



## **Congratulations to Our 2023 Industry Appreciation Award recipients**

### **COMPANY OF THE YEAR**

- Large (over 50 employees)  
[IMG Citrus](#) - award accepted by Co-CEOs Chloe Gentry and Timothee Sallin
- Mid-size (30-50 employees)  
[Ocean Drive Plastic Surgery](#) – award accepted by Dr. Roxanne Durkin, owner of Ocean Drive Plastic Surgery, Dermatology, MedSpa and MedSpa Network, and Dr. Jimmy Chim, a Board-Certified Plastic Surgeon at Ocean Drive Plastic Surgery
- Small (less than 30 employees)  
[MBV Engineering](#) - award accepted by Bruce Moia, President; and vice presidents Aaron Bowles and Rodolfo Villamizar

### **VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

[21<sup>st</sup> Amendment Distillery](#) - award accepted by Jeff Palleschi, the Founder and Owner

### **MINORITY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

[Cooley Creative](#) content marketing - award accepted by Tatiana Cooley, Owner

### **ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR**

Angelina Poggi, owner of [Armani's Cucina](#) and Armani's Italian Market

### **MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR**

- Mid-size  
[M.A. Ford](#) – award accepted by Steve Barrett, Plant Manager
- Small  
[Aluma Tower](#) – award accepted by Shane Mullen, CEO

### **ARCHITECTURAL RECOGNITION AWARDS – below and following pages**

#### **NEW CONSTRUCTION**

##### **Commercial Building Construction**

Small – [Max's Green Marlin Tiki](#) on U.S. 1, owned by Lou Kolbauer  
Engineering and Architectural work: Mills Short & Associates  
Builder: Giardiana Construction

Athena Barton, General Manager, and Patti Clements, Director of Operations, accepted the award

Large – [Home2 Suites by Hilton-Vero Beach](#), off SR60 near I-95, owned by Vero Beach Hotels LLC

Architect: Anderson Architecture

Interior design: Synergy Interior Design

The Engineer Firms: Johnson Structural Group, and Thompson & Youngross Engineering Consultants

Landscaping: Susan Hall Landscape Architecture

Builder: Coastal Choice Construction

General Manager PK Kapur accepted the award

### **New Project Construction**

[CW Willis Family Farm](#) – on Oslo Road, owned by Chris and Melissa Willis

Architect: Robert Gaskill and Associates

Engineering: Mills Short & Associates

Builder: Timothy Rose Contracting

Landscaping and Interior Design: The Willis family

### **COMMERCIAL RENOVATION**

Small: [Iconic Dermatology](#) – renovated retail building on SR60 (former Calico Corners), owned by Drs. Divya & Anand Haryani

Architect: CAG Architects

Engineer: MAB Engineering

Builder: Proctor Construction

Landscape Design: Florida Grown Landscape

Large: North County Library in Sebastian, owned by Indian River County

Architect: Donadio and Associates, a Spiezle Company

Engineers: ML Engineering and Kamm Engineering

Builder: Proctor Construction Company

Mike Zito, Assistant County Administrator, accepted the award

**ADAPTIVE RE-USE** – bringing new life to a vacant building

[Nuva Dental](#) – on Atlantic Boulevard, off SR60, owned by Dr. Eva Napoles and her husband, Jaro Palacios

Architect: Allen Kiesel & Associates

Engineer: C & H Merrill

Builder: Courtney Builders

## **HISTORIC RESTORATION**

[Tangelo House](#), on Royal Palm Boulevard, just east of US-1, owned by Garrett Puzzo

Architectural updating and Landscaping: Garrett Puzzo

Engineer: T.E. Schlitt Engineering

Builder was Mike Schlitt with Michael Schlitt Construction

Garrett and Stephanie Puzzo accepted the award