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science degree in mathematics from Louisiana Tech University. She also earned an MBA degree in business management from UHCL.

For more information on how to nominate the vocational excellence awards "Outstanding Business Person," contact Sheila Self at 281-280-1900.



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Barrios Technology President Sandra Johnson and Johnson Space Center Director of Human Resources Harvey Hartman, from left, co-winners of Space Center Rotary's Outstanding Business Person of the Year Award,

look over their plaques after the presentation. With them are, Sheila Self, chairman of Rotary's Vocational Excellence Award Committee, Dr. David Taylor and JSC's Director of Human Resources Greg Hayes.

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She assumed increasing positions of responsibility in the company, and in July 1993, Johnson acquired the majority interest from Ceridian and returned the company to its roots as a woman-owned small business.

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tracts which resulted in a 100 percent increase in gross revenues over the last two years.

While Johnson attributes this success to her management team, the employees are quick to note the company's turn around is also the product of the excellent strategic planning process implemented by Johnson.

Barrios currently employs approximately 300 people and provides information technology, space operations, training, and configuration management services to the aerospace industry and commercial markets.

The Barrios Training Center provides Sun systems administration and JAVA training to commercial customers. Johnson has developed Barrios into one of the leading woman-owned high-technology small businesses in the nation.

As a community leader, Johnson has personally given countless hours of support to enhance the quality of life of our community. Barrios has adopted Bay Area Turning Point, a shelter for battered women and children, and Whitcomb Elementary School to support and enhance the school's tutoring and mentoring program in math and reading. Johnson, as well as several Barrios employees, volunteer time and money in support of these programs.

The company has also donated thousands of dollars of surplus equipment to the local school district. Barrios is a participant with the Clear Lake High School work/study program and has provided summer intern positions in engineering, administration, and information technology for college students.

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(CCISD) Teacher Industry Partners (TIPS) by hosting teacher to promote exchange of education ideas between industry and the local school district. Barrios also participates in the "Adopt a Highway" program volunteering to provide monthly cleanup for a two mile stretch of NASA Road 1.

Johnson serves as the treasurer of the Executive Board of Directors of the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation, and actively supports their Aerospace Advisory Council and Membership Development Council. She is the Chair-elect of the Development and Advisory Council for the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL).

In 1996, she received the Distinguished Alumnus award from UHCL. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Spaceweek International Association and the Houston chapter of the International Council on systems Engineering. She also participates in the United Way fundraising activities, chairing the 1996 and 1996 Bay Area Campaign. She received the Manager of the Year Award from the Gulf Coast Council of the National Management Association in 1997.

Most recently, Barrios received the 1998 Johnson Space Center Small Business Contractor of the year.

Johnson was invited to join the Young President's Organization (YPO), an alliance of more than 8,000 business leaders from 75 countries, united in the purpose of becoming "Better Presidents Through Education and Idea Exchange."

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Space Center Rotary honors members for civic contributions

The Space Center Rotary Club recently recognized individuals who excel in their vocations and support their communities.

At its April 13 meeting, the Space Center Rotary announced the recipients of their Vocational Excellence Award, which include Harvey Hartman of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Sandy Johnson of Barrios Technology, Inc.

In recognition of this honor, each recipient received a personal plaque from Space Center Rotary. Both honorees will be submitted as nominees to the Rotary District 5890 where the district winner will be announced.

Mr. Hartman is the Director of Human Resources at NASA/JSC where he develops and manages a complex and comprehensive Human Resources (HR) management program which supports 3,400 civil service personnel and all of the Center's programmatic, scientific, engineering and administrative functions.

His position is particularly unique in that he is responsible for the selection and initial training of the astronaut corps. Under Hartman's leadership, his HR team has built a reputation for excellence which is unequalled in NASA and recognized throughout the Government for its customer and service orientation, innovative practices, and quality products.

The achievements of Hartman's professionalism in a complex, demanding and diverse environment can be measured by the caliber of people that he attracts, the mentoring and training that he provides and their success in meeting their challenges in their lives and on their career paths.

Hartman's personal commitment to youth and to the future of our community and the nation is evident in his tireless efforts on behalf of education and youth activities. He contributed to the educational environment as a member of the Clear Creek Independent School District Educational Foundation, he has worked with the programs for the Bay area YMCA and, despite his heavy work schedule, coached Little League baseball and soccer.

He represents JSC to the Clear Lake Economic Development Foundation, he is involved with the National Management Association sharing his management practices and the mentoring of young managers within the local aerospace commu-

nity. He has served as a member of the Board of Directors, as a past President and was awarded the Silver Knight of Management.

His caring attitude extends to the community through his participation in the Christian Care Network and the Small Group Care Ministry of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church where he has served the church on the Board of Directors, the Building Committee and as a Sunday School Teacher. Mr. Hartman was nominated by Mr. Greg Hayes.

As President and owner of Barrios Technology, Inc., Sandy Johnson has a commitment to excellence which is obvious in her attention to employees, customers, and the community. Sandy is truly a unique individual noted for her balanced combination of technical capability, business acumen, wisdom, belief in community involvement, and support for her employees and family.

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