

## **North Carolina holds Small Business Week Virtual Awards Ceremony**

On Thursday, September 24, 2020 in recognition of National Small Business Week, the North Carolina District Office presented a Virtual Awards Ceremony. Hosted by District Director Thomas A. Stith III, featured guests included the 2019 North Carolina Small Business Person of the Year Steven Ceccarelli and keynote speaker Madhu Beriwal CEO of IEM.



These year's awardees consisted of:

### **2020 North Carolina Small Business Exporter of the Year Jeffrey D. Jennings, Equilibar, LLC**



*Senior Area Manager Sharon Harvey (left) presents David Reed, Equilibar vice president, with the North Carolina Small Business Exporter of the Year award.*

**2020 Southeast Region Young Entrepreneur of the Year**  
Taylor Woods, Ashtae Products Inc.



*Ashtae Products CEO Taylor Woods poses with her award following her acceptance speech as the 2020 Southeast Region Young Entrepreneur of the Year.*

**2020 National Veterans Business Outreach Center Excellence in Service Award**  
North Carolina Veterans Business Outreach Center at Fayetteville State University



*Tamara Bryant, director of the North Carolina Veterans Business Outreach Center at Fayetteville State University, poses with the national service award.*

**2020 North Carolina Small Business Person of the Year**  
William H. Howe, Apex Instruments Inc.



*Senior Area Manager Patrick Rodriguez (left) presents William Howe, founder and CEO of Apex Instruments, with the North Carolina Small Business Person of the Year award*