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## St. Croix Chamber Of Commerce To Celebrate Business Excellence At Gala On Saturday

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ST. CROIX -- The St. Croix Chamber of Commerce will honor top business and community leaders on Saturday at its annual Business and Professional Excellence Awards Gala, announced the organization on Wednesday. The event kicks off at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails in the great hall at St. George Botanical Garden.

According to Chamber Chairperson Kimberly McCollum, the gala's theme, "Over 90 Years.....Looking Back and Moving Forward!" speaks directly to the chamber's decades of work in helping the St. Croix community grow, prosper, and move forward.

"The business awards are a wonderful opportunity to showcase some of the great things that are happening within our business community and to honor those who made them happen in 2016," said McCollum. "It will be a great evening of celebration and recognition of the entrepreneurial visions of our members who help our St. Croix community thrive despite our challenges."

The chamber will host Internal Revenue Director Marvin L. Pickering as the keynote speaker for the evening, followed by the awards presentations, said Debbie Henry, gala chairperson. "This year's nominees are a group of leaders who have excelled in the areas of involvement, leadership and growth and were nominated by our chamber members based on criteria that included the nominees' dedication to their companies and the impact they have made on the prosperity of our community. We invite all chamber members and the general public to attend and honor them."

The nominees are: New Business of the Year 2016: Bellissimo's Beauty & Spa, New Attitude Unisex Plus Boutique, Lyric Sails; Small Business of the Year 2016: Jaccar Ice Cream, Orbitel Access LLC, Shupe's on the Boardwalk; Non-Profit Organization of the Year 2016: American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Council (DVSAC); Project Promise; Professional Business Man of the Year 2016: Patrick Kralik, Joel Holt; Professional Business Woman of the Year 2016: I. Debbie Henry, Carlotta Moorehead; Business of the Year 2016: Caravelle Hotel & Casino, Diageo-USVI, Limetree Bay Terminals, LLC; The Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 will be presented to Salvador "Sal" Sanpere.

Young steel pan artist sensation Kevin Williams Jr. and the Evolution Band will entertain during the cocktail hour, and the Romanza Band will provide dancing music for the evening. Catering will be by Teddy's Party Rentals.

Tickets for the semi-formal event are \$100 each and are available at Adorn in Christiansted or at [stxchamber.org](http://stxchamber.org). For more information contact the Chamber at 340.718.1435 or by email at [info@stxchamber.org](mailto:info@stxchamber.org).