

Press Release

Alliance for Workplace Excellence Announces Annual Award Winners

AWE to Recognize 62 Businesses for Excellence in the Workplace on June 10th

Gaithersburg, MD, April 25, 2016: The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) will host their Annual Awards Luncheon on June 10, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Marriott. The event will honor the recipients of the 2016 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, Health & Wellness Seal of Approval, EcoLeadership Award, and Diversity Champion Award. A total of 62 employers will be recognized for their exemplary commitment to building excellent places to work in Montgomery County and throughout the United States. The event is anticipated to have approximately 250 business executives in attendance, primarily from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

This year marks the 17th year that AWE will recognize excellence in the workplace. The 62 award winning companies represent organizations of all sizes and in all industry types from across the United States. AWE is proud to recognize:

- 53 companies with the 2016 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval
- 37 companies with the 2016 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval
- 24 companies with the 2016 AWE EcoLeadership Award
- 12 companies with the 2016 AWE Diversity Champion Award

AWE is also proud to recognize two select employers for their exceptional commitment to providing *Best Practices Supporting Workers of All Abilities*. Those employers are: Discovery Communications, LLC and Montgomery County Government. Both workplaces exhibit a workplace culture that is continuously supportive of a diverse and inclusive workforce, especially of workers of all abilities.

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, public health and diversity and inclusion.

The theme for this year's event is "Workplace Excellence and Employee Engagement." The awards luncheon will feature a key note address by Dr. Linda Henman, President of Henman Performance Group and the author of *Challenge the Ordinary*, *Landing in the Executive Chair*, and *The Magnetic Boss* among other works. AWE is also excited to announce that award-winning journalist, Doreen Gentzler, from NBC4 will be the event's emcee.

The event will also feature breakout sessions held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., prior to the luncheon. Additional details to be provided at: <http://excellentworkplace.org/events.html>. Additionally, the AWE Networking Café will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for event guests to visit and network with colleagues. [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 17 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/>.

2016 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval Award Winners

Adventist HealthCare	MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
BDO USA, LLP	Mental Health Association
Booz Allen Hamilton	Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union
Calvert Health System	Montgomery College
Carroll Hospital	Montgomery County Government
Cassaday & Company, Inc.	MorganFranklin Consulting, LLC
Cetrom	Novavax
Chaney Enterprises LP	Optimal Networks, Inc.
Chesapeake-Potomac Home Health Agency, Inc.	Rappaport
Chevo Consulting, LLC	Ryan, LLC
CNSI	Sakti3 Inc.
CollabraSpace, Inc.	Sandy Spring Bank
College of Southern Maryland	SAPNS2
Discovery Communications, LLC	Smartronix
Dynaxys LLC	Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
Envolve PeopleCare	Soltesz
Family Services, Inc.	SweetLabs, Inc.
Federal Realty Investment Trust	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
HDR	The Emmes Corporation
Holy Cross Health	The Humane Society of the United States
Honest Tea, Inc.	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	The National Center for Children and Families
IAC Applications	United Educators
iHire	University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
IntelliDyne, LLC	USTA Mid-Atlantic Section
International Center for Research on Women (ICRW)	Vaco Richmond
Marriott International, Inc.	

2016 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval Award Winners

Adventist HealthCare	IntelliDyne, LLC
BDO USA, LLP	Marriott International, Inc.
Booz Allen Hamilton	MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
Bowers + Kubota Consulting	Montgomery College
Calvert Health System	Montgomery County Government
Carroll Hospital	MorganFranklin Consulting, LLC
Chaney Enterprises LP	National Recreation and Park Association
CNSI	Rappaport
College of Southern Maryland	Ryan, LLC
Discovery Communications, LLC	Smartronix
Dynaxys LLC	Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
Envolve PeopleCare	SweetLabs, Inc.
Federal Realty Investment Trust	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
HDR	The Council on Foreign Relations
Holy Cross Health	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Honest Tea, Inc.	The National Center for Children and Families
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	United Educators
IAC Applications	University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
iHire	

2016 AWE EcoLeadership Award Winners

Abt Associates Inc.	Hughes Network Systems, LLC
AstraZeneca and MedImmune	Main Event Caterers
Booz Allen Hamilton	Marstel-Day, LLC
Calvert Health System	MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
Carroll Hospital	Montgomery College
Chaney Enterprises LP	Montgomery County Government
Dynaxys LLC	National Recreation and Park Association
Federal Realty Investment Trust	Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
HDR	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Hitachi Consulting Corporation	The Humane Society of the United States
Holy Cross Health	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Honest Tea, Inc.	United Solutions, LLC

2016 AWE Diversity Champion Award Winners

Carroll Hospital	MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
Discovery Communications, LLC	Montgomery College
Family Services, Inc.	Montgomery County Government
Holy Cross Health	Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.
Hughes Network Systems, LLC	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Marriott International, Inc.	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission