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## **NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR DEC. 6 AUBURN HILLS CHAMBER of COMMERCE SILVER & GOLD AWARDS**

### **Auburn Hills, MI – Congratulations to the following outstanding Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce Award nominees.**

On Friday, December 6, 2024, the Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce will recognize individuals and companies for their achievements and reveal the winners at the annual Silver & Gold Awards from 9:00 am – 12:00pm. The program honors business leaders and companies 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 volunteer leaders include:**

Ambassador of the Year  
Board Member of the Year  
Outgoing Board of Director  
Outgoing Committee Chair  
TASTE of Auburn Hills Vendor of the Year (hosted by ABB Robotics)  
Mayor's Award

**Silver & Gold 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.*

**Nominees Include:** Kim Boudreau Smith - Her Bold Voice, Stephanie Carroll - City of Auburn Hills, JoJo Dries – On the Wings of Angels, Sarah Frazier - Argus Logistics, Katie Gadulka – MICPA, Gina Garavaglia - Bowman Chevrolet & Isuzu Commercial Trucks, Kelly Lictawa - FANUC America Corporation, Nicole Logan - FANUC America Corporation, Dana McAllister Armenteros - The W Buchanan Group, Gabrielle Reed - Detroit Pistons, Katherine Richards - Unicom Solutions, Bianca Shyti - RJ Logistics

### **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.*

**Nominees Include:** Bureau Veritas Consumer Product Services Inc., FANUC America Corporation, FATA Automation, Intelligent Technical Solutions LLC, The W Buchanan Group

### **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.*

**Nominees Include:** Crossroads Care Center, Red Wings Shoes, Reliance One

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Branex Group LLC, Genisys Credit Union, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Oakland Hills Dermatology

**Consumers Energy Cares Award**

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

**Nominees Include:** Karen Adcock - City of Auburn Hills, Paul Gualtieri, MAS, MASI – HALO, Patti Jacques - Gifts For All God's Children, Trecia M. Johnson - CARE1, Sterling Littlejohn - Detroit Pistons, Alexandra Peterson – Crossroads Care Center, Ann Poole - FANUC America Corporation

**DBusiness Magazine Emerging Leader Award**

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

**Nominees Include:** Benjamin Delisle - FANUC America Corporation, Kathryn Moraccini - Marsh McLennan Agency, Brandon Skopek - City of Auburn Hills

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Chad Ever - Ever Studios, Matthew J. Farrell - Team CORE, Mike Kneffel - Blair Hall Coffee, Chris Shyti - RJ Logistics

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Ahad Ali, PhD, BSIE, MSIE - Lawrence Technological University, Osamah A. Rawashdeh, PhD, PE - Oakland University, Jason Workman - Oakland Community College

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

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

**Nominees Include:** Sam Ashley - Cunningham-Limp, Ray Barnowske, MC - Stuart Mechanical LLC., Mary Ann Crimado - Concraft, Inc., Jennifer Llewellyn - Oakland County

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Argus Logistics, Crossroads Care Center, Neighborhood House, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc.

**JADE Strategies, Inc. High Performance Teams Award**

*Recognizing a company with a successful initiative focused on teambuilding to strengthen collaboration, cultivate leadership, and advance culture, with proven performance success.*

**Nominees Include:** BorgWarner, CARE1, Crispelli's Bakery & Pizzeria

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Marsh McLennan Agency, MoneyPickle, Rehmann

**Oakland University Innovator of the Year Award**

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

**Nominees Include:** MSUFCU & Oakland University Credit Union, Piston Group, TI Fluid Systems, Webasto

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Ascension Providence Rochester, FANUC America Corporation, Visioneering

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Chris Drouin - Sandler by EAM Consulting, Andria George - Genisys Credit Union, Mari South, MSHROD, SHRM-CP - Covenant Community Care

**Plante Moran Caring Culture Award**

*Presented to a company who demonstrates a culture of caring for their people, customers, and community.*

**Nominees Include:** Auburn Hills Public Library, Lawrence Technological University, MSUFCU & Oakland University Credit Union, Ronnisch Construction Group

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Andy Appleby - General Sports & Entertainment, LLC (USPBL), Jeff Caponigro - Trion Solutions, Jonathan deSanctis - Oakland Thrive

**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.*

**Nominees Include:** Breadless, Exigent Creative Solutions, The Flavor Lab Catering Co.

*For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.auburnhillschamber.com](http://www.auburnhillschamber.com) or call 248-853-7862. The 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.*