

# Media Release

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## **NOW ANNOUNCING NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOSSIER CHAMBER ANNUAL GALA**

On Tuesday, February 5, the Bossier Chamber of Commerce will honor top business and community leaders at the 71st Annual Gala. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. and will host approximately 600 business professionals at the CenturyLink Center for the area's largest networking event.

Each year, the Chamber takes time to celebrate the successes of the previous year while sharing plans for the year ahead. Outgoing Chairman of the Board Dana Smelser of CHRISTUS Shreveport-Bossier Health will pass the reins to incoming Chairman of the Board Patrick Gullatt of Barksdale Federal Credit Union. Incoming board members will be recognized and the coveted awards of Business of the Year and Business Person of the Year, presented by our award sponsor the Greater Bossier Economic Development Foundation, will be announced. This year's nominees are a group of leaders who excelled in the areas of leadership, growth and involvement.

### **Business Person of the Year nominees**

- Isaac Palmer, CEO, CHRISTUS Shreveport-Bossier Health System
- Jack "Bump" Skaggs, President & CEO, Coordinating and Development Corporation
- Tim Wilhite, CFO/General Counsel, Wilhite Electric

### **Business of the Year nominees**

- The Frilly Magnolia Boutique
- Red River Motor Company
- InstaGraham Events
- Pediatric Therapy Partners

- Flying Heart Brewing & Pub
- Brookshire Grocery Company
- AEP Swepco

This year, we want you to “Take Flight” with us as we honor those in our business community that are helping growth in our region.

Tickets and corporate tables are still available at [www.bossierchamber.com](http://www.bossierchamber.com) or by calling (318) 746-0252.

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