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Shannon Kokot, Owner of M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets, LLC Named 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, Virginia (May 22, 2015) – Shannon Kokot, owner of M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets, LLC, a family-owned and operated specialty sweets shop in the Town of Windsor, is the recipient of the **2015 Entrepreneur of the Year Award** given out by the Isle of Wight County Department of Economic Development during Virginia's Business Appreciation Month.

M.A.M.A.S., which opened in July 2013, creates hand-dipped chocolate cookies, pretzels and fruit and 150 combinations of one-of-a-kind, fresh fruit pies with a trade secret filling. Much of her business is by special order. Kokot creates personalized pies, chocolate trays, mugs and gift boxes for special occasions.

Kokot took a leap of faith when opening this niche business in a small town and exemplifies a true entrepreneurial spirit. Her business has become a vital part of the Windsor community, and Kokot has donated much time, effort and product for civic and charitable events.

"M.A.M.A.S. stands for 'Making A Moment Always Special', and thank you for making a moment special for me, said Kokot about receiving the Entrepreneur award.

M.A.M.A.S. Creative Sweets was also recently voted "Best Chocolatier" in Eastern Virginia by *Virginia Living* magazine's "Best of Virginia 2015" contest. Kokot beat out several larger competitors in Virginia Beach and Williamsburg to win this award.

Isle of Wight County Economic Development has been honoring a County business as Entrepreneur of the Year since 2005. Previous winners include The Hughes Agency, Travis's Auto Repair, Bon Vivant Market, Ringo's Donuts, The Oaks Veterinary Clinic, Darden's Country Store and Sesroh Tack Shoppe.

M.A.M.A.S Creative Sweets is located at 79 E. Windsor Blvd., Windsor, VA. Call 757-242-3300 or visit them on <u>Facebook</u>. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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