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Chairman of the Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce wins regional SBA award



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Tinh Duc Phan, owner and CEO of PNC Companies which makes and installs aluminum framed windows. PNC, located in Ashland, has been in business for 25 years.

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The Small Business Administration is honoring a local man as the minority small-business champion of the year.

Tinh Phan, chairman of the Virginia Asian Chamber of Commerce, won for Virginia and the region, which includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia and Washington.

"Really and truly that is a big surprise," said Phan, who founded the chamber in 2004 and helped to grow it to a nearly 300member organization.

"Don't you think we have a responsibility to pay back to the community?" Phan said, saying he never expected to be recognized.

The Virginia Small Business Person of the Year is J. Douglas Call, president of Virginia Prosthetics Inc. in Roanoke.

Five other business people were also selected for awards.

"The individuals we are honoring . . . represent the finest traits of American entrepreneurial spirit and we are proud to recognize their accomplishments," Ronald Bew, district director of the SBA's Richmond office, said in a news release.

All will be honored at a luncheon during Virginia's Small Business Week in May.

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