

2023 PRESIDENT'S AWARD WINNERS

DESIGN

BEST COMMERCIAL INTERIOR

Under 50K Population

Ennis - Fern In The Wild

Over 50K Population

Abilene - Condley and Company, LLP

BEST NEW CONSTRUCTION

Under 50K Population

DeWitt County Annex

Over 50K Population

Grapevine - Grapevine Main

BEST PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT

Under 50K Population

Denison - Designing Downtown Denison

Over 50K Population

Irving - Heritage Park

BEST REHAB/RESTORATION

Under 50K Population

Huntsville - The Café Texan

Over 50K Population

Georgetown - City Post Chophouse

ACHIEVEMENT

BEST DOWNTOWN BUSINESS

Under 50K Population

Fate - It's Fate Creamery

Over 50K Population

San Marcos - Taproot Collective

BEST DOWNTOWN PARTNER

Under 50K Population

San Saba - Community Foundation of San Saba County

Over 50K Population

Georgetown - BeLocal Georgetown

BEST ECONOMIC GAME CHANGER

Under 50K Population

Buda - Valentina's Tex Mex BBQ

Over 50K Population

Killeen - Downtown Revitalization Program

BEST PROMOTION

Under 50K Population

Navasota - Texas Birthday Bash

Over 50K Population

Garland - Band Together on the Square

RESILIENCY AWARD

Mesquite - Tandem Property Rehabilitation



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DOWNTOWNER OF THE YEAR

Recognizes a person who has shown exemplary commitment to the downtown revitalization program through time given, resources, and leadership.

MAYOR GAYLYNN BURRIS

Bowie

Mayor Gaylynn Burris has been a key component in the transition of the City of Bowie from a Main Street Program to encompassing the Bowie Community Development, giving a broader vision to the community's mission. Her strength gives motion to the work of volunteers, city staff, business owners, and residents. She is always seeking knowledge to benefit the city. She helped spur beautification projects like new metal benches promoting the heritage of the city; new light pole banners with QR codes to direct traffic to our social media and tourism events; she helped oversee projects to keep the economy moving like "Website to Curbside" and encourages organizations and city departments to function as a team with open lines of communication. She utilizes social media platforms to keep interaction with the public always in a positive, uplifting manner. Gaylynn lives her life by the Rotarian motto, "service above self."



SUSAN H. CAMPBELL AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

This award was established to honor the legacy of Susan Campbell, a past president and board member of Texas Downtown. It is bestowed on downtown professionals who made a significant impact in their city or town and participates in the larger Texas downtown community.



CATHERINE SAK

Austin

Catherine has more than 20 years of experience improving downtowns and communities. In February 2002, she assisted with City Planning in New Orleans, including coordinating development of the city's Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, facilitating public meetings, and assisting developers with planning processes. She followed this role as a Project Manager for Urban Vision in New Orleans, where she identified properties for rehabilitation, and managed real estate projects. Throughout her 16-year tenure as Executive Director of Texas Downtown (TXDT), Catherine has completed downtown assessments and reports for 38 member cities, developed strategic plans for TXDT members, facilitated stakeholder and community meetings, developed legislative priorities, provided expert testimony, and advocated for members on a broad range of issues affecting Texas communities and small businesses. Catherine has also awarded more than \$200,000 to more than 60 recipients for downtown projects and programs and leveraged more than \$4.3 million in funding from alternative sources. Catherine holds a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and continuously shares knowledge on a wide spectrum of issues including small business support, historic preservation, destination development, arts and culture, and community planning.