of the Year

Michelle Coogan, 2024
Susan Smey, 2023
Nadine Gannon, 2022
Karen Butler, 2021
Gretchen Ferri, 2019
Christina Mesher, 2018
Michael Belden, 2017
LuAnn Gallicchio, 2016
Karen Kaplan, 2015
Christopher Melillo, 2014
Daniel Levy, 2013
Dr. Francis Gasparro, 2012
Vanessa Ditta, 2011
Jim O'Connor, 2010
Fran Rabinowitz, 2009
Joyce Kossman, 2008
Bryan Anderson, 2007
Gregory Amter, 2006
Hamlet Hernandez, 2005
Leonora Henderson, 2004
Alida D. Begina, Ed.D., 2003
Nick Collicelli, 2002
Lisa Norwood, 2001
Mary Marrandino, 2000
Colleen Palmer, 1999
Charles E. Taylor, 1998
Lyn Caliendo, 1997
Ellen Thompson, 1996

Business Student of the Year

Tody Haxhi, 2024
Matthew Peixoto, 2023
Alveena Hanif, 2022
Caleb Green, 2021
Ramon Luis Fille, 2018
Lily Sendroff, 2017
Meghan Basilici, Brittney Cifarelli &
Brittney Stoyer, 2016
Colin Miller, 2015
Nicole Ewert & Carly Semack, 2014
Katlyn Darcy, 2013
Kayleigh Darcy, 2012
Elizabeth Barnett, 2011
Marcus Harun, 2010
Stacey Kanner, 2009
Virginia Hally, 2008
Michael Colson, 2007
Molly Schaefer, 2006
Nicole Gentile, 2005
Joanna Palmquist, 2004
Dominique Donoghoe, 2003
Whitney Nauman, 2002
Jesse Cushman, 2001
Elizabeth Palmquist, 2000
John Vergato, 1999
Michael Vitale, 1998
Ebony Belcher, 1997
Rose Bernardi, 1996

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Home Base Business of the Year

Jody Seidner, Sweet Seidner's Bakeshop, 2018
Christy Palumbo, 2017
CollegeLogic, LLC, 2016
Marjorie Clark, 2014
Marnie Esposito, 2013

Outstanding Contribution to the Community

Judy Olian, Quinnipiac University, 2024

Business Persons of the Year

Glen & Kyle Ayer, 1999
Vivian Kantrow, 1998
Ruth Steinberg, 1998
Charles Roderick, 1997
Ed Glater, 1996

Women-Owned Business of the Year

Mountain View Wellness, 2024
Alphabet Academy, 2023
Dancer's World, 2022
The Joan Lynn Dance Company, 2021
Bauer Law Group, 2019

Minority-Owned Business of the Year

The Lab at CONNCorp, 2024
628 Digital Designs, 2023
Quick Tech Computer Service, 2022
Exceptional Care, 2021
Bomb Wings & Rice, 2019