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Banquet salutes minority business gains

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Denise Bradshaw, supplier diversity manager for the **Kansas City Transportation Authority**, and small-business owner Jeanette Prenger have been honored for their work on behalf of area minority business owners.

Bradshaw was named advocate of the year and Prenger was named minority small-business person of the year at the 24th annual **Minority Enterprise Development Week** awards banquet Thursday night in Kansas City.

Prenger is founder and president of **Elite Computer Consultants**, a Kansas City consulting business.

Other Kansas City area honorees recognized at the banquet at the **Westin Crown Center** hotel:

- New business: **Dollars & Sense**, Kansas City, Barbara Graham, president.
- Service firm: **Spanish Voice Group**, Kansas City, Maria Perez Andujar, president.
- Retail firm: **Divine Floral Designs LLC**, Kansas City, Robert and Desta Watson, owners.
- Professional service firm: **American Osage Consulting Inc.**, Lenexa, Patsy Stuke, president.
- Supplier/distributor: **Industrial Supply Inc.**, Kansas City, Kan., Ronald Woods, president and chief executive.
- Construction firm: **Greenleaf Construction Inc.**, Kansas City, Byron McIntosh, president and chief executive.
- Corporation: **Ameristar Casino Hotel Kansas City**, Dave Albrecht, president and chief executive.
- Manufacturer: **Davis Foods Inc.**, Lee's Summit, Ed Davis, president and chief executive.
- Youth Entrepreneurship Award: Johnny McClenton, Maria Morgan, Samina Hampton, Ariel Hardy and Tyreshia Bruce, students in the fashion design class led by Pam Lucas at the Kansas City school district's **Manual Career and Technical Center**.

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