

Inside the Craft Beer Scene

Migration Brewing Named Oregon's 2024 Small Business Person of the Year

In the bustling world of Portland's craft beer scene, Migration Brewing has earned the title of Oregon's 2024 Small Business Person of the Year by the Small Business Administration (SBA). And, Portland Community College has been there in support for most of its rise.

"We are very humbled and very excited," said McKean Banzer-Lausberg, co-founder and co-owner of Migration Brewing. "It was the first time a craft brewery had received this accolade, so it was an extreme honor when the news broke. Receiving an award that touches on these critical points – longevity, growth, overcoming adversity and community involvement – was extremely exciting and very humbling for us. It validates why we get up every day to work on our business."

As part of the honor, Banzer-Lausberg and his team traveled to Washington, D.C. earlier this summer to accept the award from the SBA. They were in the company of over 40 other businesses that had won in their respective states, sharing stories of success and challenges.

"It was an amazing trip," he added. "We shared all types of stories about our successes and challenges. For a company like ours it was an incredible honor."



From left, McKean Banzer-Lausberg, Rath, Eric Banzer-Lausberg and Branes.



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