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## SBA Announces 2017 Small Business Week Winners

**HARTFORD, CT** – Carla Bartolucci, President & CEO of Euro-USA Trading/Jovial Foods of No. Stonington, CT has been named the U.S. Small Business Administration’s *2017 Connecticut Small Business Person of the Year*, SBA’s top award, according to an announcement made by Anne Hunt, SBA’s District Director.

“We are extremely excited to honor a truly amazing line up of small business owners and champions this year, said Anne Hunt, SBA’s Connecticut District Director. It is important to recognize these outstanding small businesses in the state as they are the job creators, innovators and the fabric of our local communities!” “We hope the small business community will join the SBA and our host, SCORE for an inspiring awards luncheon on **May 2<sup>nd</sup> in New Haven, CT.**”

### 2017 Connecticut SBA Honorees:

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Owner</i>	<i>Company</i>
<b>Woman-Owned Small Business</b>	<i>Elizabeth Florian</i>	<b>Grassroots Ice Cream - Granby</b>
<b>Family-Owned Small Business</b>	<i>Beverlee Dacey</i>	<b>Amodex Products Inc., - Bridgeport</b>
<b>CT Microenterprise Award</b>	<i>Katalina Riegelmann</i>	<b>Katalina’s Bakery – New Haven</b>
<b>Minority-Owned Small Business</b>	<i>Miguel Tomasio</i>	<b>Taco Loco – Black Rock, Bridgeport</b>
<b>Young Entrepreneur of the Year</b>	<i>Ashley Stone</i>	<b>Beauty Entourage - Farmington</b>
<b>Financial Services Champion</b>	<i>Kim Rodney</i>	<b>Connecticut Community Bank - Westport</b>
<b>SBA &amp; DECD Entrepreneur of the Year</b>	<i>Flavia Naslausky &amp; Camilla Gazal</i>	<b>Zaniac Greenwich - Greenwich</b>
<b>Exporter of the Year</b>	<i>Monica Goldstein</i>	<b>Recovery Planner, Trumbull</b>
<b>Home-Based Business of the Year</b>	<i>Mary Goehring</i>	<b>Transcription Plus - Bristol</b>

Every year since 1963, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America’s entrepreneurs and small business owners. This year, the dates are April 30- May 6, 2017 with national events planned in Washington, D.C., New York City, Indianapolis, Dallas and Fresno, CA. The slate of leading small business owners in Connecticut will be honored at the **Annual Small Business Week Awards Luncheon** at Gateway Community College in **New Haven** on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. To attend our event please register at: <http://conta.cc/2oa9jxM>. For more information and a complete list of events during the week of April 30 – May 6, 2017 please visit our website: [www.sba.gov/ct](http://www.sba.gov/ct).