

Press Release

Alliance for Workplace Excellence Announces Annual Award Winners

AWE to Recognize 46 Organizations for Excellence in the Workplace on June 8th

Gaithersburg, MD, April 25, 2018: The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) will host their Annual Awards Celebration on Friday, June 8, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center. The event will honor the recipients of the 2018 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, Health & Wellness Seal of Approval, EcoLeadership Award, and Diversity Champion Award. A total of 46 employers will be recognized for their exemplary commitment to building excellent places to work in Montgomery County, MD and throughout the United States. The event is anticipated to have approximately 200 business executives in attendance, primarily from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

This year marks the 19th year that AWE will recognize excellence in the workplace. The 46 award winning companies represent organizations of all sizes and all industry types from across the United States. AWE is proud to recognize:

- 41 companies with the 2018 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval
- 33 companies with the 2018 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval
- 18 companies with the 2018 AWE EcoLeadership Award
- 11 companies with the 2018 AWE Diversity Champion Award

AWE is also proud to recognize three select employers for their exceptional commitment to providing *Best Practices Supporting Workers of All Abilities* and eight organizations for their *Best Practices Supporting Workers 50+*. These organizations exhibit a workplace culture that is continuously and comprehensively supportive of a diverse and inclusive workforce. A full list of all 2018 AWE award recipients is provided on pages 2 -3.

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

This year's awards celebration will focus on "Witty, Gritty, and Wise: The Power of Cultivating Leaders at Every Level." Educational and networking sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., followed by a formal awards luncheon to honor all 46 recognized organizations from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. AWE is excited to announce Veronica Johnson, veteran Meteorologist at WJLA-TV/ABC7 as the emcee of the awards luncheon and Robin Koval, CEO & President of Truth Initiative and co-author of *Grit to Great* as the keynote speaker.

Additional details to be provided at: <http://excellentworkplace.org/events.html>. This event is open for press coverage. If interested, please contact AWE by June 1st.

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 19 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: <http://www.excellentworkplace.org/>.

Recipients of: **2018 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval**

Adventist HealthCare	Hughes Network Systems, LLC an Echostar Company
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	iHire
AstraZeneca MedImmune	Marriott International, Inc.
BDO USA, LLP	Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
Bowers+Kubota Consulting	Montgomery County Government
CBIZ	MorganFranklin Consulting
Central Florida Health	National Recreation and Park Association
Cetrom	Optimal Networks
Chaney Enterprises LP	QIAGEN
Chesapeake-Potomac Home Health Agency, Inc.	Ryan, LLC
Chevo Consulting, LLC	SAPNS2
CNSI	Smartronix
College of Southern Maryland	Social & Scientific Systems
Discovery, Inc.	Soltész, Inc.
Dynaxys LLC	The Emmes Corporation
EveryMind Inc.	The Humane Society of the United States
Family Services, Inc.	The National Center for Children and Families
Family & Nursing Care	United Educators
Federal Realty Investment Trust	University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
HDR	Vaco Richmond
Holy Cross Health	

Recipients of: **2018 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval**

Adventist HealthCare	iHire
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	Marriott International, Inc.
BDO USA, LLP	Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
Bowers+Kubota Consulting	Montgomery County Government
CBIZ	Montgomery County Public Schools
Central Florida Health	MorganFranklin Consulting
Chaney Enterprises LP	National Recreation and Park Association
CNSI	QIAGEN
College of Southern Maryland	Ryan, LLC

Council on Foreign Relations
Discovery, Inc.
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Family Services, Inc.
Federal Realty Investment Trust
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The National Center for Children and Families
Truth Initiative
United Educators
University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Recipients of: **2018 AWE EcoLeadership Award**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
AstraZeneca MedImmune
Bowers+Kubota Consulting
Chaney Enterprises LP
Dynaxys LLC
Federal Realty Investment Trust
HDR
Holy Cross Health
Hughes Network Systems, LLC an Echostar Company

Main Event Caterers
Marstel-Day, LLC
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
Montgomery County Government
National Recreation and Park Association
QIAGEN
Social & Scientific Systems
The Humane Society of the United States
University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Recipients of: **2018 AWE Diversity Champion Award**

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
College of Southern Maryland
Discovery, Inc.
Family Services, Inc.
Holy Cross Health
Hughes Network Systems, LLC an Echostar Company

Marriott International, Inc.
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
Montgomery County Government
QIAGEN
Social & Scientific Systems

Recipients of: **2018 AWE Certificate of Recognition: Best Practices Supporting Workers of All Abilities**

Holy Cross Health
Marriott International, Inc.

Montgomery County Government

Recipients of: **2018 AWE Certificate of Recognition: Best Practices Supporting Workers 50+**

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Montgomery County Government