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## **WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT DEC. 7 AUBURN HILLS CHAMBER of COMMERCE SILVER & GOLD AWARDS**

**Auburn Hills, MI – Congratulations to the following outstanding Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce Award nominees and winners.** On Monday, December 7, 2020, the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce recognized these individuals and companies for their achievements and revealed the winners at its annual Silver & Gold Awards a live virtual broadcast event from 10:00am – 12:00pm. The program honored business leaders in the areas of innovation, leadership, and community involvement. It also recognized volunteers and supporters of the Auburn Hills Chamber.

### **Auburn Hills Chamber and Special Recognition Awards recognized leaders including:**

Board Member of the Year – **Brian Kunding, Kunding Inc.**

Outgoing Board of Directors – **Lisa Kavalhuna - Oakland County, Brian Kunding - Kunding Inc., Lisa Stella - Stella Wealth Management of Raymond James, Thomas Tanghe - City of Auburn Hills, Phil Zanolli - Hirotec America**

Ambassador of the Year – **Sarah Barnett, Marco Technologies**

Outstanding Committee - **Ambassador Committee**

Taste on the Go People's Choice Award – **Nothing Bundt Cakes**

Mayor's Award – **LXR Biotech**

**Silver & Gold Awards** recognized individuals and companies who represent "sterling" qualities of excellence and leadership. The award nominees were introduced, and winners included:

### **Andrews Hooper Pavlik PLC Woman's Leadership Award**

*This award recognizes a woman who exemplifies a strong commitment to personal, community and professional development.*

**Winner: Kelly Carroll-Burgin – K. Carroll Accessories**

Nominees include: Kelly Carroll-Burgin – K. Carroll Accessories, Cortney Casey – Michigan By The Bottle Tasting Room, Kristen Conte – Baker College, Athena Dumas – Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit/Oakland County Michigan Works! Pontiac, Katie Gadulka – Michigan Association of CPA's, Lisa Goyette – CH Training & Coaching, Dr. Ora Pescovitz – Oakland University, Heidi Kassab – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Iris Lane – Baker College, Stephanie J. Lee, EdD – Oakland University, Kristen Old – Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Dawn Priebe – Peppa Pig World of Play/Merlin Entertainments, Renee Roth – Dewpoint, Leigh Settlemoir Dzwik – Oakland University, Patty Sterba – Dewpoint, JaCinda Sumara – Oakland Schools, Stefanie Thornton – Faurecia North America, Kathy Urech – AM General

### **Atlas Copco Excellence Award**

*Awards the company that not only meets industry standards but has clearly gone above and beyond to improve their company and industry expectations.*

**Winner: Easterseals Michigan**

Nominees include: Applied Imaging, BorgWarner, Easterseals Michigan, PC Miracles, Team CORE, LLC, The HUB Stadium, TI Fluid Systems

### **Auxiom Golden SMB Award**

*This award recognizes a small or medium size business that exemplifies "The Golden Rule" - treat others as you want to be treated.*

**Winner: Trion Solutions, Inc.**

Nominees include: Crossroads Care Center, EveryBody by Dutton Farm, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, Johnston Photography, Lucerne International Inc., MDTs, Mission Point Resort, New Horizons, Trion Solutions, Inc., Venture HR Pro

### **Baker College of Auburn Hills Education Advocate Award**

*This award is presented to the company with the most progressive education initiatives.*

#### **Winner: Challenge Island - Oakland County East**

Nominees include: ABB Robotics & Discrete Automation, Challenge Island – Oakland County East, Faurecia North America, MSU Federal Credit Union/OU Credit Union, Munetrix, Oakland Community College

### **Beaumont Health Excellence in Healthcare Award**

*This award honors an individual who demonstrates leadership, innovation, and excellence in the healthcare field.*

#### **Winner: Dr. Remylin Bruder, DNP, RN - Rochester University**

Nominees include: Dr. Remylin Bruder, DNP, RN - Rochester University, Mike Dyki – Blossom Collection – Mocer Companies, Jeffrey Guina, MD – Easterseals Michigan and Beaumont Hospital

### **City of Auburn Hills Business Success Story Award**

*This award is given to a company large or small, that has made significant strides within their business. This award also recognizes the outstanding commitment to a company's employees, its mission, and overall achievements within an organization.*

#### **Winner: Quantum Services Group**

Nominees include: Crossroads Care Center, Easterseals Michigan, MDTS, Mission Point Resort, PeopleMost, Quantum Services Group

### **Consumers Energy Cares Award**

*This award recognizes the individual that continuously demonstrates a commitment to helping others in the community.*

#### **Winner: Domenic Morelli – Faith Works Michigan**

Nominees include: Julianna Blankenship – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Jarvis-LaRue D. Brown – Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Tracey Fish – Crossroads Care Center, Jordan Hopkins – Jordan Hopkins Photography, Don Johnston – Schooley Mitchell, Amber Maiani – Venture HR Pro, Dustin McClellan – Pontiac Community Foundation, Officer Brian Miller – Auburn Hills Police Department, Domenic Morelli – Faith Works Michigan, Debbie Pruent – Oakland University Advisory Board, Ashley Werkmeister – Chief Financial Credit Union, Brent L. Wirth – Easterseals Michigan

