



## Von Braun Center Receives Beautification Award

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**Huntsville, Ala.** – Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, on behalf of the City of Huntsville Beautification Board, presented the Von Braun Center (VBC) the 2022 Huntsville Beautification Award at the 47<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony held at Oakwood University on August 5. The VBC has received this award for over 25 years.

“Our in-house team works tirelessly throughout the year to maintain the VBC grounds,” commented VBC Executive Director Steve Maples. “It’s obvious to the thousands of guests who visit our facility throughout the year that we take extreme pride in our facility, not only through the beautiful landscaping, but through the ongoing upgrades and cleanliness within the building, as well. I’m proud of our hardworking team and honored that the VBC is recognized once again by the City of Huntsville Beautification Board.”



*Pictured left to right: Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, VBC Operations Supervisor Travis Sims, VBC Director of Food & Beverage Kevin Glouner, VBC Propst Arena Operations Manager Daniel Rodriguez. Photo Credit: Jeff White*



The Beautification Awards Program is a joint effort between the Huntsville Beautification Board and the City of Huntsville to recognize businesses that have shown significant initiative in beautifying their properties. The Beautification Board sponsors the Beautification Awards in partnership with the City of Huntsville’s Green Team.

The recognition is awarded annually following a rigorous judging of the landscaping of nominated properties. Judging includes: First impression, originality, distinction and design – among other categories.

In 2021, as pandemic restrictions were being lifted, the VBC held over 400 events and hosted over 400,000 people, including local

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and out-of-town guests who were all able to enjoy the beautiful landscaping at the Von Braun Center.

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### **About the Von Braun Center**

The Von Braun Center is a multi-purpose facility located in downtown Huntsville, Alabama. The VBC offers multiple venues for presenting cultural, educational, entertainment, sporting and social events. Venue spaces include the Propst Arena, Mark C. Smith Concert Hall, Mars Music Hall, North Hall, South Hall, and East Hall. Additionally, the VBC has an on-site full-service restaurant and rooftop bar – Rhythm on Monroe. With over 170,000 square feet of flexible meeting space the VBC is able to accommodate events of all types and sizes.

### **About the City of Huntsville Beautification Board**

The City of Huntsville Beautification Board was created in 1965 and seeks to improve the appearance of Huntsville through ordinances, and by encouraging and applauding the efforts of private and public sectors in making a more healthful and beautiful city.