The **DISTINGUISHED EXECUTIVE AWARD** was created to honor individuals in Metro Milwaukee at the top level of their business or organization. Nominees must have shown excellence and commitment in their industry as well as the community.

**PAST RECIPIENTS**

Jim Popp, CEO, Johnson Financial Group (2021)
Jonas Prising, Chairman & CEO, ManpowerGroup (2019)
Cathy Jacobson, President & CEO, Froedtert Health (2018)
Greg Marcus, President & CEO, The Marcus Corporation (2017)
Peggy Troy, President & CEO, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin (2016)
John Daniels, Chairman Emeritus, Quarles & Brady LLP (2015)
Helen Johnson-Leipold, Chairman & CEO, Johnson Outdoors, Inc. (2014)
Joe Bartolotta, Owner, The Bartolotta Restaurants (2012)
Ted Kellner, Executive Chairman, Fiduciary Management (2011)
Ed Zore, Chairman & CEO, Northwestern Mutual (2010)
Mary Ellen Stanek, Managing Director & CIO, Robert W. Baird, Inc. (2009)
Tim Sullivan, President and CEO, Bucyrus International (2008)
Curt Culver, CEO, MGIC Corporation (2005)
Michael Grebe, Chairman & CEO, Foley & Lardner (2002)
John Torinus, CEO, Serigraph, Inc. (2001)

The **PEAK PERFORMER AWARD** is designed to identify and recognize a Metro Milwaukee individual who has shown excellence in his/her field and a commitment to the community. They may come from any level in their organization and from any industry.

**PAST RECIPIENTS**

Patricia Contreras, VP Public Affairs, Rockwell Automation (2021)
Grady Crosby, VP Public Affairs, Chief Diversity Officer, and President, Johnson Controls (2019)
Melissa Goins, Founder and President, Maures Development Group (2018)
Raquel Filmanowicz, Director, U.S. Community Affairs, BMO Harris Bank (2017)
Renée Herzing, President & CEO, Herzing University (2016)
Austin Ramirez, President & CEO, HUSCO International (2015)
Cecilia Gore, Executive Director, Brewers Community Foundation (2014)
Neil Willenson, Vice President of Community Relations, KAPCO, Inc. (2013)
AWARD RECIPIENTS

PAST RECIPIENTS (cont.)
Peggy Williams-Smith, Sr. Corp. Dir., Catering & Events, Marcus Hotels & Resorts (2012)
Vivian King, Director of Public Affairs, Roundy’s Supermarkets, Inc. (2011)
Mara Swan, Executive VP, Global Strategy and Talent, ManpowerGroup (2010)
Cory Nettles, Counsel, Quarles & Brady LLP (2009)
Tina Chang, Chief Executive Officer, Syslogic (2008)
Susan Ela, Aurora Healthcare (2007)
Jill J. Morin, Executive Officer, Kahler Slater Architects (2005)
Carol Schneider, Chairman and CEO, SEEK, Inc. (2004)
Valerie Daniels-Carter, President & CEO, V&J Holding Companies, Inc. (2003)
Susan Fronk, President & CEO, MRA – The Management Association (2002)
Perfecto Rivera, VP of Community Relations, Merchants & Mfrs. Bancorp (2001)

The **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR** award is presented by Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and EY, to a 5th to 12th grade student that has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by applying business knowledge, growth potential, success and social involvement through the operation of an actual business.

PAST RECIPIENTS
Jonah Larson, Jonah’s Hands (2021)
Noah Olson, Brothers Lawncare (2019)
Charles Rose, Action Asphalt Maintenance, LLC (2018)
Laney Hughes, Shallocat (2017)
Natalie Abbott, The West Hill Honey Company (2016)
Andrew Pfluger, AMP Hobby (2015)
Carter Drake, Dreamscape Landscaping (2014)
Austin White-Pentony, Mad Town Phone Sales (2012)
Candace Wetter, Edge of Town Dairy (2011)
Christine O’Neil, Pumpkins with Perspective (2010)
Matt Meis, Meis P.C. Solutions (2009)
Allison Loderbauer, ABC Balloons (2008)
Casey Profita, Ace Clothing Industries (2007)

