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A new year brings fresh ideas, perspectives, and goals as we work together to build a more prosperous Pennsylvania. Our local chamber partners are among the most important stakeholders in helping the PA Chamber understand the issues impacting business leaders across the Commonwealth, and we look forward to all we'll accomplish in 2026.

As we rely on our local chamber partners to keep us informed about what's affecting businesses across the state, we also appreciate all you do to elevate their voices and celebrate their successes. In December, we proudly announced the winners of our inaugural **Small Business of the Year Awards** — a celebration of economic excellence and the entrepreneurial spirit driving small businesses across the Commonwealth.

Since the application period opened in October, small businesses from diverse industries and regions submitted entries. The PA Chamber was thrilled to honor two 2025 PA Small Business of the Year Award winners – **The Lexis Group, LLC** of Harrisburg and **Hocus Pocus Cleaning** of Schnecksville - along with other distinguished honorees who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in areas such as growth, innovation, community engagement, and entrepreneurial spirit. Together, these business leaders are driving their local economies and moving Pennsylvania forward.

“We were blown away by the amount and quality of submissions for the Small Business of the Year Award, but not at all surprised given the unmatched work ethic and ingenuity characterizing Pennsylvania’s small businesses,” PA Chamber President and CEO Luke Bernstein said in a press release. “While the choice was difficult, we are thrilled to award Hocus Pocus Cleaning and The Lexis Group with the top honors, as these incredible women-owned companies check all the boxes – smart leadership, strong culture, intentional community engagement, and commitment to innovation and operational excellence.”

More information about the awards and the full list of winners is available on the PA Chamber’s [website](#). Stories about the awards and winners were published and aired across statewide media, including on [WFMZ-TV](#), the [New Castle News](#), the [Lehigh Valley Business Journal](#), the [Pennsylvania Business Report](#), the [Franklin County Free Press](#), and [Lancaster Online](#).