

## BBB honors business ethics at 7 firms, nonprofit

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Seven companies and one nonprofit organization were given top awards yesterday for ethical business practices by the San Diego Better Business Bureau.

The BBB issued the honors for the ninth successive year to San Diego County businesses that have demonstrated ethical behavior throughout the year. The winners were announced at a luncheon at the San Diego Convention Center.

“Each honoree exemplifies that adhering to a fair and honorable marketplace gives a company a competitive advantage,” said Sheryl Charleston, the San Diego BBB president and chief executive.

The first-place winners were The Premier Realty Group, Chula Vista (one to four employees); San Diego Law Firm, Lemon Grove (five to 10 employees); Home2Office Computing Solutions, San Diego (11 to 24 employees); Glen Abbey Memorial Park & Mortuary, Bonita (25 to 99 employees); Roel Construction, San Diego (100 to 249 employees); Drew Ford, La Mesa (250 to 499 employees); College Loan, San Diego (more than 500 employees); and San Diego Humane Society and SPCA, San Diego (charity/nonprofit category).

The BBB also gave five scholarship awards to high school students who participated in an essay contest on the importance of ethics and integrity in the community.

The first-place award of \$1,500 went to Mark Boerneke of Tri-City Christian High School in Vista. Other winners were Sean Zech, Poway High School, \$1,250; Skyler Reidy, San Dieguito Academy, \$1,000; Grace Hofseth, Escondido Charter High School, \$750; and Brandon Burbach, Mt. Carmel High School, \$500.

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