



The Naperville Jaycees 40th Annual Distinguished Service Awards were presented on April 26 in the Pavilion at Meson Sabika with Chad Pedigo's serving as Master of Ceremonies.

The Distinguished Service Awards recognize local individuals and organizations for their community spirit and dedication to Naperville.

This year's ceremony celebrated kindness, compassion and acceptance while commemorating sacrifice and the many ways the community connects every day to make a difference. Standing ovations, a shout-out to local independent businesses and boisterous applause communicated plenty of appreciation for all the 2018 DSA designees.

Sun Kwok's award presentation text follows on the next page.

## 2018 Community Leader – Sun Kwok, profile by Miranda Barfuss



Sun Kwok has been blessed with a brain that works in the service of good, at high octane, all day and every day. He comfortably inhabits the space outside the box and makes those important quality-enhancing moves that make all the difference in taking something from good to great.

As an early business owner, Sun's company, Integral Corporation, joined the Naperville Chamber of Commerce. He got involved. He ascended to a role on the Chamber Board of Directors and was Vice Chair in 2005. Seeing a need for a young person's organization that focused on business growth and professional development, he joined with several other young colleagues to be a founding member of the Naperville Chamber's Young Professional Network. This YPN is now one of the largest and most successful young professional entities in the region. Sun was part of the team that helped the Chamber of Commerce earn its very first Five Star accreditation, a laborious task that improved quality across the entire organization. He demonstrated leadership over the Chamber's 2020 Strategic Plan and led a team for the Extreme Business Makeover Projects, which helped local businesses transform their practice.

In the course of his work and volunteerism with the Chamber, Sun heard that our local school district was going to be retiring all of their computers. He leaped at the chance to speak to them about refurbishing the computers and using them for another purpose. He founded the Computer Redeployment Project, which take the computers destined for recycling and uses student volunteers to refurbish them. The computers are then given back to our community and kids in need. Since the program began in 2008, a total of 2,784 computers have been refurbished and returned to our community. The Computer Redeployment Project has been recognized with many local awards, and was also featured in a national Future Ready video by the U.S. Office of

Education. Sun was awarded a “Those Who Excel” Award of Excellence from the Illinois State Board of Education as well as the Silver President’s Volunteer Service Award by the President of the United States in 2014.

Sun has also dedicated his time to the Naperville Public Library Board of Trustees, for whom he served as President 2009-2011 and the Rotary Club of Naperville, serving as President 2011-2012. He was awarded Rotarian of the Year in 2008 and has participated in countless international relief efforts through Rotary to impact communities around the world. He also served on the Soups On! Committee, helping to raise almost \$900,000 over eight years to help fight local hunger and homelessness here at home. He is a taekwondo 4th degree black belt instructor and is now focused on his son’s Boy Scout Troop 597, serving on the Troop Committee, as Popcorn Kernel, Activities Coordinator and Venture Advisor. The Naperville Jaycees are more than honored to present this energetic and inspiring leader, Sun Kwok, with the 2018 Distinguished Service Award for a Community Leader.

