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AWC announces recipients of Headliner Awards

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The 2010 State Champion Estacado basketball team will be honored by the Association for Women in Communication with a Headliner Award on April 19th at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center (AJ FILE)

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The Lubbock Professional Chapter of the Association for Women in Communications has chosen this year's recipients of its Headliner Awards, Gold Medalist Awards and the Louise Allen Award.

Presentations of the awards to the honorees will be made during an annual Celebrity Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. April 19 in the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.

Tickets, which are \$50 for individuals, or \$500 for reserved tables of eight, are available from Donna Campbell by email at dcampbell@ramarcom.com or by calling 748-9305. For underwriting opportunities contact Diane Harlan at dharlan@kcbd.com or by calling 761-4204. Deadline is April 14.

The George Mahon Award for Extraordinary Public Service, and the AWC Communicator of the Year Award will be announced at the luncheon.

According to information provided by the chapter, Headliner Awards are presented to those whose achievements or contributions have received widespread positive recognition through the media.

The Gold Medalists are individuals who, over an extended period of time, have worked

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to improve the quality of life for a broad spectrum of those living in the Lubbock area.

The Louise Allen Award, which memorializes the name of the founder of the Lubbock Professional Chapter of Theta Sigma Phi — now the Association for Women in Communications — goes each year to an entity that has exhibited outstanding corporate community service.

The George Mahon Award is only presented in those years when the AWC membership finds a person who has dedicated a lifetime to a broad array of public service efforts. And the service must go beyond the demands of any job or office held by the recipient.

The Communicator of the Year is a recognition given to honor a member of the AWC who has demonstrated excellence in a profession, positive support of the Lubbock chapter, and commitment to the purposes of the AWC. It is the organization's highest honor for one of its members.

Following are this year's awards and recipients:

- Headliner Award — Johnnie Mac, Jeanne and Katrina Brown for their efforts in a campaign to stop texting while driving, which gained national attention.
- Headliner Award — Estacado High School's Basketball Team, which won the 2010 State Championship.
- Headliner Award — Idalou High School Football Team, which won the 2010 State Championship, and the Idalou High School Basketball Team, which won the 2011 State Championship.
- Headliner Award — Seshadri "Ram" Ramkumar, associate professor in Texas Tech's Institute of Environmental and Human Health, and inventor of a product that gained EPA approval for use in cleaning up the Gulf oil spill.
- Headliner Award — Texas Tech Libraries for recognition in Times Square as the national winner of the Thomson Reuters "Focus on Your Library" contest.
- Gold Medalist Award — Terry Hawkins and Dr. Doug Klepper, for working to improve the quality of life in the Lubbock area.
- Gold Medalist Award — Mike and Leslie Moss, for working to improve the quality of life in the Lubbock area.
- Gold Medalist Award — Celeste Thompson, for working to improve the quality of life in the Lubbock area.
- Gold Medalist Award — Irasema Velasquez, for working to improve the quality of life in the Lubbock area.
- The Louise Allen Award — Wentz Orthodontics, for exhibiting outstanding community service.

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Celebrity Luncheon

- When: 11:30 a.m., April 19.
- Where: Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Banquet Hall.
- Organization: Lubbock Professional Chapter, Association for Women in Communications.
- Tickets: \$50 for individuals, \$500 for reserved tables of eight.
- Ticket contact: Donna Campbell, dcampbell@ramarcom.com, 748-9305;

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