



2025 Awards Nominations

Excellence in Business

This award recognizes a Chamber Business Member for its success and growth; improvement to the business; community involvement; leadership development; dedication to employees and commitment to customer service.

Custom Aluminum Products

Custom Aluminum Products is highly deserving of the Excellence in Business Award for its long-standing success, continued growth, industry leadership, and deep commitment to its employees and the Genoa community. A respected Chamber business member founded in 1960 as a small storm door and window manufacturer, Custom Aluminum Products has grown into the very place where the Chamber proudly hosts its Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner today. This evolution reflects the company's excellence not only through operational improvements and a customer-focused approach, but also through its strong sense of civic responsibility and leadership.

Custom Aluminum Products consistently gives back to the community by supporting and assisting with key local initiatives. The company plays an integral role in Chamber events by moving Santa's House each year, helping ensure a cherished holiday tradition continues for families throughout Genoa. In addition, Custom Aluminum Products generously opens its Cascio Showroom to host the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, providing a welcoming space to celebrate local businesses and community leaders. The company also supports local organizations including Rooted for Good – Genoa and the Inventors Lab, fostering creativity, education, and innovation for future generations.

Internally, Custom Aluminum Products believes that its people are the key to its success and offers robust on-site educational programs ranging from entry-level to advanced concepts. These initiatives include partnerships with local high schools and colleges, reinforcing a strong commitment to workforce development and lifelong learning. For more than 50 years, Custom Aluminum Products has fostered a workplace culture where ideas are welcomed, innovation is encouraged, and hard work is recognized—an entrepreneurial spirit that continues to thrive today. The company's internship program for local graduates further demonstrates its dedication to education and employee development.

Through sustained growth, industry leadership, meaningful community involvement, and a strong commitment to employees and customer service, Custom Aluminum Products exemplifies the values of the Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce and is a truly deserving recipient of the Excellence in Business Award.

IBEW Local 196

This big business is a labor union chapter for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). Local 196 serves part of northern Illinois and is part of this broader electrical workers' union structure. Specifically, a key function of 196 is the hands-on training center located in Genoa. They provide introductory classes for potential apprentices, as well as continuing education on safety standards, operating heavy equipment, and directional drilling. For the people of Genoa this means access to a job referral system where members sign up and join to be a part of the union offering career pathways into electrical construction and utility work, job placement services, and support working under union contracts in the electrical industry. They also are building a significant building in Genoa which adds further opportunities for the community.

JDK Services, Inc.

JDK Services, Inc. is a highly deserving recipient of the Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business Award in recognition of its outstanding achievements, consistent growth, and positive impact across all areas of its business. Through excellence in general contracting, professional landscaping services, and unmatched snow and ice removal, JDK Services has demonstrated strong leadership, reliability, and lasting contributions to businesses and residents throughout the Genoa area.

JDK Services' general contracting division is distinguished by superior craftsmanship, dependable project execution, and an unwavering commitment to quality. The company's professionalism and integrity have earned the trust of clients, partners, and community members alike, setting a high standard within the construction industry. Notable renovation projects within the Genoa community include the new façade at Mark Carlson State Farm Insurance, interior renovations at Heartland Bank and Trust, and numerous residential projects that enhance the character and functionality of local properties.

In addition to construction, JDK Services brings creativity and expertise to its landscaping services, helping clients bring their outdoor visions to life. From landscape design and the installation of plants, shrubs, and trees to hardscaping and seasonal maintenance, JDK Services enhances both residential and commercial properties throughout the community. Their comprehensive maintenance services ensure that existing landscapes remain attractive, well-kept, and functional year-round.

When winter weather creates challenges, JDK Services' snow and ice removal operations provide dependable, timely service that helps keep businesses and properties accessible and safe. Their responsiveness during severe conditions reflects a strong commitment to customer service and community well-being.

Internally, JDK Services recognizes the importance of its employees and highlights their contributions through its social media presence, reinforcing a culture of appreciation and teamwork. Beyond day-to-day operations, the company demonstrates a positive impact beyond the job site through local engagement, ethical business practices, and support of the regional economy.

Through continued excellence, community leadership, and a strong commitment to service, JDK Services, Inc. exemplifies the values of the Genoa Area Chamber of Commerce. Their dedication to building not only quality projects, but also strong relationships, plays a vital role in advancing a vibrant and prosperous local business environment. JDK Services, Inc. is truly deserving of recognition with the Excellence in Business Award.

Northwest Center for Autism at High Road School

We chose this non-profit organization because they are specialized private therapeutic day school that serves students ages 3-21 that focuses on those with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental or educational needs. This school aligns with their mission statement by having student-centered, data-driven programs tailored to each learner's goals within a smaller class-size setting. The school offers Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), occupational therapy, speech & language therapy, and social skills development, all of which are considered best practices for most autistic learners, and all students in general. An innovative way of doing this is through transition and daily living skills. The school focuses on life skills which are consistent with supporting independence in addition to their academic learning, which we feel are necessary.