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Alewerks Brewing Company & Anvil Campground Tie For Small Business of the Year Award; Billsburg Brewery Takes Home Early Stage Business Award

Williamsburg, VA – The Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance Business Council is pleased to announce and congratulate the recipients of the 29th Annual Small Business of the Year Award and the 2nd Annual Early Stage Business Award!

The Small Business of the Year race resulted in a tie between Alewerks Brewing Company and Anvil Campground. Alewerks has been open since 2006 and has steadily grown their revenue to over three million dollars by offering a diverse, wide-ranging portfolio of styles and tastes along with consistently high quality beers and an educational, absorbing taproom experience. Anvil Campground, a family business owned and operated by Chris Jump and his brother Raymon, is adding the Small Business of the Year award to a number of honors and distinctions that include the 2018 National Small RV Park of the Year Award from the National RV Park Association and five Certificates of Excellence from TripAdvisor in the last six years. The other nominees were James A. Burden D.D.S & Associates, Streamline Roofing and The Drying Company/ThermalTec.

Billsburg Brewery was awarded the 2nd Annual Early Stage Business Award, which is given to small businesses that have been open for less than three years. Since opening in 2017, owner Dave Baum and his team have grown Billsburg into a premier destination brewery that is constantly looking for ways to push the boundaries of the role of a local brewery within the Greater Williamsburg community and incorporate other local businesses into their taproom experience and events. The other nominees for the Early Stage Business Award were ALC Concepts, LLC and Paddle On Of Williamsburg.

All of the businesses considered for both awards were nominated by members of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance Business Council and then interviewed by the Business Council's Economic Growth Committee. The Committee judged the nominees by the criteria of staying power, increase in sales and/or unit volume, innovativeness of product or service offered, response to adversity and evidence of contributions to aid community oriented projects. Early Stage Business nominees were also judged on entrepreneurial spirit.

The Business Council would once again like to congratulate the winners and the nominees and thank the Launchpad for hosting the awards ceremony as well as Chesapeake Bank for sponsoring the event.

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