

News Release
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Ed Galligan
Executive Director
Port of Olympia

Galligan Named Boss of the Year

Program honors exceptional leadership in the workplace

Ed Galligan, Executive Director, was honored as Boss of the Year at today's Thurston County Chamber of Commerce Forum. This designation honors exceptional leadership in the workplace through innovation, communication, vision, execution, ethics, service and/or knowledge.

Ed was selected to receive this award after being nominated by his employees for demonstrating trust through compassion, patience, and loyalty and encouraging his staff to be innovative, seek continuous learning opportunities, and fully participate in the decision making process at the Port.

Under his leadership, the Port received the 2014 Washington Public Ports Association "Port of the Year Award". Galligan has prioritized environmental innovation under his leadership at the Port. The Port recently built a state-of-the-art storm water treatment facility for the Marine Terminal Operations. This nationally and regionally recognized facility has won numerous awards for its ingenuity in addressing our region's concerns over the long-term health of Puget Sound. In addition, under his leadership, both the Swantown Marina and Swantown Boatworks have received national recognition for their environmental stewardship initiatives. Ed understands that through innovation, the needs of the environmental can be met in a manner that is consistent with the culture of the community within which the Port operates.

Saint Martin's University business students played an important role in the selection process by interviewing finalists and gathering data for the selection committee.

Boss of the Year is a designation produced by the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, with sponsorship provided by Fisher Jones Family Dentistry and Pardiman Productions. Other 2016 honorees are Kevin Johnston, Capital Mall and Rozanne Garman, RHD Enterprises.

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About Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.