The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce bestowed Emerald Awards on four local businesses on Wednesday, recognizing them for their "positive contributions to the health and vitality of our community."

About 350 local business leaders attended the chamber's awards ceremony on Wednesday evening at the Hult Center in downtown Eugene.

And the winners were:

Isler CPA for "community caring." Isler CPA's 21 employees donated 1,500 hours of service - valued at $200,000 to local organizations last year. The firm also donated more than $32,000 in cash to community organizations.

Rexius for "environmental values." Rexius, a provider of landscaping materials and services, uses environmentally friendly practices, the chamber said. For example, it has replaced much of its four-wheel drive fleet with more fuel efficient and cleaner burning Volkswagen wagons.

Sequential Biofuels for "innovation." Sequential Biofuels transforms used cooking oil into biodiesel for vehicles. It is leading biodiesel efforts in Oregon.

Oregon Medical Laboratories for "job growth." The hospital laboratory for Sacred Heart Medical Center has been boosting its employment by roughly 5 to 10 percent a year. Average wages run $18.62 an hour.

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