

2026

Joyce M. Murtha Excellence in Community Service Award



Debra M. Orner
Vice President
Cambria Regional Chamber

A lifelong resident of Johnstown, Debra Orner has dedicated her career and civic life to strengthening the community she calls home through service, philanthropy, and leadership. Since joining the Cambria Regional Chamber in 1998, she has been a driving force behind programs and initiatives that foster collaboration, civic engagement, and regional progress. Central among these is the John B. Gunter Community Leadership Initiative, a program widely recognized for developing informed, committed leaders who serve across the public, nonprofit, and private sectors.

Debra's leadership has had impact well beyond her home community. She served for over a decade on the board of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce Professionals and was the first and to date, only non-CEO elected as chair.

In 2024, she received PACP's Keystone Award, the organization's highest honor, recognizing exceptional service and enduring contributions to the chamber profession across the Commonwealth.

Her commitment to public service is reflected in extensive leadership on boards and committees dedicated to conservation, planning, education, transportation, and community development. In 2025, she became the first woman elected to serve as president of the board of the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy.

Debra's professional and volunteer work reflects her deep belief that strong communities are built through service to others, stewardship of place, and a long-term commitment to civic life.