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WINNERS ANNOUNCED ON DEC. 4 AUBURN HILLS CHAMBER of COMMERCE SILVER & GOLD AWARDS

Auburn Hills, MI – Congratulations to the following outstanding Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce Award recipients and nominees. On Thursday, December 4, 2025, the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce recognized these individuals and companies for their achievements and revealed the winners at its annual Silver & Gold Awards at the Royal Park Hotel. The program honors business leaders in the areas of innovation, leadership, and community involvement. It also recognizes volunteers and supporters of the Auburn Hills Chamber.

Auburn Hills Chamber and Special Recognition Awards recognizing leaders include:

Board Member of the Year – Katie Ackert - Branex Group

Ambassador of the Year – Matthew Kleist – Identity Creative

Outgoing Board of Directors – Joscelyn A. Davis – JADE Strategies, Inc., Leslie Emmert-Buck – Capstone Vision & Aesthetics, Gary Neumann – Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Robert Spencer - Nexteer, Dan Wisniewski- Raymond James

Outgoing Committee Chairs: Karen Adcock – City of Auburn Hills, Jeff Caponigro – Trion Solutions, Brittney Rimmer – Reliance One

M1 Concourse Taste Vendor of the Year – Cantina el Dorado, Chick-fil-A Auburn Hills

City of Auburn Hills Mayor’s Award – Tyson Brown, President, Auburn Hills Historical Society

Named Awards recognize individuals and companies who represent “sterling” qualities of excellence and leadership including:

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: JoJo Dries – On The Wings of Angels

Nominees Include: JoJo Dries – On The Wings of Angels, Jaclyn Fortier, MTD – Central Michigan University, Flavia Ghirardello – ABB Robotics, Sharna Hatcher – Rotary International, Marcie Lemieux – Umicore Autocat USA Inc., Kim Staudacher – Dutton Farm, Jaime White – Havenwyck Hospital, Cuma Williams – GLOBAL Automation Technologies, LLC

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: Genisys Credit Union

Nominees Include: Genisys Credit Union, GRIT Technologies, IEE Smart Sensing, New Horizons, Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Advisors

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: GLOBAL Automation Technologies, LLC

Nominees Include: Crossroads Care Center, GLOBAL Automation Technologies LLC, MCM Staffing, LLC., Nothing Bundt Cakes, Oakland Hills Dermatology, Tell Studios

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: Clever Fox Cyclery

Nominees Include: Clever Fox Cyclery, Designhaus LLC, SMH Logistics

DBusiness Magazine Emerging Leader Award - *This award is presented to the individual who stands out as a leader among peers 35 and younger.*

Winner: Jordan Arocha - Munro & Associates

Nominees Include: Cheyenne Anders – M1 Concourse, Jordan Arocha - Munro & Associates, Justin Harnack – The Marketing Shop, Samantha Micciche – Express Employment Professionals, Paul Mocerri – Mocerri Management, Robert Regan, EdD, - Atlas Copco Tools & Assembly Systems

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: David L. Stone – Trion Solutions

Nominees Include: Christofer Buatti, DO, FAOCD, FAAD, FASMS, CAQ-MOHS – Oakland Hills Dermatology, Rick Catron – GRIT Technologies, Kaid Cousineau - Air Products and Controls Inc, Amy Ever – A Courageous Voice, Steve Flores – Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Molly Reeser – Camp Casey, David L. Stone – Trion Solutions

FANUC Innovative Educator Award - *Celebrating educators dedicated to building industry-approved, certificate-based mechatronics programs that teach students the appeal of automation and open their minds to a wide variety of fulfilling, sought-after careers in advanced manufacturing.*

Winner: Dr. James Mynderse – Lawrence Technological University

Nominees Include: Jun Chen, PhD – Oakland University, James Mynderse, PhD – Lawrence Technological University, Andrew Watchorn – Kettering University

Genisys Credit Union CU Kind Award - *Recognizes a company that cares for our community and harnesses the collective power of kindness to create a positive change.*

Winner: ABB Robotics

Nominees Include: ABB Robotics, Consumers Energy, On The Wings of Angels, Stellantis

JADE Strategies, Inc. Transformational Leadership Award - *Presented to a company with proven success in advancing leadership development initiatives that enhance collaboration, innovation, and measurable results.*

Winner: Oakland Community College

Nominees Include: BorgWarner, Havenwyck Hospital, Oakland Community College

MSUFCU / Oakland University Credit Union Financial Wellness Award - *Presented to a company with a successful financial wellness program providing access and support to the financial wellness of their employees.*

Winner: General Motors

Nominees Include: General Motors, Oakland County, Volkswagen Group of America

Oakland University Innovator of the Year Award - *This award is presented to the company with an impressive innovation story.*

Winner: IEE Smart Sensing

Nominees Include: Ancor, Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, FANUC, FEV, GLOBAL Automation Technologies LLC, IEE Smart Sensing, Inbound 281, KaltzCoulombe Pllc

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: Rebel Nell

Nominees Include: Elliott Woodworking, Oakland HOPE, Rebel Nell

Palazzo di Bocce Coaching Champions Award - *Honors a coach who exemplifies commitment to inspire, mentor, and lead, driving lasting positive change in their organization or community.*

Winner: Chris Drouin - Sandler by EAM Consulting

Nominees Include: Jonathan deSanctis – Oakland Thrive, Chris Drouin - Sandler by EAM Consulting, Greg Russell - Chick Fil A Auburn Hills

Plante Moran Caring Culture Award - *Presented to a company who demonstrates a culture of caring for their people, customers, and community.*

Winner: Anderson Medical Supplies

Nominees Include: Anderson Medical Supplies, AUCH Construction, Chick-fil-A Auburn Hills, Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Crossroads Care Center, Havenwyck Hospital, Marsh McLennan Agency, Oakland HOPE, RedE Parts, Inc., Stellantis

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: Mike Cruz - Breaking the Cycle with Books

Nominees Include: Dylan Bladecki – GLOBAL Automation Technologies, Kirbionne Brackins – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mike Cruz, B.A., M.A., M.A.T. - Breaking the Cycle with Books, Trevor Daniel - Cresa, Paul Dries, AWMA® CRPS™ - Edward Jones Investments, Jaclyn Fortier, MTD - Central Michigan University, Nancy Schubring – IEE Sensing

Trion Solutions Always Rely On Award - *An entrepreneurial business that produces products and/or services known for consistently high quality and reliability.*

Winner: Concraft

Nominees Include: Allow Nourishment, Concraft, Identity Creative

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.auburnhillschamber.com or call 248-853-7862. Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce is where business, educational, cultural, and civic leaders collaborate to connect a world-class business community. The Chamber represents more than 500 companies including 95,000+ employees, and is focused on networking, leadership, education, community support, and workforce development programming which supports the business needs of the local area.