

# Chamber's Annual Celebration highlights community involvement

By Sherry Lucas

Clinton's best in business were honored at the Clinton Chamber's annual celebration in late January at Mississippi College's Anderson Hall, in a tribute to community buy-in and volunteer engagement.

The event drew about 275 people to dine and bask in the recognition of key community stakeholders. The banquet also brought a chance to debut the Clinton Chamber's revamped logo and new theme for 2019: "Serve. Promote. Protect."

"We look for something that unifies our businesses, our neighborhoods, our city," 2019 Chamber President Tim Bruss said.

Clinton is in a pivotal moment, with the opening of Continental Tire, the school district's bond to expand facilities and Providence Hills Farm's hosting of an international clay shooting tournament in 2020. "We've got a lot on the horizon for Clinton; and, as we look at everything, a lot to be proud of," Bruss said.

"Clinton does the basics and the fundamentals very well. If you look at family, you look at faith, you look at education — that's who we are. We do very well at that, and I think we need



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*Pictured (l to r) are: May & Company Partner Nathan Cummins, Renasant Bank Community Outreach Vice President George Broadstreet, Hinds Community College Food Services Director Jimmy Lee, Cups General Manager Lance Johnson, Taylor Power Systems General Manager Steve Duke, Taylor Power Systems Production Manager Glen Carroll, Taylor Power Systems Rental Sales Manager Frank Ford, Fox's Pizza Den Owner Tod Dorbeck, TEC Regional Business Account Manager Brandon Brewer, Mississippi College Director of Public Relations and outgoing 2018 Chamber president Tracey Harrison and Taylor Automotive Owner Terry Taylor.*

to embrace that."

The Clinton Chamber, he said, is an informational hub and resource, a busy promotional engine for the city, its businesses and events, and an advocate for its members. In June, the Clinton Chamber will help coordinate the Clinton Business and Education Summit, working to equip students

with the skills needed to join the workforce after school.

Main Street Clinton awards saluted outstanding businesses and individuals who kept the city's Olde Towne heart and its boulevard area humming in 2018.

Main Street Clinton 2019 president Susan Wilson handed out awards for

the Olde Towne Business of the Year, given to Cups an Espresso Cafe for its ten years as "the go-to spot for college students, artists and the Clinton community," she said; the Boulevard Business of the Year, awarded to Taylor Automotive for brothers Gary and Terry Taylor's decades of business, excellent customer service and support and sponsorship of the Main Street Clinton mission and events; and Volunteer of the Year, to Jimmy Lee for his vital leadership in BBQ on the Boulevard.

Clinton Chamber Awards for 2018 singled out six businesses and individuals for recognition: Large Business of the Year Award to Taylor Power Systems Inc., a premier designer and manufacturer of generators for industrial, commercial, business, health care and more; Small Business of the Year to Fox's Pizza Den, for its active community role and support; Ambassador of the Year to Brandon Brewer, regional business account manager for TEC; Distinguished Service Award to Nathan Cummins, a partner in May & Company who helped guide and develop the successful new Yule Run race; Outstanding Citizen Award to George Broadstreet, community

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