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2016 Community Awards Presented at State of the Village Address

During the Annual Romeoville State of the Village Address, Mayor John Noak presented various community awards.

The Citizen of the Year Award was presented to Art Arellano for his community involvement. "Volunteers are critical to the success of any organization. We are fortunate to have individuals such as Art in our community," said Mayor John Noak. Art volunteers for numerous organizations, some of which include the Historical Society, American Legion, Beautification Committee and Romeoville Fire Auxiliary.



Romeoville High School was given a Special Recognition Award for their academic achievements as well as their community involvement. During the presentation, Mayor Noak highlighted numerous recognitions the school has received over the last year, including being named as one of the Nation's Top High Schools with similar criteria for 2016 by U.S. News and World Reports. In addition to their academic achievements, Noak commended the students for their volunteer efforts and for raising over \$35,000 for cancer research. The award was accepted by Principal Derek Kinder.

The Business of the Year distinction was presented to Metal Monkey Brewing, LLC for their many accomplishments in their first year and their generosity within the community. Within their first year in business, they debuted their first two bottled beers. Although running a business for the first year is time consuming, that did not stop the ownership from finding time to raise funds to aid local residents in need. When receiving the award, Owner Dan Camp said that they were very honored and they look forward to residents seeing their beer on tap in more local establishments.



A video of the presentation will soon be available on the Village's website and Comcast Channel 6 and UVerse Channel 99.