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Journal Record honors most admired CEOs

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The honorees of The Journal Record's Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs.
(Photo by Brent Fuchs) Journal Record honors most admired CEOs .

OKLAHOMA CITY – “Do not be afraid of failure, because it will happen.”

This advice comes from Stacey Ninness, who as a three-time honoree was inducted into the Chain of Distinction at Thursday night's Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs event in downtown Oklahoma City.

“Commit to admitting your failures, learning from them and then moving on without letting them define you,” said Ninness, president and CEO of Neighborhood Services Organization.

Ninness was among 34 executives recognized at The Journal Record's sixth-annual Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs event at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel on Feb. 12, 2015. The honorees are profiled in the Oklahoma's Most Admired CEOs magazine.

Sponsors of this year's event include American Fidelity Assurance Co., Cox Business, Executive AirShare, Express Employment Professionals, GableGotwals and HoganTaylor.

“Oklahoma has numerous outstanding companies led by individuals who serve as visionary, mentor, leader and strategist,” said Melissa Bogle, manager of development for GableGotwals. “We at GableGotwals feel it is important to take the time each year to recognize successful executives who are leading companies which are a part of the fabric that will be Oklahoma's future. Our state is fortunate to have great talent in not only our workforce, but also in our leaders.”

2015 CEO honorees:

Private company category

Dixie Agostino, Switchgear Search and Recruiting
Gary Allison, Tri-State Industrial Group
William (Bill) Bartmann, CFS2
Bruce Benbrook, The Stock Exchange Bank
Todd Brown, 180 Medical
Mark Burson, MassMutual Oklahoma
Brian Clemens, Community Hospital
Nathaniel Harding, Harding and Shelton Exploration
Ted Haynes, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma
Thomas Hill, Kimray Inc.
Ronnie Irani, RKI Exploration & Production LLC
Mark Kochner, Tedford Insurance
Philip Kurtz, CareATC
Todd Lisle, BKD LLP Eddie Miller, Bios Corp.
Jacob Nossaman, Collision Works of Oklahoma LLC
Katherine Richard, Warwick Energy Group
Kelly Tran, Appable Inc./Vakargo
Zane Woods, ZZW Global Inc.

Public company category

Chad Richison, Paycom

Nonprofit category

Barbara Chishko, Birth Choice of Oklahoma Inc.
Christy Elkins, Chickasha Economic Development Council
Ann Felton Gilliland, Central Oklahoma Habitat for Humanity
Tom Friedemann, Francis Tuttle Technology Center
Loren Gresham, Southern Nazarene University
Daryl Hill, Oklahoma Society of CPAs
Sandra Lewis, Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless
Stacey Ninness, Neighborhood Services Organization Inc.
Lisa Noon, Oklahoma Association of Realtors
Tom Riley, Ardmore Family YMCA
Ann Simank, OKC Metro Alliance

2015 Financial Stewardship honorees

Tony Bostwick, Express Employment Professionals
Bob Cole, Kimray Inc.
Ken Stephens, of Neighborhood Services Organization Inc