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The Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal announced the winners of its annual Minority Business Awards Thursday.

The minority business community is one of the fastest-growing segments of business. There are 22,832 minority owned enterprises in Minnesota, and there are 2,500 in the Twin Cities alone, which generate approximately \$3 billion in revenue annually. At an awards ceremony last night in Minneapolis, the Business Journal named 10 diverse business owners, 10 high-ranking business executives and one minority business advocate as this year's winners. They include:

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- David Abrams, Vice President of Human Resources, Norh Memorial Health Care
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- Kim Nelson, Vice President, GMI; President of Snacks division, [General Mills Inc.](#)
- Farooq Bhatti, Vice President, [Associated Bank](#)
- Benjamin Omorogbe, Managing counsel and second vice president, The [Travelers Cos. Inc.](#)
- Janice Downing, CEO, [Fredrikson Human Resources Consulting](#)
- Rodney Young, CEO, [Angeion Corp.](#)

ADVOCATE AWARD

- Philomena Satre, VP Great Lakes Region Diversity & Inclusion, Wells Fargo & Co.

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