**Diversity in Business Award Winners**

2012

Access to Capital: Johnny Adams, First Security Bank

Advocate for Opportunity: Ernesto Castro, Los Tres Potrillos

Minority Business: Country Inn & Suites

Economic Development: Chante Duncan, Func Fusion Academy

Lifetime Achievement: Ronnie Williams, UCA

Speaker: Corliss Williamson

2013

Access to Capital: Brent Salter, Salter Properties

Advocate for Opportunity: Kristy Carter, UCA

Minority Business: City of Hope Outreach

Young Minority Professional: Johnny Ho, Umami

Lifetime Achievement: Thelma Moton, Choosing to Excel

Speaker: Darrin Williams, COE of Southern Bancorp

2014

Advocate for Opportunity: Faulkner County Branch of the NAACP

Minority Business: Sandstone Real Estate Group

Young Minority Professional: Osmar Garcia, First Security Bank

Lifetime Achievement: Dr. Lloyd Hervey, Philander Smith College

Speaker: Sericia Cole, Executive Director of Mosaic Templars Cultural Center

2015

Advocate for Opportunity: Philip Fletcher, City of Hope Outreach

Minority Business: La Huerta, El Parian, Cilantro’s Grill, Patron

Young Minority Professional: Li Zeng, UCA

Lifetime Achievement: Shelia Whitmore, City Council/Counseling Associates

Speaker: Nikki Newton, Senior VP and Global Director of Institutional Mktg for Waddell & Reed/Ivy Funds

2016

Advocate for Opportunity: Berthenia Gill, Youth Advocate Resource Network, Inc.

Minority Business: Tucker Creek Vet

Young Minority Professional: Melvin Gonzalez, Melvin’s Painting

Lifetime Achievement: Herman Lasker, Lasker’s Pest Control Service & Conway Public Schools

Speaker: Dr. Bill Tsutsui, Hendrix President

2017

Advocate for Opportunity: Osmar Garcia, Northwestern Mutual

Minority Business: Las Delicias

Young Minority Professional: Crystal Floyd, Acxiom Corporation & Xochilt Hawks, AR Property Brokers

Lifetime Achievement: Mary Acklin, Acklin Rental Property

Speaker: Tania Leon, creator, Little Rock Nine Opera

2018

Advocate for Opportunity: Dr. Angela Webster, UCA

Minority Business: TreeHouse Cleaning LLC

Young Minority Professional: Jimmy Warren, Pulaski County Youth Services

Lifetime Achievement: Ken Patel, Conway Mgmt

Speaker: Rita Moreno

2019

Minority Executive:

Minority Business: AllState Insurance, Chris Hervey Agency

Young Minority Professional: Dr. George Parks, Jr. | New Hope Baptist Church

Lifetime Achievement: Charlotte Green, UCA/Conway Public Schools

Speaker: John Quinones

2020

Minority Executive: Mita Sitaram, Kumon of Conway

Minority Business: Northwestern Mutual

Young Minority Professional: Trip Leach, S7 Tactical

Lifetime Achievement: Tim & Gena Ester

Speaker: Ronnie Williams

2021

Minority Executive: Raju Vyas, Home2 Suites

Minority Business: YGFBFKitchen Restaurant & Catering

Young Minority Professional: Arturo Moraga, Simmons Bank

Lifetime Achievement: Pastor Cornell Maltbia

Feature: PBS Documentary, Dreamland