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The shining lights, the applause, the toasts—will have to wait for another time when we can gather to recognize these leading organizations in our region with the grandeur they deserve. We can't, however, wait any longer to sing their praises. The Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT is pleased to recognize the winners of the 2019 Eastern Connecticut Regional Awards—The ECTys.

The ECTys join the echelon of major award ceremonies this year in two ways. First, they have earned their own moniker—now the awards with cache have a catchy name. Second, we had to forego the celebration at our annual meeting in March, where the 2019 winners would have accompanied our retrospective on the previous year, and like the Emmys and the ESPYs, we are now acknowledging our winners remotely, here in our local media and online via social media. See the award presentation videos by visiting our Facebook page @ChamberECT.

Our thanks to the members of the business community who joined in congratulating their colleagues on winning these prestigious awards. We invite everyone to share their congratulations on Facebook.



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# Your winners are...



## SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR Duncklee Cooling & Heating, Inc.

A small business with a wide reach, Duncklee, Inc. actively supports their customers and economic growth in the region and contributes generously with both funds and time to local nonprofits, including Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Avalonia Land Conservancy, Willimantic Food Coop, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, The Riverfront Children's Center and New London Landmarks. A Top Performer with Green Bank, Duncklee promotes green technology and energy sources as job creators and economic development drivers.

[dunckleeinc.com](http://dunckleeinc.com)



## BUSINESS OF THE YEAR Pfizer

We could not have anticipated the prescience of this award in 2019, but Pfizer truly is the business of the year as they move forward with trials of a COVID vaccine. Their over 60-year history in Southeastern CT includes a breadth of contributions consistent with innovation and meaningful work in the community. Pfizer donated generously to local nonprofits, hospitals, and educational initiatives; engaged in green initiatives; and employs over 5,000 people who contribute to global health through drug discovery and development.

[pfizer.com](http://pfizer.com)



## COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION LEADER

### A.R. Building Company

A.R. Building is contributing to the redevelopment of New London with the completion of a \$15 million apartment complex at 60 Mansfield Road and the construction of a \$12.5 million complex at Bank and Howard Streets. The upscale residential developments meet demand for housing and add vibrancy to downtown New London.

[arbuilding.com](http://arbuilding.com)



## TOURISM LEADER OF THE YEAR Bill Furgueson

Bill Furgueson, president of the Downtown Mystic Merchants, is working to expand the group's presence in the community and attract new businesses. He volunteered for Mystic River Day Festival at the Kid's Art Park, served on the organizing committee for Mystic Outdoor Art Festival, and is working on enhancing the Mystic Eats Festival. Bill focuses on collaboration and leveraging the downtown's many assets.

[mysticmainstreet.org](http://mysticmainstreet.org)



## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR Gail Weber, Minuteman Press

Gail Weber contributed significantly as a volunteer on the Chamber's Strategic Planning Committee and Vice President Search Committee. She offered valuable insights from her many years as a small business owner who interfaces with many other businesses in the region, and as a former Chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

[minutemanpress.com](http://minutemanpress.com)



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL AWARD

### Jack Malone, SCADD

After a 25-year career at Southeastern Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (SCADD) – including the past 19 years running the \$10 million agency, Jack Malone retired earlier this year as Chief Executive Officer of this regional organization that has served thousands of clients over the years, saving and improving many lives along the way. Deeply committed to the organization, he lives by the "one day at a time" creed and will remain as SCADD President until 2021.

[scadd.org](http://scadd.org)



## NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR Public Library of New London

New London Public Library embraces an expansive view of its role in the community and diverse ways to meet the needs of its patrons. In addition to fulfilling the traditional functions of the library, they offer a club to teach job-hunting skills, the Social Service Spotlight program, free violin lessons, nonprofit workshops, and many fun and informative groups across ages and interests.

[plnl.org](http://plnl.org)



## BEST PLACE TO WORK Chelsea Groton Bank

Chelsea Groton Bank's logo of an acorn reflects their ability to see potential and nurture growth. Employees at the 166-year strong mutual bank feel supported and encouraged to be the best they can be for customers and themselves. Exceptional service extends beyond the bank lobby into their work with businesses and nonprofits, free financial education, volunteering on boards, and giving back to the communities where they live and work.

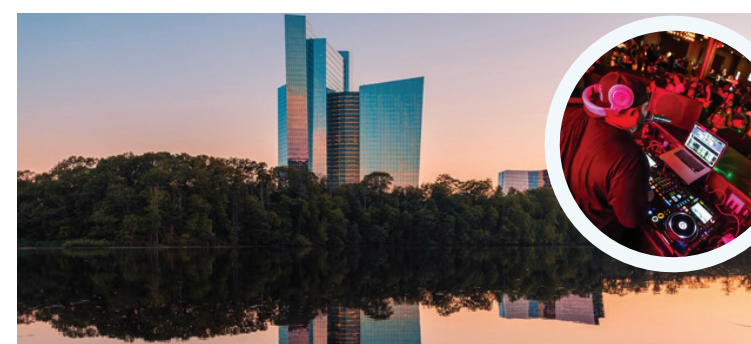
[chelseagroton.com](http://chelseagroton.com)



## YOUNG PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR Matthew Spring, Stifel

Matthew Spring is a registered investment advisor for Stifel in Mystic, actively managing investment plans for businesses and individuals that serve their present and future needs. He serves on the boards of the Child and Family Agency, Ocean Community YMCA, and L+M's LAMBS and the advisory committee of Mystic Aquarium.

[stifel.com](http://stifel.com)



## INDUSTRY INNOVATOR Mohegan Sun

Mohegan Sun leads in innovation through their unwavering commitment to customer service: launching a new app for at-seat food service during a show, making parking easy with digital indicators showing available spaces, and creating a hotel experience "unlike any other" for its Aspire guests. Mohegan Sun also built an exemplary vocational inclusion program for persons with disabilities, where 85% of participants find meaningful employment upon successful completion.

[mohegansun.com](http://mohegansun.com)



# Congratulations!

These members of the business community extend their heartfelt congratulations to the ECTys winners.

**LJ Shoreline Realty**  
ljshoreline.com

**Stifel**  
stifel.com

**Child and Family Agency of Southeastern CT**  
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