



## **BBB Names 2018 Torch Awards for Ethics Finalists**

*Burnsville, Minnesota – September 13, 2018* – Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) is pleased to announce its finalists for the 2018 BBB Torch Awards for Ethics. Each year, BBB Torch Awards for Ethics recognizes outstanding companies who demonstrate integrity and a strong commitment to ethics in relationship with customers, employees, and the community they serve.

The 2018 BBB Torch Award finalists are:

### **Category I** *(1-10 employees)*

- Monarch Builders & Commercial Services, Edina, MN
- All American Restoration, LLC, Brooklyn Park, MN
- Adams Consulting Group, LLC, Bloomington, MN

### **Category II** *(11-50 employees)*

- Blue and White Taxi, St. Louis Park, MN
- ICC Restoration & Cleaning Services, Woodbury, MN
- Countryside Heating and Cooling Solutions, Maple Plain, MN
- Blue Ox Heating & Air, New Hope, MN
- Standard Water Control Systems, Inc., Crystal, MN

### **Category III** *(51-175 employees)*

- Coordinated Business Systems, Ltd., Burnsville, MN
- Handi Medical Supply, Inc., St. Paul, MN
- Dean's Professional Plumbing, Heating & Air, Maple Grove, MN

### **Category IV** *(176+ employees)*

- Preferred Credit, Inc., St. Cloud, MN
- Lakeshirts / Blue 84, Detroit Lakes, MN
- Premier Disability Services, LLC, Minneapolis, MN

The 2018 BBB Torch Awards for Ethics finalists will be celebrated, and four winners announced, live at the event. The 2018 BBB Torch Award for Ethics ceremony will take place at Hyundai Club at U.S. Bank Stadium Wednesday, October 24 at 2:30. Dennis W. Schulstad, Brigadier General, USAF, retired, will be the keynote speaker. Jason Matheson and Alexis Thompson of MyTalk 107.1's 'Jason & Alexis Show' will be the hosts. Tickets for this event can be purchased [bbb.org/minnesota/torch-tix](http://bbb.org/minnesota/torch-tix).

Inclusive in the ceremony, BBB will award five Student of Integrity Scholarships totaling \$10,500. These scholarships are offered to high school seniors in Minnesota and North Dakota who have written an essay on the impact ethical decisions have made in their lives. Scholarship money can be applied toward winners' post-secondary education expenses at any accredited institution. The deadline for applications is Thursday, September 20. All interested students are welcome to apply at [bbb.org/minnesota/scholarship](http://bbb.org/minnesota/scholarship).

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BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota also acknowledges the 2018 Student of Integrity sponsors: CenterPoint Energy, KleinBank, North Star Resource Group, Preferred Credit, Inc. and SPIRE Credit Union.

BBB presents Torch Awards for Ethics each year to for-profit companies owned or operated in Minnesota and North Dakota who display integrity in all aspects of their operations. Nominees submit a detailed entry to BBB, and a panel of independent volunteer business and community leaders review entries and select the winners. Nominees must be in good standing with BBB; however, accreditation is not a requirement to compete for the award.

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