

# HONOREES



**EDUCATION: NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL**

Recognized for their global impact on higher education and applied research. Their cutting-edge advancements, commitment to academic excellence, and contributions to national security and the Monterey County community exemplify leadership and innovation.

**GOVERNMENT: COUNTY OF MONTEREY'S DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM**

Celebrated for their relentless dedication to emergency preparedness, disaster response, and fostering resilience within the community.

**NONPROFIT: MEALS ON WHEELS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA**

Recognized for addressing food insecurity and promoting well-being through exemplary service. Known for inspiring a robust volunteer program.

**HOSPITALITY: MONTEREY PENINSULA HOTELS GROUP**

Honored for their trailblazing efforts in the tourism industry, their ability to meet the needs of family and business travelers alike, and their unwavering commitment to providing exceptional hospitality.

**AGRICULTURE: TANIMURA & ANTLE**

Celebrated for their groundbreaking contributions to sustainable farming practices and innovations that have reshaped Monterey County's agricultural landscape.

**INNOVATION: CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE**

Honored for their innovative collaboration with the City of Salinas in developing the water-saving Drafts Unit for firefighting, along with their commitment to sustainability through infrastructure upgrades and resource stewardship.

**SBDC BUSINESS OF THE YEAR: PACIFIC PALEONTOLOGY**

A shining example of how businesses can harness the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to transform a vision into reality. By utilizing SBDC resources from startup to success, Pacific Paleontology has become a model of entrepreneurial growth.

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: JULIE PACKARD**

Celebrated as a founding Innovator + Influencer in the region for her visionary leadership and lifelong dedication to ocean conservation and environmental sustainability.