

2013 YP Award Finalists Announced

The Young Professionals Association of Chattanooga (YPAC) proudly announces the finalists for its 2013 YP Awards. In its sixth year, the YP Awards recognize notable young professionals and YP friendly businesses and organizations in the greater Chattanooga area. Lattimore Black Morgan & Cain is the luncheon's headline sponsor.

Ted Alling, co-founder and CEO of Access America Transport, will be the keynote speaker at this year's event, slated for Friday, February 22, from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., at the DoubleTree Hotel downtown. The public is invited to attend; individual tickets and corporate tables are [available online](#).

Finalists include:

YP Civic Impact Award:

Crystal Cadieux, Becca's Closet/Home Solutions
Heather Ewalt, Causeway/Delegator
David Martin, La Paz Chattanooga
Teal Thibaud, Glass House Collective

YP Entrepreneur of the Year:

David Littlejohn, Pale Dot Voyage
Vincent Phipps, Communication VIP
Mike Robinson, Brewhaus, Fork & Pie Bar
Laurie Stevens, Chattanooga School of Language

YP Friendly Business of the Year:

Assemblers Inc.
Full Media
The Hutton Co.
S&ME

Young Professional of the Year:

Sharon Braden, Thompson Engineering
Emerson Burch, Artisan/The 35.85 Guild
James Chapman, SE Development District
Toccora Johnson, Girls Inc.
Christy Smith, The Vincit Group

Alling will address the nearly 200 people who are expected to gather to honor the young professionals and businesses selected as this year's finalists. The winners will be chosen by tallying social media votes along with a selection committee's choice based upon demonstrated achievement in the respective categories. To participate in the social media vote, please visit [YPAC's Facebook page](#).

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