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NOMINEES ANNOUNCED FOR DEC. 14 AUBURN HILLS CHAMBER of COMMERCE SILVER & GOLD AWARDS

Auburn Hills, MI – Congratulations to the following outstanding Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce Silver & Gold Award nominees. On Monday, December 14, 2026, 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 (presented by M1 Concourse)
Mayor's Award

Silver & Gold Awards recognize individuals and companies who represent "sterling" qualities of excellence and leadership including:

Andrews Hooper Pavlik Woman's Leadership Award
This award recognizes a woman who exemplifies a strong commitment to personal, community and professional development.
Nominees Include: Alexis Byrd – Emergent Holdings, Michelle Choice – Fogo de Chão, Michelle Feltch – Sunnyside Medicare, Deanna Grove – The Hydration Well IV Drip & Oxygen Bar, Kristina Howes – BCBSM, Marcie Lemieux – Umicore Autocat, Stacey Manosky – Stature Strategy, Ilycia Maschat – BCBSM, Kathleen McInerney – Greystone Pickleball Club, Jessica Michniacki – Dynamic HR, Shannon O'Berski – Meadow Brook Hall - Oakland University, Jennifer Oram – 5 Star Billboards, Sara Powell, Lauren Roberts – Royal Park Hotel, Brittney Simpson – Savvy HR Partner, Jessica Taylor – CoEnterprise, Sheryl Vallus – Identity Creative, Andrea Walker-Leidy – Walker Publicity Consulting

Atlas Copco Technology Trailblazer Award
Presented to an organization that embraces emerging technologies, including AI and automation, to solve challenges, create new possibilities and shape the future of business.
Nominees Include: Decypher Corp., FANUC America Corporation, Fieldstone Title, Grid4 Communications, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Reliance One, Samsung SDI, Sandler by EAM Consulting Group

Auxiom Golden SMB Award
This award recognizes a small or medium-size business that exemplifies "The Golden Rule" and expands upon it by treating others better than they expected to be treated, The Auxiom Rule.
Nominees Include: Crossroads Care Center, Family Table Café, Team CORE

Center for Financial Planning Inc. The Center Cares Award
This award recognizes an individual whose drive, compassion and leadership have enriched and inspired lives.
Nominees Include: Christopher Buatti – Oakland Hills Dermatology, Glenn Charest – United CNC Machining, Jennifer Cullenbine – Next Steps 4 Seniors, Michelle Feltch – Sunnyside Medicare, Stephanie Lincoln Lee, Ed.D. – Oakland University, Cheryl L. Marshall – Meadow Brook Theatre, Carrie Odrobina – Brain Balance of Oakland County, Stephanie Pichan – Crossroads Care Center, Nasir Siddique – Chillbox, Janelle Tischer – Avondale School District, Rachelle Vartanian – Living and Learning Enrichment Center, Clint Williams – Clint From Flint LLC

City of Auburn Hills Business Success Story Award
This award is given to a company, large or small, whose impact on their industry is noteworthy by way of product or service quality, innovation, and overall achievements as a leader within their business segment.
Nominees Include: A Courageous Voice, Dart Appraisal, FANUC America Corporation, Firefly Drone Shows & SWARM Defense, Great Lakes Hospitality Group, HIROTEC AMERICA, M1 Concourse, MSU Federal Credit Union and Oakland University Credit Union, Munro and Associates, Rightsize Facility, Sonesta ES Suites, United CNC Machining

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: Alexis Byrd – Emergent Holdings, Nick Collins – Munro & Associates, Will Costello – M3 Group, Julia Hallett – FANUC AMERICA, Sydney Hazard – Brain Balance of Oakland County, Alex Lechner – HIROTEC AMERICA, John McInerney – Buildup STEAM, Spencer Palm – Hotel Indigo | EVEN Hotel, Steve Pearsey – Red Wing Shoes, Jonathan Petrous – M1 Concourse, Leo Sawaya – FANUC America Corporation, Mary Sayegh-Malama – Storage Sense Orion, Abigail Thompson – Identity Creative, Brandon Verlinden – Best Life and Company Real Estate Team, Zachary Williamson – Nexteer Automotive

