

Press Release

Alliance for Workplace Excellence Announces Annual Award Winners

AWE to Recognize 66 Businesses for Excellence in the Workplace on May 20th

Gaithersburg, MD, April 15, 2014: The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) will host their Annual Awards Luncheon on May 20, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The event will honor the recipients of the 2014 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, Health & Wellness Seal of Approval, EcoLeadership Award, and Diversity Champion Award. A total of 66 employers will be recognized for their exemplary commitment to building excellent places to work in Montgomery County and through the United States. The event is anticipated to have approximately 400 business executives in attendance, primarily from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

This year marks the 15th year that AWE will recognize excellence in the workplace. The 66 award winning companies represent approximately one million employees from organizations of all sizes and in all sectors from across the United States. AWE is proud to recognize:

- 55 companies with the 2014 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval
- 43 companies with the 2014 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval
- 27 companies with the 2014 AWE EcoLeadership Award
- 18 companies with the 2014 AWE Diversity Champion Award

All award recipients undergo a rigorous assessment process led by an independent review panel of business professional and master's and Ph.D. level students in the fields of business, industrial and organizational psychology, human resources, environmental science, and public health.

The theme for this year's event is "Equality and Empowerment in a Diverse Workforce." The awards luncheon will feature a key note address by Maureen Gormley, Chief Operating Officer at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. Additionally, the event emcee will be award-winning journalist, Leon Harris, from ABC7/WJLA-TV. AWE will host two morning panel discussions from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., prior to the luncheon. The discussions will be focused on "Gen Y/Millennials in the Workplace" and "Best Workplace Practices for Supporting Workers of All Abilities". The panelists will be comprised of business professionals with extensive experience on the subject matters.

Additionally, the AWE Networking Café will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm for event guests to visit and network with colleagues. [This event is open for press coverage. If interested, please contact AWE by May 13th.]

About AWE:

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1999 by Montgomery County, MD and Discovery Communications. Over the past 15 years, AWE has been dedicated to empowering employers to build excellence in the workplace as a means of supporting the quality of life for employees, their families, and the community at-large. AWE is dedicated to increasing the number of excellent workplaces within the business community through education and recognition, as a means to enhance the quality of life of its citizens and empower economic growth.

For more information, please visit <http://www.excellentworkplace.org/>.

2014 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval Award Winners

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| 1. Adventist HealthCare | 29. JBS International, Inc. |
| 2. Akridge | 30. KPMG LLP |
| 3. Altarum Institute | 31. Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc. |
| 4. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | 32. Marriott International |
| 5. BDO USA, LLP | 33. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital |
| 6. Booz Allen Hamilton | 34. Mental Health Association of Montgomery County |
| 7. Calvert Investments, Inc. | 35. Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union |
| 8. Calvert Memorial Hospital | 36. Montgomery College |
| 9. Carroll Hospital Center | 37. Montgomery County Government |
| 10. Cassaday & Company, Inc. | 38. MorganFranklin Consulting |
| 11. Cetrom Information Technology, Inc. | 39. Optimal Networks, Inc. |
| 12. Chaney Enterprises LP | 40. Ryan, LLC |
| 13. Chesapeake-Potomac Home Health Agency, Inc. | 41. Sandy Spring Bank |
| 14. Chevo Consulting, LLC | 42. Sapient Government Services |
| 15. CollabraSpace, Inc. | 43. SAPNS2 |
| 16. College of Southern Maryland | 44. Smartronix |
| 17. Corporate Network Services | 45. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc. |
| 18. Dexis Consulting Group | 46. Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative |
| 19. Discovery Communications, LLC | 47. SRA International, Inc. |
| 20. Dynaxys, LLC | 48. The Humane Society of the United States |
| 21. Federal Realty Investment Trust | 49. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission |
| 22. FINRA | 50. The National Center for Children and Families |
| 23. GANTECH Inc. | 51. United Educators |
| 24. Holy Cross Health | 52. University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center |
| 25. Honest Tea, Inc. | 53. Vaco Richmond, LLC |
| 26. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company | 54. Verizon Wireless |
| 27. iHire, LLC | 55. Washington Real Estate Investment Trust |
| 28. IntelliDyne, LLC | |

2014 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval Award Winners

1. Akridge
2. Allstate Insurance Company, Capital Region
3. Altarum Institute
4. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
5. BDO USA, LLP
6. Booz Allen Hamilton
7. Calvert Investments, Inc.
8. Calvert Memorial Hospital
9. Carroll Hospital Center
10. Chaney Enterprises LP
11. CollabraSpace, Inc.
12. College of Southern Maryland
13. Corporate Network Services
14. Discovery Communications, LLC
15. Dynamic Aviation
16. Dynaxys, LLC
17. Federal Realty Investment Trust
18. FINRA
19. Holy Cross Health
20. Honest Tea, Inc.
21. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company
22. IntelliDyne, LLC
23. JBS International, Inc.
24. Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc.
25. LiveHealthier, Inc.
26. Marriott International
27. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
28. Montgomery College
29. Montgomery County Government
30. Ryan, LLC
31. Sandy Spring Bank
32. SelectHealth
33. Smartronix
34. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
35. Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative
36. SRA International, Inc.
37. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
38. United Educators
39. University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
40. Verizon Wireless
41. Vocus, Inc.
42. Washington Real Estate Investment Trust
43. West Tennessee Healthcare

2014 AWE EcoLeadership Award Winners

1. Akridge
2. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
3. AtSite Inc.
4. Booz Allen Hamilton
5. Calvert Investments, Inc.
6. Calvert Memorial Hospital
7. Carroll Hospital Center
8. College of Southern Maryland
9. Corporate Network Services
10. Discovery Communications, LLC
11. Dynaxys, LLC
12. Federal Realty Investment Trust
13. Global Environment Fund
14. Hitachi Consulting Corporation
15. Holy Cross Health
16. Honest Tea, Inc.
17. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company
18. Main Event Caterers
19. Marstel-Day, LLC
20. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
21. Montgomery College
22. Montgomery County Government
23. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
24. SRA International, Inc.
25. The Humane Society of the United States
26. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
27. Washington Real Estate Investment Trust

2014 AWE Diversity Champion Award Winners

1. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
2. Calvert Investments, Inc.
3. Carroll Hospital Center
4. College of Southern Maryland
5. Discovery Communications, LLC
6. FINRA
7. Holy Cross Health
8. Honest Tea, Inc.
9. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company
10. KPMG LLP
11. Leidos Biomedical Research, Inc.
12. Marriott International
13. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
14. Montgomery College
15. Montgomery County Government
16. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
17. SRA International, Inc.
18. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission