

Winnetka Chamber Spotlight: Dennis DeYoung – Fernando Award Finalist

The Winnetka Chamber of Commerce is proud to spotlight **Dennis DeYoung**, one of five distinguished finalists for the 2025 Fernando Award, the San Fernando Valley's highest honor for volunteer leadership. Dennis is a Certified Public Accountant for over 42 years at his company Bread & Associates, LLP.

Nominated by **Keith Nathaniel and California State University, Northridge (CSUN)**, Dennis has long been a driving force for positive change in our community. His decades of volunteer service, leadership, and mentorship have strengthened countless organizations and inspired the next generation of civic leaders.

The **Fernando Award Foundation**, established in 1959, recognizes individuals whose lifetime of volunteerism has made a lasting impact across the Valley. Nominees are evaluated not only on the breadth of their service, but also on their ability to lead, guide, and mentor others.

Dennis's recognition as a finalist is a reflection of his unwavering commitment to giving back. From his leadership roles to the countless hours he has devoted to service, Dennis continues to embody the spirit of community that makes the San Fernando Valley thrive.

He joins four other remarkable finalists: **Armida Colmenares-Stafford, Steve Fazio, Jorge E. Rabaso, and Sharon Udkoff**. The 2025 Fernando Award winner will be announced at the Annual Fernando Awards Dinner on November 7, 2025 at the Skirball Center.

On behalf of the Winnetka Chamber, we congratulate our member Dennis DeYoung on this well-deserved recognition and celebrate his outstanding dedication to volunteer leadership in the Valley.