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Century College Named Business of the Year by White Bear Area Chamber

Century College has been named the 2011 Business of the Year by the White Bear Area Chamber of Commerce.

The award is given annually to a business that “contributes to the local economy in an outstanding manner, showing an exemplified business savvy. The winner has directly helped in industry growth, showed ingenuity, job creation and entrepreneurship.”

Chamber leaders noted that Century is the largest two-year college in the state and has doubled its enrollment in the last 11 years. It offers students “an excellent opportunity for the learning that will sustain them throughout their time in the workforce.”

The Chamber noted that Century is a community resource that “provides classes, space for meetings and other services that enhance the well-being of our entire region. Century is particularly important to adults

who return to college for career change initiatives after they have had their careers interrupted by the recession.”

According to a study by economist Paul Anton of Anton & Associates, Century returns \$175 million in economic activity to the local economy every year.

The Chamber award was accepted by Century Foundation Executive Director Nick Maras and Foundation Board President Linda Kay Smith at a luncheon event on May 17 at Jimmy’s Conference & Catering in Vadnais Heights.



President Larry Litecky, Board President Linda Kay Smith