### **DBusiness Magazine Emerging Leader Award**

*This award is presented to the individual who stands out as a leader among peers 35 and younger.*

#### **Winner: Meghan Oesterle – Faurecia North America**

Nominees include: Jeremy Bishop – Crowne Plaza Auburn Hills, Jennifer Bleau – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Jarvis-LaRue D. Brown – Boys & Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, Brandon Kidder – Family Table Café, Katie Lamb – Neighborhood House, Hillary Marshall – Kay Automotive Graphics, Meghan Oesterle – Faurecia North America, Jennifer Porter – Rochester University, Kelly Schafka – Dewpoint

### **Detroit Pistons Game Changer Award**

*This award recognizes an individual who is changing the way business is done or making a significant contribution to our community.*

#### **Winner: John Barnes – Dorsey Schools**

Nominees include: John Barnes – Dorsey Schools, DJ Bridges – Rock Central, Richard Brown – Munetrix, Jessica Cobb – MDTS, Steven Flores – Cornerstone Community Financial, James Lopiccolo – Capocore Professional Advisors, Amber Maini – Venture HR Pro, Karen Phelps – Phelps Positive Performance

### **Faurecia North America Diversity & Inclusion Pacesetter Award**

*This award is presented to a local company that promotes and facilitates a culture of diversity and inclusion in the categories of work environment, career development, training, networking, and mentoring.*

#### **Winner: McLaren Oakland**

Nominees include: EveryBody by Dutton Farm, McLaren Oakland, New Horizons.

### **Gardner-White Michigan Economy and Community Contributions Award**

*Honors an individual who is a community leader from a Michigan-owned and operated business.*

#### **Winner: Jean M. Stenger – DKSS CPAs + Advisors**

Nominees include: Matthew J. Farrell – Team CORE, LLC, Mike Kneffel – Blair Hall Coffee, Jean M. Stenger – DKSS CPAs + Advisors

### **Great Lakes Crossing Outlets Shared Values Award**

*Presented to a company who demonstrates a commitment to the shared values of Great Lakes Crossing Outlets by taking the high road, playing for the team, respecting everyone, pushing the envelope, pursuing excellence, honoring tomorrow today, staying accountable, and loving what they do.*

**Winner: Dewpoint**

Nominees include: CH Training & Coaching, Dewpoint, Job Impulse, United Shore Professional Baseball League, Xceleration Fitness

**Mahindra Automotive North America "RISE" Award**

*This award recognizes one individual or group of individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to beautifying the local community by way of an initiative related to agriculture or the arts.*

**Winner: Sheila Clayton – Sprigs Floral Expressions**

Nominees include: Patrick Burns – Timberland Landscape, Sheila Clayton – Sprigs Floral Expressions, Don Johnston & Dorothy Roberts-Johnston – Johnston Photography/Schooley Mitchell

**Oakland University Innovator of the Year Award**

*This award is presented to the company with an impressive innovation story.*

**Winner: Continental Structural Plastics, A Teijin Group Company**

Nominees Include: Challenge Island – Oakland County East, Continental Structural Plastics, A Teijin Group Company, Cygnet Institute of Personal Financial Literacy, EveryBody by Dutton Farm, MSU Federal Credit Union/OU Credit Union, Oakland Youth Orchestras

**Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Vanguard Award**

*Presented to the company that takes on a human resource challenge in a creative and innovative way given the increased competition for talent, the complex regulatory environment, and our litigious society.*

**Winner: Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union**

Nominees include: Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Job Impulse, Rightsize Facility

**Pomeroy Living Outstanding Community Wellness Award**

*Presented to a company who is a great community partner and is always focused on the wellness of others.*

**Winner: Genisys Credit Union**

Nominees include: Continental Automotive Systems, Inc., Genisys Credit Union, Marsh & McLennan Agency, Munetrix, Nexteer Automotive, Team CORE, LLC

**Stella Wealth Management of Raymond James Higher Standard Award**

*This award is presented to the individual that has shown high standards in business acumen and service.*

**Winner: Michael Crank – Royal Park Hotel**

Nominees include: Michael Crank – Royal Park Hotel, Debbie Gibb – Merlin Entertainments, Dawn Priebe – Peppa Pig World of Play

**Trion Solutions, Inc. Vision Made Perfectly Clear Award**

*Presented to a small to mid-size emerging company with a clear and distinctive vision and on a fast track to success. The company likely would have been founded within the past 10 years.*

**Winner: Humus Goodness**

Nominees include: Blue Skies Brewery Auburn Hills, GameTime Gaming Auburn Hills, Hummus Goodness

For more information on upcoming Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce events and activities, visit [www.auburnhillschamber.com](http://www.auburnhillschamber.com) or call 248-853-7862. Auburn Hills Chamber membership includes hundreds of companies representing more than 75,000 employees, and is focused on networking, leadership, education, community support, and workforce development programming which supports the business needs of the local area.

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