

The Virgin Islands Consortium

CHOP Bar & Grill, My Girlfriend's Closet And Cultured Naturals Body Care Nominated For Small Business Of The Year By Chamber Of Commerce

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ST. CROIX -- CHOP Bar & Grill, My Girlfriend's Closet and Cultured Naturals Body Care -- all businesses owned by women -- were nominated by the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce for Small Business of the Year, with the winner of the category -- and all other categories -- being announced at the chamber's Excellence in Business Gala set for March 30 at Gertrude's Restaurant. The event is set to start at 6:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m.

"The gala is the Chamber's annual premier event to recognize and offer well deserved accolades to all of our member businesses," said Chamber Chairman Ryan Nelthrop. "We are especially excited about this year's nominees as they have demonstrated over the last year their willingness to go that extra mile to demonstrate the Chamber's mission to build a community of caring, optimism and collaborative work for the common good. We invite the general public to share and enjoy this evening with us in support of local businesses."

Here are the 2019 Excellence in Business Award Nominees:

New Business of the Year

- ?Leatherback Brewing Company
- iCycle
- Sunny Shore Inc.

Small Business of the Year

- Cultured Naturals Body Care
- My Girlfriend's Closet
- CHOP Bar & Grill

Business of the Year

- Plessen Healthcare, LLC
- KAC357 inc dba Plaza West
- BJ Electric

Non-Profit of the Year

- Cane Bay Cares, a division of Cane Bay Partners
- Caribbean Center for Boys & Girls of the VI
- Women's Coalition of St Croix

Professional Woman of the Year

- Emily Weston (Lyric Sails)
- Pat Worede (Bank of St Croix)
- Elena Hensley (Deep End Bar & Grill)

Professional Man of the Year

- Derek Shupe (BrewSTX & Shupe's on the Boardwalk)
- Ed Buckley (St Croix Ultimate Bluewater Adventures)
- Bulley Navarro (Love-Croix Helados & Eatz)

Donkey Years Award – recognizing a Chamber business in operation for 30 years or more on St Croix.

- Bohlke International Airways
- Gertrudes Restaurant
- Budget Rent a Car, LLC

Lifetime Achievement

- Marlon Williams
- John Macy (Big Beards Adventure Tours)
- Sweeny Toussaint (Sweeny's Taxi & Safari Tours)

This year's keynote speaker will be Viya CEO Geraldine Pitts. The chamber is promising an exciting evening with entertainment, food, and an opportunity to mingle with fellow business professionals, chamber members and guests.

This year's event is sponsored by Limetree Energy, Marshall and Sterling Insurance, Viya and Firstbank, according to the release. Purchase your ticket to attend [here](#).