

Keep Irving Beautiful will host the annual “Mayor and KIB Annual Awards” reception on Monday, August 8, 2016, at the First Baptist Church of Irving. Eleven awards will be given in Nine different categories. Honorees are:

Youth Leadership Award: **Nimitz High School Future Farmers of America Chapter**

Educator Award: **Katherine Villarreal**

Educator Award: **Jose Parra**

Faith Group Award: **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

Business and Industry Award: **Acosta Marketing Group – Acosta Cares**

Media Award: **Rambler Newspaper**

Civic Organization: **Irving Noon Day Lions Club**

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Ken and Rosa Gordon**

Green Government Award: **City of Irving Traffic and Transportation Department**

KIB Hometown Award: **Sammy Romero**

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In addition, recipients of the 2016 Keep Texas Beautiful Awards will be honored. Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB), with over 350 affiliates statewide, presents awards in numerous categories at its annual State Conference each June. Those nominated by Keep Irving Beautiful included: **Rambler Newspapers**, which received Third Place in the Weekly Media Category; **Verizon**, which received a Third Place Ebby Halliday and Maurice Acers Business and Industry award in the State/National category; and **the Alpha Zeta Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society from North Lake College**, who took First Place in the Ruthe Jackson Youth Leadership Awards in the College and University Category.

Keep Irving Beautiful was also honored this year at both the state and national level. KIB received the **President’s Circle Award** from Keep America Beautiful and was one of only six affiliates to receive the first **Sustained Excellence Awards**. KIB continued to maintain the **Gold Star** level with Keep Texas Beautiful, and also received the **Sustained Excellence Award** for the ninth consecutive year.

Congratulations to all our winners.