

BBB Announces 2008-2009 Business of the Year Torch Award Winners - Southwest Washington and Oregon Winners

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Each year, your Better Business Bureau's Business of the Year Torch Awards honor ethical business practices and showcase companies that demonstrate excellence in our local marketplace. Awards are presented in the following categories: Large Business of the Year, Small Business of the Year, Community Involvement, Customer Service, and Innovative Business Practices.

Your Better Business Bureau serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington announces its 2008-2009 Business of the Year Torch Award winners for Oregon and Southwest Washington:

Large Business of the Year: Kettle Foods, Inc. (Salem, OR)

Small Business of the Year: Bamboo Sushi (Portland, OR)

Community Involvement Award: The Mac Store (Headquarters: Lake Oswego, OR)

Customer Service Award: Lumi Adult Foster Care Home (Portland, OR)

Innovative Business Practices Award: Silk Espresso (Gresham, OR)

Awards for Business of the Year go to businesses with the highest total score; winners are also awarded for highest score by category. These businesses were nominated by the public and were evaluated by non-biased, third-party judges from various organizations.

"Your Better Business Bureau proudly recognizes the winners of the Business of the Year Torch Awards as companies of high integrity," said Robert Andrew, President and CEO of Better Business Bureau serving Alaska, Oregon, and Western Washington. "We are grateful for their positive contribution to the local business community."

Your BBB is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Business of the Year Torch Awards, submit one today by visiting: <https://alaskaoregonwesternwashington.app.bbb.org/awardsform>

Special recognition goes to Monica Wang of Kelso High School as the winner of your BBB's \$1,000 Students of Integrity Scholarship in the Oregon and Southwest Washington area.

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