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Best and Brightest Companies to Work For[®] Announced This Year's Best and Brightest Companies To Work For[®] in West Michigan

April 9, 2019 - Warren, Mich. — every year companies throughout West Michigan compete to be named one of “[West Michigan's Best and Brightest Companies to Work For[®]](#).” Only companies that distinguish themselves as having the most innovative and thoughtful human resources approach can be bestowed this honor. These select companies will be honored on Thursday May 7, 2019 at the JW Marriott in downtown Grand Rapids.

The winning companies also compete for 13 elite awards, one granted for each category. Also, an overall winner that has excelled in all categories will be honored with a “Best of the Best Overall” award. The elite award winners will be revealed during the luncheon.

Winners are pooled by the size of their company. Employers with 100 or less employees are benchmarked together and are classified as Small Business; 101-300 employees are benchmarked together and are classified as Medium Business; employers with more than 301 employees are benchmarked together and are classified as Large Business. All companies, no matter their size, can be a Best and Brightest Company to Work For[®] resulting in Better Business, Richer Lives and Stronger Communities.

An independent research firm evaluates each company's entry based on key measures in various categories. They include Compensation, Benefits and Employee Solutions; Employee Enrichment, Engagement and Retention; Employee Education and Development; Recruitment, Selection and Orientation; Employee Achievement and Recognition; Communication and Shared Vision; Diversity and Inclusion; Work-Life Balance; Community Initiatives; Strategic Company Performance and the Best of the Best Small Business, Medium Business and Large Business. (See following list for winners.)

The annual symposium and awards program will begin with registration, networking and exhibit gallery preview at 8:00 a.m. followed by education. The breakfast and awards presentation is emceed by Juliet Dragos of WZZM 13 News and Steve Kelly of NewsRadio WOOD 1300. The awards presentation will adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

“We are honored to recognize the efforts of this year’s 'Best and Brightest' companies. These companies have created impressive organizational value and business results through their policies and best practices in human resource management. This award has become a designation sought after by hundreds of West Michigan companies and is a powerful recruitment tool in the drive to attract and retain exceptional employees,” said Jennifer Kluge, President and CEO, Best and Brightest Programs.

West Michigan’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® is sponsored by BASIC, Baudville Brands, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, ABC 13 News, Newsradio WOOD 1300 and 106.9 FM, Grand Rapids Business Journal, Davenport University, DTE Energy, Kelly Services, Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC, The Employers' Association, National Diagnostic Services, Consumers Credit Union, Paylocity, Schupan & Sons and SpartanNash.

Admission for the awards luncheon and symposium is \$180. Tables for 10 are also available for \$1,800. Recognition as a Table Sponsor with 10 tickets is \$2,100. If you are interested in attending the conference, contact the NABR at 866-321-1822 or visit www.101bestandbrightest.com.

The Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® is a program that provides the business community with the opportunity to gain recognition, showcase their best practices and demonstrate why they are an ideal place for employees to work. This national program celebrates those companies that are making better business, creating richer lives and building a stronger community as a whole. It is presented annually in several markets including Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Milwaukee, San Diego, San Francisco Bay Area, West Michigan and Nationally. Nominations are now being accepted. Visit www.thebestandbrightest.com to obtain an application.

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The 2019 West Michigan's Best And Brightest Companies To Work For® Winners

4Front Credit Union	GMB Architecture + Engineering	OsborneKlein
A.j. Veneklasen Inc.	GNS America	OST (Open Systems Technologies)
ABD Engineering & Design, Inc.	Grand Rapids Chair Co.	PADNOS
Advia Credit Union	Grand Rapids Label Company	Paragon D&E
AEBetancourt	Grand Rapids Metrology	Pella Windows & Doors by Horne
Air Lift Company	Greenleaf Hospitality Group	Plansource
Allied Business Services	Greenleaf Trust	Plante Moran
Allied Electric Inc.	GT Independence	Porter Hills
Ally Logistics	Hastings Mutual Insurance Company	Premiere Property Services, Inc.
Amerifirst Home Mortgage	Haviland Enterprises, Inc.	Progressive AE
Andy J. Egan Co.	Heritage Community of Kalamazoo	Red Level
Arbor Financial Credit Union	Highpoint Community Bank	Rehmann
Baker Holtz, CPAs and Advisors	HNI Risk Services	Resthaven
Barnes & Thornburg LLP	Holland Hospital	Robroy Enclosures
Baudville Brands	Honigman LLP	Rockford Construction
BDO USA, LLP	Hope College	Schupan & Sons, Inc.
Beene Garter LLP	Hub International	Seaman's Mechanical
Bell's Brewery Inc.	Hulst Jepsen Physical Therapy	SecurAlarm Systems, Inc.
BHS Insurance	HUMANeX Ventures	Service Express, Inc. (SEI)
Bizstream	Hungerford Nichols CPAs + Advisors	Soils & Structures, Inc.
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan	Imperial Beverage	Southwest Michigan First
Brink, Key & Chludzinski	InsITe Business Solutions, Inc.	SpartanNash
Buist Electric	ITC Incorporated	Speciality Eye Institute
Butterball Farms Inc.	ITPartners+	Suburban Inns
C-4 Analytics	ITS Partners LLC	Summit Pointe
Cascade Engineering	Kalamazoo Community Foundation	Sunset Retirement Communities & Services
Caster Depot	Kent District Library	Symplicity Communications Inc.
Charter Capital Partners	Kessler's Diamonds, Inc.	Terryberry
Cherry Health	Koops Inc.	Thacker Sleight PC
Choice Schools Associates	KSS Enterprises	The C2 Group
Clark Retirement Community, Inc.	Lake Michigan Credit Union	The Kendall Group
Coldwell Banker Schmidt Family of Companies	Lakewood Construction	The Wiser Financial Group
Comcast	Legacy Trust	Total Quality Logistics
Comfort Research	Legal Copy Services	TowerPinkster
CompHealth	Life EMS Ambulance	Trendway Corporation
Consumers Credit Union	Macatawa Bank	Triangle Associates, Inc.
CTS Telecom	Mel Trotter Ministries	Trillium Staffing Solutions
Dan Vos Construction Co., Inc.	Mercantile Bank of Michigan	Twisthink
Davenport University	Metro Health University of Michigan Health	UFP Technologies, Inc.
DeWys Manufacturing Inc.	Metron Integrated Health Systems	United Bank of Michigan
DFCU Financial	Michigan First Credit Union	Varipro
DK Security	Michigan Office Solutions	VisionQuest
Dominion Systems Inc.	Michigan Software Labs	West Michigan Transport
Easter Seals - Michigan, Inc.	Midstate Security Company LLC	Willis Law
Eckert Wordell	Mill Steel Company	Windemuller Electric
Elzinga & Volkers	MINDSCAPE	Work sighted
Construction Professionals	MSU Federal Credit Union	WSI
EQI, Ltd.	National Heritage Academies Inc.	X-Rite Pantone
Express Employment Professionals	Northpointe Bank	Yeo & Yeo CPAs & Business Consultants
Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering, Inc.	Nugent Builders Inc.	Zeigler Auto Group
Flexco	Nulty Insurance	
Flexfab	Omni Community Credit Union	
Flow-Rite Controls	OptiMed Health Partners	
FormulaFolio Investments		
Garrison Dental		