Chamber award recipients named

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Olympic gold was the theme of the 36th Annual Membership Meeting of Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce. The Jan. 25 gala event at Colonial Country Club celebrated not only individuals who are champions of their community, but a Chamber who enhances services and benefits for its members.

During the past year, the Chamber "carried the torch" by offering ECHO Activity Challenge for chamber members, "ran with the baton" by placing wellness resources on its website for employers and excelled in the "luge" to lobby for a new middle school for the Archdale-Trinity area. The Chamber took a gold medal in member promotion during events such as the Bush Hill Heritage Festival, monthly Coffee & Conversation at Guil-Rand Fire Department and annual Open Golf Tournament and Junior Golf Tournament. The Chamber "took center ice" by hosting a virtual candidate's forum for the City of Trinity and "hit the attack zone" by holding ribbon cuttings for new businesses.

New Chamber leadership was celebrated last week as
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**HUMANITARIAN AWARD - J.D. Peace**

J.D. Peace is one of those people whose genuine dedication to others is truly needed. For the past five years, he has served as a voluntary blood donor. Being a member of the Archdale-Trinity Volunteer Fire Department, he has found an outlet for his commitment to the community. Peace has found that being a part of the fire department has given him a greater sense of fulfillment and purpose. This is evident in his work with the community, particularly in his role as President of the Trinity Volunteer Fire Department.

**EXTRA MILE AWARD - NANCY CROSS**

Nancy Cross is a familiar face who has contributed greatly to the Archdale-Trinity community. She is currently the Director of Education at Trinity School, but she has also dedicated her time and energy to various community projects. Cross is passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of others, and she has done so through her work with the school and in her personal life. She has also been involved in numerous community events, including the Archdale-Trinity Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Chili Cook-off and the Trinity High School sports teams.

**GENERAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD - WARREN GODWIN**

Warren Godwin, a retired teacher and coach, has been a dedicated volunteer for many years. His contributions to the community have been extensive, and he has received the Humanitarian Award in recognition of his efforts. Godwin has been involved in numerous community programs, including the Archdale-Trinity Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Chili Cook-off and the Trinity High School sports teams.

**EXTRA MILE AWARD - MARY JOE GRAHAM**

Mary Joe Graham is a dedicated volunteer who has given countless hours to the Archdale-Trinity community. She has volunteered at numerous events, including the Archdale-Trinity Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Chili Cook-off and the Trinity High School sports teams. Her dedication and commitment to the community have not gone unnoticed, and she has received the Extra Mile Award in recognition of her efforts.

**HUMANITARIAN AWARD - RAY Cecil**

Ray Cecil is a familiar face who has contributed greatly to the Archdale-Trinity community. He is currently the Director of Education at Trinity School, but he has also dedicated his time and energy to various community projects. Cross is passionate about making a positive impact in the lives of others, and he has done so through his work with the school and in his personal life. He has also been involved in numerous community events, including the Archdale-Trinity Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Chili Cook-off and the Trinity High School sports teams.

**EXTRA MILE AWARD - AMBER SCARLETT**

Amber Scarlett is a dedicated volunteer who has given countless hours to the Archdale-Trinity community. She has volunteered at numerous events, including the Archdale-Trinity Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual Chili Cook-off and the Trinity High School sports teams. Her dedication and commitment to the community have not gone unnoticed, and she has received the Extra Mile Award in recognition of her efforts.