

the *finalists* are...



Automotive Napleton's AutoWerks
Parson's Collision Center
Rockton Collision Center

Beauty & Lifestyle Good Brow Day
LXRY Aesthetics
Medical Grade Aesthetics

Best Leader Gus Larson
Jason Brunke
Mike & Lindsey Zanhiser

Charity / Community Organization Stacy Moore
Stateline Baseball
Stateline Mass Transit District

Community Service Gus Larson
Tami Verstraete
Terri & Dan Garlow

Creative Media & Marketing City Stage Studios
Luis Hermosillo
Rockton-Roscoe News

Cyndy Fogerty Lifetime Achievement Andy Gannon
Jeremy Boeke
Kerry Frank

Education & Childcare Hononegah High School District
Open Arms Early Learning Center
Talcott Library

Family Entertainment Beloit Sky Carp
Rockford Icehogs
Rockford Rivets

Financial & Professional Services Nick Sommer - Country Financial
Rockford Community Bank
Senz Redieske Insurance

Healthcare & Wellness D1 Training
LXRY Aesthetics
Maximum Performance

Home & Garden Services Anabel's Cleaning Service
K&W Greenery
Lagunas Landscaping

Hospitality & Tourism Go Rockford
Hotel Goodwin
Iron Works Hotel

Large Business Buccieferro Family McDonald's
Milestone Inc
NorthPointe Birth Center

Law Office & Attorney Attorney Laura Baluch
Attorney Patrick Moore
Barrick Switzer Law Firm

Local Event Black Herstory Day
Dancing with the Rockford Stars
OSD

Manufacturing / Industry ABC Supply Co.
American Aluminum Extrusion
Taylor Freezer

Real Estate Centry 21 Affiliated
Kristina Campbell - Key Realty
Mike Scalise - Guild Mortgage

Restaurant / Bar CRAVE Kitchen & Cocktails
Genisa Wine Bar
SALT

Retail & Shopping Rockford Art Deli
The Gem Shop
Walnut Creek Apparel & Gifts

Small Business D1 Training
LaCroute Bakery & Cafe
Radiance By Roxanne

Solopreneur Alison Kolberg - Good Brow Day
George Pleshkewych
Luis Hermosillo

Trades & Construction APEX General Contracting
K&H Exteriors
Martin Exteriors

Young Professional Daniel Burbank
Katie Kinson
Nick Sommer

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