

Trio added to Calgary Business Hall of Fame

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CALGARY - One of Calgary's leading oilmen, the man behind Big Rock Brewery, and the legendary "Cattle King" are being added to the Calgary Business Hall of Fame this year.

The trio of laureates, announced at a luncheon in Calgary on Friday, includes the late Senator Pat Burns, the ranching and meat-packing giant, along with Allan Markin, chairman of Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., and Ed McNally, founder of Big Rock Brewery.

Burns, who died in 1937, was one of the Big Four western cattle kings who started the Calgary Stampede in Alberta in 1912. In 2008, the Herald named him as the greatest citizen in Alberta's history.

"These three individuals exemplify the true character of Alberta and through their unwavering spirit; vision and determination have played an instrumental role in creating the Alberta Advantage," said Scott Hillier, chief executive of Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta, which oversees the awards.

"It is on the economic and philanthropic foundation they have built that Albertans' will continue to grow, stimulate and sustain their community within the global economy."

The award to salute business excellence was created in 2004 by the Junior Achievement of Southern Alberta, which links companies with schools to offer student business and finance programs to students.

A permanent display honouring the laureate and future inductees is set up in Bankers Hall.

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