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EL DORADO HILLS, Calif. — On Thursday, Feb. 19, the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce hosted its **38th Annual Installation & Business Awards** at Serrano Country Club before a sold-out crowd of nearly 200 attendees. Marshall served as the evening’s sponsor, with Siri Nelson as emcee extraordinaire.

Guests included Congressman Tom McClintock, California State Assemblyman Joe Patterson, El Dorado County District 1 Supervisor Greg Ferrero, El Dorado County Sheriff Jeff Leikauf, El Dorado County Recorder-Clerk Janelle Horne, El Dorado County Assessor Jon DeVille and other notable dignitaries.

The annual event celebrates the El Dorado Hills business community and the Chamber’s members and guests. The evening featured a no-host bar, dinner, awards ceremony, a lively silent auction benefiting the Chamber Scholarship Fund. The interactive photo booth was provided by Gigi & Co., and David Girard Vineyards sponsored the wine.

During the team table “Chamber Advocacy” activity –it was determined that the most well- known recent accomplishments of the Chamber include keeping the California Welcome Center open, securing additional liquor licenses for restaurants in El Dorado County and advocating for local business interests.

Next, the Chamber installed its **2025–2026 Board of Directors**, sworn in by Sheriff Jeff Leikauf. The board includes **Ed Manansala, Ed.D.** (Chairman of the Board), El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools; **Jenna Hoyt** (Past Chairman), Holiday Inn Express & Suites; **David Williamson** (Vice Chairman), Foothills Regional Insurance & Financial Solutions; **James Boras** (Vice Chairman – Finance), El Dorado Disposal; **Todd Pate**, Mercy Hospital Folsom; **Dave Maestas**, West Coast Events; **Jennifer Yoder**, Sierra Senior Transitions; **Chief Michael Lilienthal**, El Dorado Hills Fire Department; **Alexandra Badolian**, BI Designs & E Life Cycles; **George Carpenter**, Winn Communities; and **Melissa Crangle**, Marble Valley Academy.

The Chamber also recognized outstanding local businesses and leaders through its Annual Business Awards. With many strong nominations submitted in every category, the Chamber proudly announced the following winners:

Home-Based Business of the Year — Michelle Martinez, Ludlow Cleaning Co.
Start-Up Business of the Year — Michelle Watts, Yoga 6 EDH
Small Business of the Year — Bianca Wittenberg, FireFighter 1
Young Entrepreneur of the Year — Steve Riley, Taylor Made Construction
Excellence in Business of the Year — Tom Rockenbaugh, Shingle Springs Subaru

In addition, the Chamber presented its **first-ever Legacy in Commerce Award** to **Kevin Nagle**, honoring his quiet generosity, bold leadership, and unmatched commitment to creating opportunities and uplifting others in the community.

About the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce: The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting local economic vitality and quality of life through advocacy, networking and community engagement.