



Rainier Connect Wins Family Business Of The Year

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Tacoma, WA – Out of over 300 nominations and 17 finalists, Rainier Connect was chosen as the 2005 Best in the Northwest Washington Business of the Year in the medium business category. The awards were presented to President and CEO, Skip Haynes and his family on November 18, at the 12th Annual Washington Family Business forum in Seattle.

Put on by Pacific Lutheran University's Family Enterprise Institute, the awards recognize and honor family businesses in Washington. Finalists were judged on their innovative business strategies and practices, performance, family and business linkage contributions to the community and industry, and their multi-generational family business involvement and longevity. Rainier Connect's long history, emphasis on family values, and continued work to help improve the telecommunications industry helped to set it apart in the competition.

This is a great accomplishment and a fantastic compliment to the Haynes family. According to Haynes, "The opportunity to continue serving our great customers is our biggest reward. However, I must say, we are appreciative of this award and the commitment of PLU's Family Enterprise Institute to further the future of small business in our area."

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