

# Zaki wins BB&T Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award

The High Point Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the BB&T Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award that was presented January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber's Annual Dinner.

The award is given to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their profession, who has served the community in meaningful ways, and has assisted the community in reaching its full potential. This year's award winner is Zaki Uddin Khalifa.

"Zaki is a prime example of a corporate citizen who cares about his community and is taking action to back his beliefs," commented Leah Price, Chairman of the High Point Chamber of Commerce. "His efforts have helped the Chamber and High Point to grow. His actions are an example for us all to follow".

Beginning in 1987, the Executive Committee of the High Point Chamber of Commerce has been selecting individuals who represent the integrity and greater good of High Point. For a third year, BB&T has sponsored the award.

At the Annual Meeting, the Chamber honored Zaki with a special video featuring photos from his past, and testimonials from friends and dignitaries. Along with the video the chamber presented a special statue, declaring him as the 2004 BB&T Distinguished Citizen of the Year.

"Zaki is a wise and humble person who deserves to be honored," noted Tom Dayvault, President of the High Point Chamber of Commerce. "He embodies

Commerce announced receiving the largest corporate gift in the history of the organization from Zaki. Zaki, the president of Zaki Oriental Rugs, announced to

embraced him and helped him develop one of America's leading Oriental rug businesses.

Zaki joins a distinguished list of past recipients which includes the following:

## Distinguished Citizen of the Year

1987	Bobbi Martin & Max Meeks
1988	Jim Millis & Bob Amos
1989	Jack Campbell
1990	Tom Haggai
1991	Clarence Keever
1992	Bill McGuinn
1993	Dave Phillips
1994	Nido Qubein
1995	Jack Slane
1996	Bill Horney
1997	George Erath
1998	Aaron Clinard & Jim Morgan
1999	David S. Miller
2000	Robert McInnis
2001	Earl N. Phillips
2002	Judy Mendenhall
2003	Arnold J. Koonce Jr.



the essence of this award and has provided and will continue to provide, an example for all of us to follow. He is a true friend to the Chamber and to the community."

In October of 2004, the High Point Chamber of

the Board of Directors his gift of the 23,000 square foot building on North Main Street that served as the company's main store for over a decade.

To Zaki it was a way of "giving back" to the community and people that had

