

Archdale-Trinity Chamber presents annual awards

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TRINITY — It was the Roaring '20s Thursday night at the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce annual meeting at Colonial Country Club.

Beverly Nelson, chamber president, said the theme is “our hope for 2020 that we’ll roar into this decade in a business environment that is more than friendly, a decade that promises growth and success in your business, our community and our chamber.”

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the annual community awards by Jane Liebscher, president/CEO of United Way of Greater High Point. She serves on committees for both the High Point and Archdale-Trinity chambers of commerce.

• The Duke Energy Advocacy/Quality of Life Award was presented by Lisa Parrish of Duke Energy to Zeb Holden, city manager of Archdale. Since he was at Disney World in Orlando, Fla., he



Dr. Robert Shackelford, president of Randolph Community College, receives the Bert Lance-Stone Lifetime Achievement Award at the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet Thursday. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]

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accepted the honor by a video hookup.

Holden, Parrish said, has advocated for Creekside Park, is involved in the A-T Chamber and A-T Rotary Club and volunteers as a coach for youth sports. "He is widely known throughout our community for his friendliness, measured responses and a genuine desire to reach consensus and solutions," said Parrish.

- The Humanitarian Award was given to Pastor Mark Culler and his wife, Tammy, for their efforts to help those with various forms of addiction. With the help of their church, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, the couple established Celebrate Recovery, a faith-based program designed to help people struggling with high anxiety, codependency, compulsive behaviors, sex addiction, financial dysfunction, drug and alcohol addictions, eating disorders and other addictions.

Mark Culler, himself a recovering addict, said he found help and treatment in a larger city but realized that rural areas had no such resources. That led the Cullers to form Celebrate Recovery through Poplar Ridge Friends, providing leadership to minister to more than 100 victims of addiction in three years.

- The Extra Mile Award went to Jocelyn Moon, hired in 2015 to a new position – marketing and program coordinator for the City of Archdale Parks and Recreation Department.

A member of several community organizations and service clubs, Moon has created a strong social media presence and has grown and improved many of the department's special events.

According to her supervisor, Brian Coldfelter, "Jocelyn truly enjoys working with the public and always does so with a smile on her face. Her commitment of organizing and providing family fun events for the community is noteworthy."

- The Youth of the Year Award was presented to Alex Dutterer, a senior at Wheatmore High School,



Archdale-Trinity Chamber Board Member Kim Cates holds a phone facetimeing with Zeb Holden, Archdale city manager who was at Disney World in Florida, as he was awarded the Duke Energy Advocacy/Quality of Life Award. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]



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ranked second in his class with a 4.54 GPA.

Dutterer was recognized for both his academic and athletic prowess. He serves as president of the Beta Club, attended Governor's School and is on track to be an AP Scholar with honors. A multi-sport athlete, he continued to support his football teammates last year after an injury sidelined him. Because of his commitment and leadership, he was named by the Wheatmore staff as a Senior of Valor.

- The Youth Advocate Award was given to Jandra Dillon, a Trinity High School teacher who leads the DECA program.

In 2014, Dillon began directing a new program called Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

at THS to provide students with career direction and experience. The success of the program resulted in the academy earning the highest certification in the national DECA organization. The program has graduated 57 students, has completed 40 120-hour internships and awarded four scholarships.

Dillon makes a point in involving her students in real-world experiences such as the chamber's annual golf tournament. She tells the story of the academy to local businesses and professionals, making the program visible in the community.

- The Member/Business of the Year Award went to Luke Hollingsworth, owner of Holly Ridge Golf Links.

The outgoing chair of

the chamber is credited with an insightful and analytical review of programs and processes that has positioned the chamber on a path to efficiency and accomplishment. His focus has been on improving the quality and experience of chamber members.

Hollingsworth generously supports chamber events by hosting fundraisers at Holly Ridge and allows his staff to assist with planning and development. His management of a tourism asset has made him an important voice for the northwestern corner of the county on the Tourism Development Authority Board of Directors.

- The Bert Lance-Stone Lifetime Achievement Award honored the consistent volunteerism and



Jocelyn Moon is honored with the Extra Mile Award for her work in improving the Archdale Parks and Recreation Department's social media presence. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]



Jandra Dillon, a Trinity High School teacher who leads the DECA program, garners the Youth Advocate Award. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]



Luke Hollingsworth, owner of Holly Ridge Golf Links, is awarded the Member/Business of the Year Award. [PAUL CHURCH/THE COURIER-TRIBUNE]



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Randolph County School System's Advisory Council, the NC Community College System, the NC Association of Community College Presidents, Randolph Rotary Club and New Salem United Methodist Church.

He has been recognized as the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Environmental Sciences at UNC-Greensboro, the 2011 Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, the 2012 John Baggett Award from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and the 2013 President of the Year Award from the NC State Board of Community Colleges.

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Shackleford's resume includes service with organizations such as Randolph Health,