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: Alexis Byrd – Emergent Holdings, Glenn Charest – United CNC Machining, Jonathan deSanctis – Oakland Thrive, Christopher Gidman – Storage Asset Management, Derek Hibert – Kingfisher Recruiting, Tarek Sobh, Ph.D., – Lawrence Technological University, Kevandre Thompson – Talent Solutions Now, Chad Toms – Centric Solutions Group, Clint Williams – Clint From Flint LLC, Ted Woerner – M1 Concourse

DynamicHR Michigan Made Award
This award recognizes a Michigan-owned small or medium sized business that demonstrates excellence in leadership, customer service, and community impact while contributing to Michigan's economy.
Nominees Include: Grit Technologies, M1 Concourse, Michigan by the Bottle, Mission Point Resort, Oakland Thrive

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 – Lawrence Technological University, Daniel Aloi – Oakland University School of Engineering & Computer Science, Martin Ballard – Avondale School District, Shaopeng "Frank" Cheng, Ph.D. – Central Michigan University, Reggies Wenyika – Rochester Christian University, Jason Workman – Oakland Community College

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: Chick-fil-A Auburn Hills, Corrigan Moving Systems, Oakland Christian School

JADE Strategies Transformational Leadership Award
Presented to an organization that recognizes people as its greatest competitive advantage by investing in leadership, employee engagement, and continuous development.
Nominees Include: Dutton Farm, JR Automation, Piston Automotive

M3 Group Maverick Brand Award
Presented to an organization that challenged conventional thinking and achieved exceptional results by embracing innovation in branding, marketing, or customer experience, creating measurable impact and setting a new standard for success.
Nominees Include: Chillbox, Game Show Battle Rooms, M1 Concourse

Marsh Agency People Excellence Award
Presented to an organization that demonstrates excellence in creating a workplace where people can thrive, grow, and do their best work through strong leadership, culture, employee development, and commitment to its people.
Nominees Include: BorgWarner, Magna, Superior Electric Great Lakes Company

Moceri Companies Legacy of Excellence Award
Presented to a business that demonstrates enduring values, exceptional leadership, and a lasting commitment to its employees, customers, and the community.
Nominees Include: 5 Star Billboards, Genisys Credit Union, MSU Federal Credit Union and Oakland University Credit Union, Munro & Associates LLC, Nexteer Automotive Corporation, Quality Lubrication, Rightsize Facility

MSUFCU / Oakland University Credit Union Financial Empowerment Award
Recognizes a company that demonstrates a commitment to helping employees achieve financial success through compensation, benefits, incentive programs, or educational resources that strengthen employees' financial well-being.
Nominees Include: Costco Wholesale, Lake Trust Credit Union, Superior Electric Great Lakes Company

Nexteer Automotive Steering Solutions Award
Presented to an organization that has solved a unique challenge, successfully navigated change, and implemented solutions that strengthened its business while steering it toward future success.
Nominees Include: FANUC America Corporation, HIROTEC AMERICA, Pontiac Transportation Museum

Oakland University Innovator of the Year Award
This award is presented to the company with an impressive innovation story.
Nominees Include: Ancor, FANUC America Corporation, Grid4 Communications, HIROTEC AMERICA, United CNC Machining

Ogletree Deakins Human Resources Vanguard Award
Presented to the company that takes on a human resources challenge in a creative and innovative way.
Nominees Include: Autoliv, FATA Automation, Sunnyside Medicare

Plante Moran Caring Culture Award
Presented to a company who demonstrates a culture of caring for their people, customers, and community.
Nominees Include: Center for Success Network, Fogo de Chão, Havenwyck Hospital and Branches Auburn Hills, Oakland Hills Dermatology, OHM Advisors, Piston Automotive, Vibe Credit Union

Tell Studios The Story Worth Telling Award
Presented to a company whose mission, culture, and impact have a meaningful story that has yet to be told to a wider audience.
Nominees Include: Center for Success Network, Cygnet Institute of Personal Financial Literacy, Michigan by the Bottle, New Horizons Rehabilitation Services, Inc., Oakland Thrive, Oakland Youth Orchestras, On The Wings Of Angels, Theory & Thread Resale + Consignment

Trion Solutions Always Rely on Award
An entrepreneurial business that produces products and/or services known for consistently high quality and reliability.
Nominees Include: Air Products & Controls, Rearden Environmental, Red E Parts

For more information on upcoming events, visit www.auburnhillschamber.com or call 248-853-7862. The Auburn Hills Chamber of Commerce 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.