Columbia, MO – On Wednesday, January 29, 2020 members of the University of Missouri Extension - Business Development Program (BDP) were recognized for their performance and accomplishments. The annual celebration awards individual and team performance for the most recent fiscal year.

The programs included in the BDP are the Missouri Small Business Development Centers (SBDC), Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), and Mid-America Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (TAAC).

Awards & recipients are listed below:

**BDP Innovator:** to recognize the business development program staff person who developed and delivered the most innovative program

Ken Surbrugg, Missouri SBDC at MSSU, Joplin, MO

**BDP Recruiter:** to recognize the business development program staff person who recruited expertise from another staff person in the BDP network, resulting in an outstanding collaborative effort on behalf of the client

Anastasia Tiedemann, Missouri SBDC in Northeast Region, Kirksville, MO

**BDP First Responder:** to recognize the business development program staff person who responded to another BDP staff person’s request for assistance on a client case, and then made the greatest impact with a client

Mark Christian, Missouri SBDC & PTAC at Mizzou, Columbia, MO
Allen Waldo, Missouri PTAC, Springfield, MO
Chris Thompson, MU Extension – BDP, Jefferson City, MO

**Mid-America Trade Adjustment Assistance Center (TAAC) - taacenter.org**

Most Petitions, Adjustment Proposals & Contracts: Rebecca Nace
Most Spectacular Support: LaNesha Robinson
Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) - moptac.net

Most Counseling Hours: Jaymie Mitchell, Missouri PTAC in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
Most Awarded Dollars: Michelle Cunningham, Missouri PTAC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
Blue Block:
  Allen Waldo, Missouri PTAC at MSU, Springfield, MO
  Jaymie Mitchell, Missouri PTAC in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
  Michelle Cunningham, Missouri PTAC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
Successful FY19: Jana Weitkemper, Elaine Palangpour, Mark Christian, Michelle Cunningham, Delia Marin, Jaymie Mitchell, Willis Mushrush, Don Robertson, Bill Stuby, Allen Waldo

Missouri Small Business Development Center (SBDC) – missourisbdc.org

Top 5 Greatest Impact Generation: Capitalization
  Lynette Watson, Missouri SBDC in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
  Sandra Smart, Missouri SBDC at MSU, Springfield, MO
  Justin Schulz, Missouri SBDC in St. Louis, St. Charles, MO
  Jill Hathaway, Missouri SBDC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
  Travin Shelton, Missouri SBDC at Missouri S&T, Rolla, MO

Top 5 Greatest Impact Generation: Business Starts
  Lynette Watson, Missouri SBDC in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
  Anastasia Tiedemann, Missouri SBDC in Northeast Region, Kirksville, MO
  Rebecca Lobina, Missouri SBDC at NWMSU, St. Joseph, MO
  Kelly Asbury, Missouri SBDC at SFCC, Sedalia, MO
  Sandra Smart, Missouri SBDC at MSU, Springfield, MO

Top 6 Highest Number of Counseling Hours
  Lisa Robinson, Missouri SBDC at MSSU, Joplin, MO
  Ken Surbrugg, Missouri SBDC at MSSU, Joplin, MO
  Jill Hathaway, Missouri SBDC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
  Kevin Wilson, Missouri SBDC in St. Louis Region, St. Louis, MO
  Delia Marin, Missouri SBDC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
  Mark Christian, Missouri SBDC at Mizzou, Columbia, MO

Top 5 Highest Number of Training Sessions Held
  Rebecca Gubbels, Missouri SBDC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
  Sandra Smart, Missouri SBDC at MSU, Springfield, MO
  Kelly Asbury, Missouri SBDC at SFCC, Sedalia, MO
  Lynette Watson, Missouri SBDC in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
Jill Hathaway, Missouri SBDC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO

**Top 5 Highest Client Satisfaction**

Rebecca Lobina, Missouri SBDC at NWMSU, St. Joseph, MO
Karen Leatherman, Missouri SBDC at S&T, Rolla, MO
Jakob Pallesen, Missouri SBDC at SEMO, Cape Girardeau, MO
Lisa Robinson, Missouri SBDC at MSSU, Joplin, MO
Ken Surbrugg, Missouri SBDC at MSSU, Joplin, MO

Rookie of the Year (New Employee Performance)

Delia Marin, Missouri SBDC & PTAC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO

Center Overall Performance Award

Missouri SBDC at MSU, Springfield, MO
Missouri SBDC at UMKC, Kansas City, MO
Missouri SBDC in St. Louis Region

Blue Block Award

Missouri SBDC at MSSU, Joplin, MO

Center Most Innovative Award

Missouri SBDC in Northeast Region, Kirksville, MO

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