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July 29, 2025

Missouri Main Street Connection Awarded the Outstanding Economic Impact Project Associate Tier Award to Danni Eickenhorst, Steve Ewing, and Derrick Langeneckert

Branson, MO. – Missouri Main Street Connection (MMSC) awarded the Outstanding Economic Impact Project Associate Tier Award to Danni Eickenhorst, Steve Ewing, and Derrick Langeneckert during Missouri's Premier Downtown Revitalization Conference's Evening of Excellence Awards Ceremony and Dinner at the St. Charles Convention Center. They were one of the 23 community, individual, business, and organization award recipients that were recognized Thursday night.

Danni Eickenhorst, Steve Ewing, and Derrick Langeneckert received this award for their transformative partnership that brought over \$1 million in new investment and development to the Delmar Maker District.

These three entrepreneurs invested in a new construction project, Delmar Makers Locale, to house The Fountain, Steve's Hot Dogs, and Alpha Brewing Company. It also includes a multi-use space equipped with a welcoming indoor/outdoor shared patio, beer garden, and an all-season astro-turf pocket park featuring life-sized games and family-friendly amenities in a dynamic destination that blends food, music, craft beer, and community gathering into a powerful engine for economic vitality and cultural enrichment in St. Louis. It also deeply enhances the quality of life in the Delmar district.

Since opening, this team has solidified the block as a "go next" neighborhood destination, driving new visitors, repeat customers, and additional investment. This project is a powerful anchor for the Delmar Main Street district and marks the pivotal moment in this district and neighborhood's growth as one of 12 new restaurants that opened in 2024.

Danni Eickenhorst, Steve Ewing, and Derrick Langeneckert are deserving of the Outstanding Economic Impact Project Associate Tier Award for their leadership in the transformation of a once-vacant lot into a vibrant hub where neighbors and visitors alike can taste, see, shop, eat, and play.

About Delmar Main Street

Delmar Main Street follows the Main Street Approach™, which focuses revitalization efforts in four areas: Design, Economic Vitality, Organization, and Promotion. Through this comprehensive and balanced approach, they promote entrepreneurship and equitable development along the Delmar corridor while reimagining the district as vibrant, thriving, and united!

For more information on this award contact Delmar Main Street's Executive Director Felice McClendon at director@delmarmainstreet.org.

About Missouri Main Street Connection

Missouri Main Street Connection is the leading statewide nonprofit organization devoted to preservation-based economic development. Through the Main Street America™ movement and our partners, we empower community revitalization by celebrating, supporting, and sustaining Missouri historic commercial districts in both rural and urban settings. Since 2006, Missouri Main Street districts have seen \$1.4 billion in public and private investment and MMSC has worked in over 150 communities. These Missouri Main Street communities and districts are thriving and vibrant by engaging the community members in revitalization strategies to create experiences that preserve their history and culture. Follow Missouri Main Street Connection on Facebook @MissouriMainStreetConnection and Instagram @MOmainstreet.

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