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**LAWRENCE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION HOSTS !IMPACT AWARDS  
PRESENTED BY PENN POWER**

***New Castle, PA – September 16, 2022*** – The Lawrence County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) recognized area businesses, organizations, and individuals making a positive impact in the county. Held at The Villa at Medures, approximately 150 guests were on hand to see five businesses receive Impact Award honors: Apple Castle, Ellwood Quality Steels, Keystone Compliance, Western Central Pennsylvania Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee, and Wampum Hardware Company. In addition, the May Emma Hoyt Foundation received the Community Champion Award for their years of community and economic development support. Individual honors were given to two local leaders. Gayle Young, United Way Lawrence County, was the first recipient of the Sam Biasucci Leadership Award for Board Service, and the inaugural honoree of the Robert L. Del Signore Sr. Award for Leadership in Public Service was given to Amy McKinney of Lawrence County Planning Office.

Lisa Nentwick, First Energy’s Advisor, Economic Development and Vice President of the LCEDC, welcomed the guests and Reverend John E. Young III offered the invocation. Randy Silverman, President of the Lawrence County Regional Chamber of Commerce along with Vice President, Kimberly Koller-Jones, presented a Forward Lawrence update informing attendees of the current progress made on the *Elevate Lawrence County* recommendations and next steps.

Award presentations began with videos showcasing the background stories and success of the Impact Award winners. Lawrence County Commissioners Loretta Spielvogel and Dan Vogler presented the awards. Impact Award videos can be found on the Forward Lawrence YouTube channel.

Award recipients had photos taken by Next Level Photography. Lisa Nentwick closed the program with encouraging words regarding economic development activity in Lawrence County.

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