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## 2017 Success Awards Winners Announced

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Arizona Governor Doug Ducey recently declared Wednesday, March 22, to be Arizona Small Business Development Centers Day. In light of this news, America's SBDC Arizona Network will be hosting an open house that day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maricopa Community Colleges District Office – suites 112 through 114, and 119 – for staff and others who want to find out more about the AZSBDC Network and small businesses.

Governor Ducey's proclamation follows the America's SBDC Arizona Network recently announcing the 2017 Success Award Winners. During the ceremony held at the Arizona State Capitol, Chancellor Maria Harper-Marinick and Arizona Secretary of State Michele Reagan were featured speakers celebrating the awardees.

"The Maricopa County Community Colleges are Arizona's largest contributor to a robust talent pipeline. AZSBDC maximizes that talent, providing invaluable services to start-ups and small businesses, leading to job creation throughout Arizona," says Chancellor Harper-Marinick.

America's SBDC Arizona Network has been helping to launch, grow, and sustain small businesses for the benefit of local communities and the state of Arizona since 1988. The Network is the largest, most comprehensive, and accessible statewide source of assistance for small businesses in any stage of development.

"Our purpose is to share information and opportunities to help protect and strengthen our small businesses in Arizona. They play a significant role in Arizona's robust economy and are vital to the health and strength of our communities throughout the entire state," says Janice C. Washington, MBA, CPA, Network State Director.

Thirteen businesses from across Arizona were highlighted as 2017 Success Award winners. Tim and Tanya Young, and their company ASTA Roofing and Construction, were honored as the 2017 Master Success Award Winner. They were assisted by the staff at Northland Pioneer College SBDC.

The additional 2017 Success Award Winners were:

- CopperMine Dental Studio, Justin Dutton, DMD (Pima Community College SBDC)
- JC Welding, Juan Castillo (Arizona Western SBDC)
- La Paloma Restaurant, Nick Tellez (Eastern Arizona SBDC)
- London Bridge Watercraft, Terry and Lauri Town (Mohave SBDC)
- MJB Consulting, Jennifer Kowaz (Maricopa SBDC)
- Page Door Garage Services, Greg Benjamin (Coconino SBDC)
- PVB Fabrications, John Peter Van Bogaert (Pima Community College SBDC)
- Superstition Meadery, Jeff and Jen Herbert (Yavapai SBDC)
- The Paseo Wedding Venue, Becky Frasier (Maricopa SBDC)
- Valley Imaging Solutions, Jackie Suggs (Cochise SBDC)
- Virtual Scientific. Alejandra Johns and Gary Johns (Maricopa SBDC)
- WW Associates Management & Consulting, Ed Willis (AZPTAC)

Staff at the Maricopa Community Colleges SBDC assisted three of the 2017 Award winners. The Center, which services Maricopa County, is located on the GateWay Community College campus, with satellite offices at Estrella Mountain Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Chandler-Gilbert Community College's Sun Lakes Center, and the Community Entrepreneurship Center at South Mountain Community College.

America's SBDC Arizona Network is hosted by Maricopa Community Colleges and is an innovative partnership that includes nine community college districts, one economic development organization, the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Department of Defense (DOD). There are 10 SBDC Service Centers with additional satellite offices and six AZPTAC Centers statewide.

"We welcome the opportunity to help small businesses in Arizona make a difference in their communities," states Ms. Washington. Our America's SBDC Arizona Network's State Office is located at the Maricopa Community College District Office.

Congratulations to the statewide 2017 Success Awards winners! For more information, visit the [America's SBDC Arizona Network](#) website.