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Our Rankings

RANKINGS ARE BASED ON THE RESULTS OF AN ONLINE SURVEY SENT OUT TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AS WELL AS TO LOBBYISTS AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SPECIALISTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THIS YEAR THE SURVEY RECEIVED A RECORD 27,000+ RESPONSES. WE ALSO CONSULTED WITH A SELECT BIPARTISAN ADVISORY GROUP OF STATE LAWMAKERS TO HELP OUR STAFF ENSURE THAT THE RANKINGS ARE AS COMPREHENSIVE AND ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.



REGISTERED LOBBYISTS ★

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| 1. DON BOLIA | 
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| 2. ROBB WILLIS | | 32. BEN HARBIN |
| 3. JOEL WIGGINS | | 33. SCOTT TANNER |
| 4. TREY PARIS | | 34. THARON JOHNSON |
| 5. RUSSEL CARLSON | | 35. ZACH JOHNSON |
| 6. ABIGAIL THOMPSON | | 36. APRIL RUARK |
| 7. BRANDEE BICKLE
TRIP MARTIN (TIE) | | 37. KENYATTA MITCHELL |
| 8. SKIN EDGE | 38. STEVE WEIZENECKER | |
| 9. KATIE KIRKPATRICK | 39. BRANDON HEMBREE | |
| 10. BRYAN FIVEASH
WILLIAM WOODALL (TIE) | 40. NATALIE SIMPSON | |
| 11. WENDI CLIFTON | 41. JOHN WATSON | |
| 12. JOHN HALIBURTON | 42. ROY ROBINSON | |
| 13. CAROLINE WOMACK | 43. JOE BRANNON | |
| 14. HAYDON STANLEY | 44. ALLIE KELLY | |
| 15. BRANDON REESE | 45. ED LINDSEY | |
| 16. MARSHALL GUEST | 46. DAN BASKERVILLE | |
| 17. MISTY HOLCOMB | 47. KEVIN PERRY | |
| 18. CALLIE MICHAEL | 48. BRAD CARVER | |
| 19. KAREN POPE | 49. CHUCK CLAY | |
| 20. JERRY USRY | 50. MO THRASH | |
| 21. DANICA THOMPSON | 51. ASHLEY GROOME | |
| 22. LAUREN FRALICK | 52. CHANDLER HAYDON | |
| 23. DAVE WILLIAMS | 53. LAURA NORTON | |
| 24. DAVE PRATT | 54. MARK MIDDLETON | |
| 25. LEANNA BROWN | 55. BRAD ALEXANDER | |
| 26. CAMILA KNOWLES | 56. JULIANNA MCCONNELL | |
| 27. SALLY CLARK KILPATRICK | 57. CHRIS HOPPER | |
| 28. DAVE MOELLERING | 58. LORI GODFREY | |
| 29. JEFF HAMLING | 59. MEAGAN HANSON | |
| 30. BOYD PETTIT | 60. MIKE GILES | |

Top 2020 THE RISING STARS ★



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1. NIKKI DIAMANTIS
2. NICK FERNANDEZ
3. WAYNE SATTERFIELD
4. ANNE COMPTON-BROWN
5. MARGARET KAISER
6. JAKE TENCH
7. BRITTANY ELLISON
8. BETHANY LANGE
9. SAM MARTICKE
10. MADDISON HENDERSHOT
11. HANNAH WEISS
12. JOHN "WHIT" WHITFIELD
13. JOHN JARRARD

14. LAUREN POLLOW
15. DEANNA HARRIS
16. HILLARY THROWER
17. JAY ROBERTS
18. SHANNON BASFORD
19. DEUPREE YANCEY
20. JEREMIAH OLNEY
21. ANNA EDMONSON
22. KATIE DUVALL
23. KEVIN AIKEN
24. TIM KRAJEC
25. GRANT THOMAS

Top 2020 THE HALL OF FAME ★

Congratulations to our new inductees!

- BRAD ALEXANDER
- HAROLD BEVIS
- DON BOLIA
- TOM BOLLER
- ROY BOWEN**
- JOE BRANNON
- DON CARGILL
- BOBBY CARRELL
- ELIZABETH CHANDLER
- CHUCK CLAY**
- WENDI CLIFTON
- JAKE CULLEN
- RIC COBB
- BUDDY DARDEN
- SKIN EDGE
- CYNTHIA GARST
- JERRY GRIFFIN
- JIM HAMMOCK
- CHANDLER HAYDON
- KEITH HATCHER
- TERRY HOBBS
- BRYCE HOLCOMB
- LOUIE HUNTER
- STAN JONES
- FRED KITCHENS
- ROGER LANE
- LEE LEMKE
- TRIP MARTIN
- ABIT MASSEY

- TERRY MATHEWS
- SCOTT MAXWELL
- ED MCGILL
- BO MOORE
- JAY MORGAN
- BILL MORIE
- TREY PARIS
- KEVIN PERRY**
- BOYD PETTIT
- PETE ROBINSON
- ROY ROBINSON**
- EARL ROGERS
- RUSTY SEWELL
- JOE SPORTS
- HAYDON STANLEY**
- JOYCE STEVENS
- ERIC TANENBLATT
- DAVID TATUM
- JET TONEY
- JOHN THOMAS
- MO THRASH
- JIM TUDOR
- JERRY USRY
- MONTY VEAZEY
- MEREDITH MELVIN WEAVER**
- RAY WILLIAMS
- SUZANNE WILLIAMS
- ROBB WILLIS
- MARK WOODALL



Bowen



Clay



Perry



Robinson



Stanley



Weaver

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