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## Chamber of Flowood Winter Gathering Feb. 1

FLOWOOD— On February 1, the Chamber of Flowood & Visitor Center will welcome the new year with the return of its annual Winter Gathering.

The event will occur from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the new Sheraton Flowood The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center, where nominees and recipients of the Top of the Community awards will be announced.

The event will be preceded by an office Open House & Social from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. for attendees to have a special viewing of the Chamber of Flowood's new office space and visitor center in the hotel.

Sponsored by BankFirst, the Chamber of Flowood's Winter Gathering is an event that celebrates business success in the Flowood community. Each individual or business nominated for the Top of the Community Awards is considered for their impact in Flowood.

Top of the Community award categories include "Entrepreneur of the Year," "New Business of the Year," "Small Business of the Year," "Medium Business of the Year," and "Large Business of the Year." Awards for "Heart of Flowood," "President's Award," and "Mayor's Spirit Award" will also be presented at the Winter Gathering.

Nominees for "Entrepreneur of the Year" include Tyrone Bloodsaw with Mighty Men Enterprises, Keri Davis with Pacesetter Gallery, Kevin Roberts with Fit Chef Catering, and Christian Ulmer with The Yard Milkshake Bar.

"New Business of the Year" nominees include American Gent

Barbershop, Happy Tummies Pediatric GI Clinic, Sheraton Flowood The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center, Not Just a Burger, and Office Evolution.

Nominees for the "Small Business of the Year" category are Fresh Cut Catering & Floral, F5 Flowood Futsal & Functional Fitness Facility, State Farm Insurance —Malcolm Houston Agency, and Keesler Federal Credit Union.

"Medium Business of the Year" nominees include Capital Ortho, Community Bank, Mississippi

Sports Medicine & Orthopedic Center, and Southern Homes Real Estate.

Those nominated in the category of "Large Business of the Year" are Ergon, Inc.; Merit Health; Sheraton Flowood The Refuge Hotel & Conference Center; and Zavation.

Nominees for the "Heart of Flowood" first responders' recognition award include Flowood policeman Max White, Flowood fireman Logan Lemonis, and Flowood paramedic Brayden McKay.

The recipient of the "President's

Award" is selected by Chamber of Flowood board President Shane' Dubois, and the recipient of the "Mayor's Spirit Award" is chosen by Flowood Mayor Gary Rhoads.

Tickets for individuals (\$50) and table reservations for businesses (\$550) are available for purchase now at [flowoodchamber.com](http://flowoodchamber.com).

To learn more about the Winter Gathering, visit [flowoodchamber.com](http://flowoodchamber.com) or contact the Chamber of Flowood at 601-932-8007 or at [office@flowoodchamber.com](mailto:office@flowoodchamber.com).