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Wyoming Leaders to Receive the Bill Daniels Ethical Leadership Award and Legislators of the Year Awards

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Former Wyoming State Senator Eli Bebout will receive the Bill Daniels Ethical Leadership Award and current Wyoming State Senator Tara Nethercott and Wyoming State Representative Eric Barlow will both receive Legislator of the Year Awards at a banquet in their honor during the 2022 Governor's Business Forum in Laramie on November 16th.

Created in 2016, the Bill Daniels Ethical Leadership Award recognizes Wyoming citizens who embody the ethical leadership principles exhibited by Bill Daniels, a cable television pioneer who started his professional career in Casper, Wyoming. The Bill Daniels Ethical Leadership Award is a joint venture between the Wyoming Business Alliance, the University of Wyoming College of Business, and the Daniels Fund. The recipient is selected by a diverse group of Wyoming leaders who served as the selection committee tasked with the tough challenge of reviewing the multiple award nominations.

Eli Bebout, of Riverton, has been selected for this prestigious award. He was selected for this distinction, in part, due to his tenure in the Wyoming legislature, having served in the House and the Senate. Throughout his time in office, he consistently displayed an ethical presence and performed his duties with honor. Whether he was agreed with or not, Bebout was honest about his decisions and the reasons behind them.

In addition to being a "go to" in the legislature, Bebout led the Wyoming Senate through some very difficult days of budget shortfalls. Always the "penny pincher," he brought people together and found solutions to Wyoming's issues by relying on his experience as a Wyoming businessman.

A strong supporter of higher education, Bebout helped build the resources at the University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources to be a world class facility as well ensuring our community colleges were open and accessible to rural citizens. An engineer, oil man, and a businessman, Bebout exemplifies all that is good about Wyoming. He lives by the Code of the West. He is known across the state as being tough, yet fair. His booming laugh and wide smile was a fixture in the Capitol for so many over the years. Whenever there was a tough issue to be worked on, you could count on Senator Bebout to volunteer to help lead.

"This is an incredible award and I am deeply humbled to be chosen," said Bebout. "I credit a lot of my successes to my family, especially my wife Lorraine, good old hard work, paying attention

to my many mentors over the years, and learning from people I have worked with in business and the legislature."

"I am so pleased the selection committee chose to honor Eli Bebout as the 2022 recipient of the Bill Daniels Ethical Leadership Award," said Kent Noble, an instructor of principle-based leadership and ethics at the University of Wyoming. "I have known Senator Bebout for years, and he has always acted with the utmost in integrity and respect."

"Senator Bebout is a Wyoming icon," said Cindy DeLancey, President of the Wyoming Business Alliance and the Wyoming Heritage Foundation. "His passion and knowledge about Wyoming and the workings of our state is like no other. His presence in the Capitol is deeply missed. He has had an enormous impact on me as a government affairs professional. It is an honor to call him, and his wife Lorraine friends."

Legislators of the Year

Created in 2022, the Legislator of the Year awards are given to one member of the Wyoming Senate and one member of the Wyoming House of Representatives.

Senate Legislator of the Year - Sen. Tara Nethercott

Senator Tara Nethercott of Cheyenne has been representing Senate District 4 in Laramie County since 2017. During that time she has served on many committees and has been the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee since 2019.

Her leadership style is thorough and direct. She is always prepared, always listening, and always up for a challenge. She is a business woman who has worked tirelessly to protect Wyoming's business climate.

"I am honored to receive the Legislator of the Year award from the Wyoming Business Alliance," said Senator Nethercott. "The WBA is Wyoming's premier business advocate and I am proud to be recognized for our work in Wyoming business and industry to ensure upward mobility and generational growth."

In addition to her work in the Legislature, she practices law as an Attorney for Crowley Fleck PLLP.

House of Representatives Legislator of the Year - Rep. Eric Barlow

Representative Eric Barlow of Gillette has served in the Wyoming House of Representatives since 2013 representing House District 3. During his tenure in the House, Barlow served as the House Majority Floor Leader from 2019-2020 and as the Speaker of the House from 2021-2022. He has also served on many committees and as Chairman on several including; House Labor, Health & Social Services, Select Committee on Coal/Mineral Bankruptcies, House Rules & Procedure, Subcommittee on Legislator Compensation, and Management Audit Committee.

Leading the House of Representatives through a pandemic was no easy task. However, having preg checked a half a million cows as a veterinarian, he was more than qualified to meet the challenge. As far as Legislators go, Speaker Barlow is one of Wyoming's best. He has an extraordinary ability to conduct lengthy, complex discussions while maintaining order among a

body of 60 other representatives with kindness and humor. This is a skill that few possess. He is an exceptional listener and is very proud of his Campbell County heritage. He credits his family and his wife, Kelly for his success as a public servant. When he is not working on his Legislative duties, Barlow can be found working hard on his ranch.

He recently won the Republican Primary for Senate District 23. If he wins the general election in November, he will begin his term in the Senate on January 10, 2023.

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About the Daniels Fund

The Daniels Fund, established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, is a private charitable foundation dedicated to making life better for the people of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through its grants program, scholarship program, and ethics initiative. For more information, visit danielsfund.org