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### **Burnsville Chamber Awards 2024 Business Person of the Year**

Burnsville, MN, May 3, 2024 – The Burnsville Chamber, in partnership with Experience Burnsville, celebrated Small Business & Tourism Week at their annual luncheon on Thursday, May 2. After hearing from keynote speakers, Michael Hernandez, of Explore Minnesota, and Steve Grove, CEO and Publisher of the Star Tribune, they presented awards to business leaders that have made an impact on the Burnsville community. Of those recipients, Curt Enestvedt, Enestvedt & Christensen, CPA's, was selected as the 2024 Burnsville Chamber Business Person of the Year.

From his humble beginnings working on the family farm to founding his own Burnsville-based accounting firm, Curt Enestvedt's career has been a testament to his hard work and determined commitment to his community. Enestvedt's extensive involvement with the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce spans over 3 decades and has been instrumental in fostering a thriving business community in Burnsville. Additionally, Enestvedt's time volunteering with SCORE and serving on the board for the Burnsville High School Business Department, has left an indelible mark on the city he calls home.

The Chamber also recognized Mark Jacobs with the Legacy Award which honors a person who has left a legacy of commitment, service and positive impact in the community and beyond. Burnsville business owner for over a decade, Jacobs served as a key volunteer leader for many local organizations including the Burnsville Fire Muster, Burnsville Jaycees and the Burnsville Chamber, and has been an integral part of several local political campaigns. Since 2001 this person has been making a difference as the Director of Workforce Development for Dakota County and the Director of the Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board.

The Burnsville Chamber 2024 Entrepreneur of the Year Award was given to Fasia Farah, owner of 3 successful businesses in Burnsville - Burnsville Auto Repair, BP Gas Station, and Burnsville Tabacco and Vape. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Farah is an active participant in the business community, recently sharing valuable insights and perspectives impacting small businesses at Chamber Day at the Capitol.

Other award recipients include Megan Driscoll, Detlefsen Insurance, as Burnsville Chamber Volunteer of the Year, and John Hamilton, as Burnsville Chamber Ambassador of the Year. Both Driscoll and Hamilton have been active Chamber members for several years going above and beyond to welcome new Chamber Members and businesses to the Burnsville community.

*The Burnsville Chamber was formed in 1965 and continues to serve as a cornerstone for the community. The mission of the Chamber is to represent and connect businesses serving Burnsville to build a vibrant and prosperous community.*

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