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## **America's SBDC Arizona Network Honors 2019 Success Award Winners; Master Award Winner Also Named SBA's Arizona Small Business Person of the Year**

**Tempe, AZ** – Thirteen small businesses from across Arizona were honored at the 2019 Success Awards on March 25. Nearly 300 legislators, business and community leaders attended the high-profile event, which was held on the Senate Lawn at the Arizona State Capitol.

**Superstition Meadery** owners Jeff and Jennifer Herbert of Prescott received the America's SBDC Arizona Master Success Award. The entrepreneurial couple has also been named Arizona Small Business Person of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The companies honored for their exceptional achievement include: **Advance Tire & Auto** in Fort Mohave, **Cetechs** in Mesa, **Doulos Concrete** in Tucson, **Escape Rooms Mesa** in Mesa, **JAG Construction** in Peoria, **KSI Metals** in Snowflake, **Pinnacle Medical Group** in Yuma, **Swingin' Safari Mini Golf** in Chandler, **The Lazy Traveler/The Plank** in Safford, **Turner Laboratories** in Tucson, **Whiskey Waters** in Page and **White Raven Trading Company** in Tombstone.

Each of the Success Award winners worked with a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) or an Arizona Procurement Technical Assistance Center (AZPTAC) in their area. AZPTAC is a specialty partner program of the America's SBDC Arizona Network.

"The Success Awards event is always a great day for small business in Arizona," noted America's SBDC Arizona State Director Janice Washington. "Each of 2019 winners has created significant impact in their communities through their work with an SBDC center."

In 2018 alone, America's SBDC Arizona counseled or trained 5,604 individuals, helped its clients start 333 new businesses, create or retain 1,350 jobs and increase their collective sales by more than \$58 million. SBDC counselors also facilitated more than \$50 million in capital formation for new and expanding businesses.

**About the AZSBDC:** America's SBDC Arizona Network is an innovative partnership that includes 10 community college districts across Arizona, the SBA and the U.S. Department of Defense. The AZSBDC has 10 SBDC Centers, additional satellite locations and four AZPTAC centers statewide. Learn more at [www.azsbdc.net](http://www.azsbdc.net).

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