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**THREE TUCSON METRO CHAMBER EMPLOYEES RECENTLY NAMED FINALISTS OR WINNERS OF MULTIPLE AWARDS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Tucson, Arizona, Nov. 8, 2019 – Tucson Metro Chamber staff, including Adam Begody, Robert Medler and Amber Smith, have been finalists or winners at recent award events held by Society for Human Resource Management of Greater Tucson (SHRM-GT), Metropolitan Pima Alliance (MPA) and Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.**

Adam Begody, Tucson Metro Chamber's senior account executive won an award at SHRM for his tireless leadership and said, "I'm humbled and honored to be recognized as a leader in the community. While the individual recognition is appreciated, this award truly reflects the hard work being done by organizations such as the Tucson Metro Chamber, the Foothills Club of Tucson, SHRM-GT and Earn to Learn. I'm fortunate to have worked for and with two amazing leaders, Kate Hoffman and Amber Smith, and I hope that I can instill in others the qualities they have instilled in me."

Amber Smith, the Chamber's president and CEO, was a finalist at SHRM's event for the large scope of work she's spearheaded that has focused on workforce development and the Tucson Talent Pipeline. In addition to being a finalist, Amber had the honor of being the keynote speaker at the event.

Robert Medler holds the position of vice president at the Chamber and has engaged in active volunteerism. He is the most recent past chair of the Air Guardians, a civic group of business leaders supporting the Air National Guard 162<sup>nd</sup>. Additionally, Robert is the Executive Director for the Southern Arizona Chamber of Commerce Alliance (SACCA).

Because of his leadership, specifically with SACCA, Robert won a spot in Tucson Hispanic Chamber's annual 40 Under 40 Awards for the work he did to write legislation related to unjust property taxes known as Rule B Fix Legislation (S.B. 1248). He partnered with Arizona Senator Vince Leach to get the legislation passed and had support from Jodi Bain, Sharon Bronson, Jodi Cavanaugh, Steve Christy, Suzanne Droubie, Brandon Rodgers, and Jason Wong, as well as many others who were integral in the success of the bill. Rule B was also the reason for the Tucson Metro Chamber winning a Common Ground award at MPA's event.

When Robert was asked about his incredible accomplishment, he said, "I'm fortunate to have an employer, and a team at work, who are supportive and allow me to take the time to volunteer for a variety of organizations. It is humbling to be recognized for making a difference in our community."

The Tucson Metro Chamber continually finds ways to build a strong community where businesses can thrive. Receiving recognition for our efforts is icing on the cake.



**About the Tucson Metro Chamber**

The Tucson Metro Chamber's mission is to champion an environment where your business thrives, and our community prospers. The Chamber is a member-based business advocacy and community development organization that represents more than 1,500 businesses, employing more than 160,000 employees in the greater Tucson area.

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