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**2024 Installation & Business Awards**

The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce hosted the Annual Installation & Business Awards on February 15th to a sold-out audience of 200 attendees. Guests included California State Senator Maria Alvarado-Gil, California State Assemblyman Joe Patterson, County Board of Supervisors District 1 Representative, Cindy Munt, representing Congressman McClintock’s office, Kimberly Pruett, El Dorado County Sheriff, Jeff Leikauf, among other notable dignitaries.

The event is a celebration for the business communities’ Chamber members and their guests and was held once again at the beautiful Serrano Country Club. The dinner, awards ceremony, no host bar, fantastic silent auction, as well as the team/table activity “Word Builder” and the beautiful, illuminated balloons on every table really had the room sparkling with excitement and laughter. The wine at the event was sponsored by Crystal Basin Cellars, who also provided a “tasting” of some of their premier wines during the cocktail hour. The event was kicked off by Sofia Badolian, daughter of the outgoing Chairman of the Board, Craig Badolian, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and performing her beautiful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner – this followed by the Master of Ceremonies – Miss Taryn Grows.

At the event, the El Dorado Hills Chamber installed the 2024-2025 Board of Directors, sworn in by El Dorado County Sheriff Jeff Leikauf. The El Dorado Hills Chamber Board includes Jenna Hoyt (Chairman of the Board) with Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Craig Badolian (Past Chairman of the Board) with BI Designs & E Life Cycles, Kelly Seymour with Blue Shield of California, DeeDee Riley with Lyon Real Estate, Cathy Cort with AdsUp!, James Boras with El Dorado Disposal, Todd Pate with Mercy Hospital Folsom, Ed Manansala Ed.D - El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools, Dave Maestas with West Coast Events, and David Williamson with Foothills Regional Insurance & Financial Solutions.

The El Dorado Hills Chamber received several qualified nominees in every category for our Annual Business Awards, and are proud to announce the award winners:

Home-Based Business of the Year: Dave Maestas & Jan Parker, West Coast Events

Start-Up Business of the Year: Jennifer Yoder and Mike Giancanelli, Sierra Home Transitions

Small Business of the Year: Joe Humphrey, Western Fire Supply

Young Entrepreneur of the Year: Cayla Colon, Creamy’s by Cayla Jordan

Excellence in Business of the Year: Snowline Hospice

The Chamber recognized the continued support of our 2022-2023 Premier Partners: Parker Development Company, El Dorado Hills Town Center, Dignity Health Mercy Hospital of Folsom, Wells Fargo, Shingle Springs band of Miwok Indians, Red Hawk Casino, Group One Consulting, Inc., Village Life Newspapers, El Dorado Disposal, A.G. Spanos Companies, Blue Shield of California, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Winn Communities, Marshall Medical Center, and ProEquity Asset Management.

With a new and different spin on the regular auction, El Dorado County Sheriff, Jeff Leikauf produced a LIVE AUCTION experience that really blew the attendees away! Breakfast or lunch with the Sheriff AND a ride in their new helicopter, ECHO 1, a memorable addition to the event. The Chamber is appreciative of all the donors and bidders for our Silent Auction, and happy to announce that scholarships for local graduates will be funded as a result.

Photos courtesy of Charm Photography.

The El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization, founded in 1986 to serve and advocate for the local business community. The mission of the Chamber is strengthening the local economy, representing business interests to government, promoting our community, providing Members business connections, and influencing political action. For more information, contact the El Dorado Hills Chamber of Commerce at (916) 933-1335 or visit [www.eldoradohillschamber.org](http://www.eldoradohillschamber.org)