



## **Busey Awarded for Economic Development Impact at the 13th Annual Innovation Celebration**

Busey is honored to be recognized with the ***Economic Development Impact*** award at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Innovation Celebration by the *Champaign County Economic Development Corporation*.

The award recognizes local businesses that have made a significant economic development impact in the community and continue to demonstrate their commitment to Champaign County.

Clarkson Soy Products, LLC and Triptych Brewing Company were also nominated for the award.

The Champaign County Economic Development Corporation announced the winners at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Innovation Celebration on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Parkland College in Champaign.

The Innovation Celebration awards highlight individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions, taken risks and provided leadership to ensure the continuing economic success of Champaign County, the ongoing success of the University's economic development mission and the growth of entrepreneurial talent and energy in our community.

Not just an award for accomplishment but a benchmark of success for those nominated, the Innovation Celebration also serves as a tangible collaboration between the Champaign County EDC, University of Illinois, Parkland College and the community.

Nominations for nine different categories were viewed and judged by a panel of past winners, sponsors and community and university leaders. Finalists were announced in February.

### **Award categories included:**

Entrepreneurial Excellence: Social Venture Award

Entrepreneurial Excellence: Student Startup Award

Entrepreneurial Excellence: New Venture Award

Entrepreneurial Excellence: Advocacy Award

Entrepreneurial Excellence: Management Award

Innovation: Economic Development Impact Award

2018 Innovation Transfer Award—University of Illinois

2018 Alexis Wernsing Innovation Award—University of Illinois

2018 Innovation in Engagement Award—Parkland College



Innovation Celebration is hosted by the [Champaign County Economic Development Corporation](#) in partnership with the [University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#), [Parkland College](#), and community sponsors.

For more information, visit <http://innovationcelebration.com/>.