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1983-Joe Turner	1999-John Curry	2011-Faustina Curry
1984-Newman Steele	2000-Don Lane	2012-Donna Brauchi
1985-Ann Loter	2001-Paulette Hinkle	2013-Mary McDaniel
1988-Jerry Sims	2002-Thelma Bay &	2014-Jana Vinson
1989-Bill Waters	Mike Porter	2015-Della Moyer
1990-Dona Cornut	2003-John Forister	2016-Richard Stowers
1991-Eloise Lane	2004-Paula Goff-	2017-Kerrick Horton
1992-Eunice Moreno	Posthumously	2018-Gladys Vanderpool
1993-Betty Henderson	2005-Jack Reeve	2019-Leona Willis
1994-Vic Raymond	2006-Suzie Wilkinson	2020-No award
1995-Blake Laramore	2007-Bob Marx	due to Covid
1996-Chuck White	2008-Jeannie Willingham	2021-Myrna Orr
1997-Curt Beck	2009-Mike Keagy	2022-Charla Shults
1998-Dick Stowers	2010-Ramona Hite	2023-Kathy Cavalier

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# LEADERSHIP PAMPA GRADUATES

## Class of 2024-2025

The nine-month leadership development program is designed to introduce tools for personal development, to make better employees, and ultimately to make a better community. Participants meet one day a month to learn from speakers and tour businesses and resources in the community. The curriculum presented will teach first-hand knowledge of leadership and how the tools will have direct application for their business and personal lives. This is a unique program giving information that cannot be gained without a much higher cost of time and money.

Abigayle Barton  
Moses Campa  
Aaron Childress  
Kevin Davis  
Toni Davis  
Chris García

Shawna Harper  
Justin Jouett  
Robin Keough  
Collin Killgo  
Ryan King  
(In Memoriam)

Blayne Kirk  
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Jennifer Nicholas  
Hannah Ponce

Marcus Preuninger  
Shylie Schlup  
Sterling Scott  
Jeremiah Smith  
Jay Weeden



*Photos by Geneva Wildcat*



# OFFICIAL PAMPAN

This award is bestowed upon a cherished individual who, though not born and raised in our beloved Pampa, has wholeheartedly embraced our community. This prestigious recognition celebrates someone who has chosen to make Pampa their home and, in doing so, has enriched our lives with their fresh perspectives and enthusiastic spirit. The recipient of this award is someone who has seamlessly integrated into the Pampa family, bringing with them new ideas and a genuine desire to contribute to our town's growth and vibrancy. They have not just settled here; they have actively chosen to become a part of us, embracing our values and traditions while also offering their unique talents and insights. More than just their contributions, the Official Pampan is recognized for their inherent kindness and the positive energy they radiate. They are the kind of person who brightens every room they enter, effortlessly putting a smile on the faces of those around them. Their warmth and genuine care for their fellow Pampans makes them a true asset to our community.



**Alec Dodson**

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*Pampa Leadership graduating class !*



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# STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Each year we have a committee made up of several educators at PHS who review our senior class for our Student of the Year recipient. We look at several things including grades, class rank, Awards/Honors received, Clubs/Extracurricular Activities participated in, as well as leadership roles the student assumes at PHS. Each committee member reviews our students and ranks them by a rubric on the aforementioned areas to establish our Student of the Year. It's getting more difficult every year to determine a winner as we have so many wonderful students at PHS.



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This award is a distinguished honor presented to an exceptional member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats-our dedicated ambassadors for the community. This award recognizes an individual who embodies the true spirit of a Gold Coat, demonstrating unwavering commitment and tireless dedication to promoting and uplifting Pampa.



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# BEST NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This award recognizes the outstanding achievements of a business that has been in operation for less than one year. This award celebrates innovation, entrepreneurial spirit, and the ability to make an immediate impact within the industry and community. It is given to a business that demonstrates exceptional growth potential, a commitment to quality, and a strong vision for the future, all within its inaugural year. The recipient of this award stands out for their creativity, resilience, and ability to connect with customers, positioning themselves as a leader in their field from the very start.



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# GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding businesses that have demonstrated exceptional dedication to enhancing the aesthetic appeal and functionality of their exteriors. This accolade celebrates the commitment to creating inviting and visually appealing spaces that contribute positively to the community and leave a lasting impression on customers and passersby.



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# GREEN BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award celebrates the excellence of a business under five years old as it displays extraordinary promise, ambition, and noteworthy impact on the community. This accolade recognizes the innovative strategies, entrepreneurial spirit, and achievements that set the recipient apart within a competitive market. This recipient stands as a beacon of inspiration for other budding enterprises, embodying the potential and vitality of the next generation of successful businesses.



**SCOOTER'S COFFEE**

*Photo courtesy of Charla Shults*



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# TORCHBEARER AWARD

This award recognizes a person whose selfless contributions have made a lasting impact, inspiring others and embodying the spirit of civic responsibility.

From philanthropy to community leadership, the recipient of this award is a beacon of positive change, demonstrating the power of individual commitment to create a better, more connected society.



**Alissha Jefferis**

*Photo provided by Alissha Jefferis*

*Congratulations,  
to the Citizen, Business & Student of the year!!*



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# VISIONARY AWARD

This award recognizes an individual that has demonstrated exceptional foresight, innovation, and leadership. Recipients of this award should have a track record of implementing groundbreaking ideas, creating positive change, and inspiring others to think creatively and ambitiously. This award highlights the importance of forward-thinking and recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to shaping a future of the Pampa community.



**Chef Sharon Masenda**

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# GOLD BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This esteemed recognition honors an enterprise that has demonstrated exceptional resilience, growth, and community support over a period of more than five years. This prestigious accolade celebrates a business that has not only weathered the challenges of the competitive landscape, but has consistently excelled, evolved with the times, and set a new standard of excellence. The Gold Business of the Year represents a commitment to longevity, innovation, and community involvement.



**ATS Tree Service**



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# CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This award celebrates an individual who exemplifies outstanding dedication and service to their community.



**Daly Mendoza**



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# LEGACY AWARD

This award is a distinguished honor bestowed upon individuals whose profound and enduring contributions have left an indelible mark on their field or community. This accolade recognizes a lifetime of achievement, leadership, and innovation. Recipients of the Legacy Award have not only excelled in their endeavors, but have also inspired others, creating a lasting impact that extends beyond their immediate sphere of influence. This prestigious recognition serves as a testament to their remarkable legacy, celebrating a lifetime dedicated to excellence, vision, and positive influence.



**Faustina Curry**

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