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Business leaders honored at Junior Achievement annual dinner

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Gale Figlerski / Staff Photographer Melissa Turlip, president of Junior Achievement of NEPA pins a boutonniere on Bobby Lynett at the 45th annual dinner.



Gale Figlerski / Staff Photographer From left: Bobby Lynett, George Lynett Jr., Scott Lynett and Matthew Haggerty were recipients of the Entrepreneur Award at Junior Achievement's annual dinner at the Woodlands Inn and Resort in Plains Twp.

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PLAINS TWP. - Several community business leaders were honored Wednesday night for their outstanding achievements in entrepreneurship and years of success.

Scott Lynett, George Lynett Jr., Bobby Lynett and Matthew Haggerty - all of Times-Shamrock Communications - were the recipients of the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year award at Junior Achievement of Northeastern Pennsylvania's 45th annual dinner at the Woodlands Inn and Resort. Recipients are chosen by previous award winners.

Scott Lynett said that it was an honor receiving the entrepreneurship award, and attributed the success of Times-Shamrock Communications to four generations of successful family ownership and a strong company team. Times-Shamrock Communications owns The Times-Tribune.

He added that the family's success is a direct representation of the people who came before them.

"It's humbling that the previous award winners thought so much of us to give us this honor," he said.

Mr. Haggerty said he enjoyed meeting past recipients of the award and being distinguished among such successful business persons.

"I'm honored to see those being inducted into the business hall of fame," Mr. Haggerty said. "These are just tremendous community leaders that have been so successful in their careers."

Bobby Lynett said he is extremely proud to be a part of a family legacy that has been handed down from generation to generation.

"We're honored for the folks that have come before us and we hope to continue to pass down a legacy that was given to us," he said.

Also at the event, Max Bartikowsky of Bartikowsky Jewelers in Wilkes-Barre, Earl C. Berger of Berger Family Dealerships in Hazleton and Carol Mueller, a McDonald's franchise owner whose company runs 15 restaurants in Northeast Pennsylvania, were inducted into the 2011 Business Hall of Fame.

Mr. Bartikowski - whose family business began in 1887 - said he felt privileged to be surrounded by "very talented people" who continually give back to their communities.

He said being inducted into the business hall of fame by Junior Achievement is a prestigious honor.

"Junior Achievement is a special organization that really does so much for the next generation," Mr. Bartikowski said.

Junior Achievement serves about 10,000 young people a year in kindergarten through 12th grades via 23 in-classroom and experiential programs, said Melissa Turlip, president of the organization.

Ms. Turlip said Junior Achievement seeks to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise and understand business and economics to improve the quality of their lives. The organization focuses on work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy for the next generation.

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