

Chamber awards businesses, individuals for achievements

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Oct. 14 – In ceremonies on Thursday, the Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce made its annual awards to businesses and individuals that have made a special impact on their community.

The prestigious Athena Award went to Pam Anderson, owner of Anderson Construction. The honor is given to a person who demonstrates "excellence, creativity and initiative" in their business or profession, devotes time and energy to improve the lives of others in the community, and helps other women reach their leadership potential.

"Through her professional and personal life – as a female contractor, community volunteer and mentor, Pam constantly encourages other women to strive for greatness, both as a role model, as a mentor, friend, and as an employer working with contractors," said Yvonne Butts-Mitchell, last year's recipient.

Butts-Mitchell also talked about Anderson's involvement in a host of community organizations, and her volunteerism.

She used a quote from a Penn College graduate, which she said sums up Anderson's dedication to women: 'One of the best things to happen to the Penn College Construction Club was you – they always talked highly about you and your work. You have been the best role model for the Club, and so inspiring for me as well. Just hearing their words about you – Pam Anderson – helped me realize what a difference women can make, even when they are in a man's world.'