*No awards in 2006, when Milwaukee hosted the National Business Hall of Fame, and 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*
Edward P. Allis, Allis Chalmers Corporation, 1996
Owen Ayres, Ayres & Associates, 2002
George Banta, Jr., The Banta Company, 2000
John H. Batten, Twin Disc, Inc., 2001
Michael E. Batten, Twin Disc, Inc., 2016
Vaughn L. Beals, Jr., Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc., 1997
Oscar Boldt, Oscar J. Boldt Construction, 2003
Harry & Lynde Bradley, Allen-Bradley Company, 1990
William H. Brady, Jr., W.H. Brady Company, 1994
Fred L. Brengel, Johnson Controls, Inc., 1999
Richard A. Burke, Trek Bicycle Corporation, 2010
Joyce Bytof, Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group, 2015
Robert Cervenka, Phillips Plastics Corporation, 2008
Catherine Cleary, First Wisconsin Trust, 1991
Seymour R. Cray, Cray Research, 2003
Michael J. Cudahy, Marquette Medical Systems, 2004
Craig Culver, Culver’s, 2016
Curt Culver, Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Co., 2018
Russell M. Darrow, Jr., Russ Darrow Group, Inc., 2015
Don H. Davis, Jr., Rockwell Automation, 2008
D.C. Everest, Marathon Paper Corporation, 1994
Ole Evinrude, Evinrude Motor Company, 2009
Edmund Fitzgerald, Northwestern Mutual, 2003
James F. Fitzgerald, Milwaukee Bucks, 2001
Walter A. Frautschi, Webcrafters, Inc., 1992
Nan Gardetto, Gardettos and Baptistas Bakey, 2019
Leonard Gentine, Sargento Foods, Inc., 2008
Michael W. Grebe, Foley & Lardner, LLP, 2005
R. Bruce Grover, VPI, LLC, 2007
Dr. Adolf Gundersen, Gundersen Lutheran, 2013
Ardie Halyard, Columbia Savings & Loan, 1999
Robert E. Harlan, The Green Bay Packers, 2010
Leo L. Heikkinen, Prentice Hydraulics Inc., 1999
Diane Hendricks, ABC Supply Company 2018
Kenneth Hendricks, ABC Supply Company, 2011
Joseph Johnson, Snap-on Tools Corporation, 1992
Samuel C. Johnson, Jr., S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc., 2004
Samuel Curtis Johnson, Johnson Wax, 1990
Warren S. Johnson, Johnson Controls, Inc., 1994
Fredrick M. Jones, Fred Jones Pontiac GMC Trucks, 2002
Ted Kellner, Fiduciary Management Inc., 2019
James H. Keyes, Johnson Controls, Inc., 2003
E.C. Kiekhaefer, Mercury Marine, 1993
Alberta S. Kimball, Miles Kimball Co., 2005
Henry H. Kimberly, Jr., The Morgan Company, 2004
John A. Kimberly & Charles B. Clark, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, 1993
Henry Knueppel, Regal Beloit Corporation, 2019
W. Robert Koch, American Family Insurance Group, 1996
Max Kohl, Kohl’s Food Stores, 1994
Herbert V. Kohler, Sr. & Walter J. Kohler, Sr., Kohler Company, 1998
John C. Koss, The Koss Corporation, 2004
Robert H. Leverenz, Leverenz Shoe Company, 2000
Jack Link, Jack Link’s Protein Snacks, 2021
Sheldon B. Lubar, Lubar & Company, 2018
Thomas Lyon, Cooperative Resources Int., 2007
Irwin J. Maier, Journal Communications, 1990
Ben Marcus, The Marcus Corporation, 1992
Bezelee Martin, Lena’s Food Market, 2013
Oscar G. Mayer, Oscar Mayer Foods Corp, 1990
Daniel F. “Jack” McKeithan Jr., Tamarack Petroleum Co., 2021
Charles S. McNeer, Wisconsin Energy Corp, 1993
George W. Mead II, Consolidated Papers, 1997
Frederick C. Miller, Miller Brewing Company, 2012
Leslie M. Muma, Fiserv, Inc., 2007
Bill Nasgovitz, Heartland Advisors, Inc., 2017
Albert O. Nicholas, Nicholas Company, 2010
John Noel, Noel Group, 2016
Captain Frederick Pabst, Pabst Brewing Company, 1991
George S. Parker, The Parker Pen Company, 1996
Lewis E. Phillips, National Presto Industries, Inc., 1996
Paul H. Poberezny, Experimental Aircraft Association, 2005
H. Carl Prange, Prange’s, 1991
Harry Quadracci, Quad/Graphics, 2011
Agustin Ramirez, HUSCO International, Inc., 2017
D. B. Reinhart, Gateway Foods, 1997
Oscar Rennebohm, Rennebohm Drug Stores, 1993
Pleasant Rowland, American Girl, 2010
Don Schneider, Schneider National, Inc., 2009
Gretchen Schoenleber, Ambrosia Chocolate Company, 1998
Marvin Schuette, Wausau Homes, 2014
Kathi Seifert, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, 2019
Allan H. “Bud” Selig, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, 2000
William A. Siekman, Appleton Papers, 2002
Joseph (Pep) & Ronald Simek, Tombstone Pizza, 2011
Dave Skogen, Festival Foods, 2021
Daniel Spalding, School Specialty, 2012
William Specht, Cousins Submarines, Inc., 2014
Richard A. Stack, Air Wisconsin, Inc., 2005
Alice and Ralph Stayer, Johnsonville Sausage, 2014
Donna Wolf Steigerwaldt, Jockey International, Inc., 2009
Martin F. Stein, Stein Drugs & Stein Optical, 2001
John Stollenwerk, Allen-Edmonds Shoe Corporation, 2009
Frederick Stratton, Jr., Briggs & Stratton Corporation, 2012
Timothy W. Sullivan, Bucyrus, 2021
Richard F. Teerlink, Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc., 2002
Reuben Trane, The Trane Company, 1993
August Uihlein, Schlitz Brewery, 1994
John W. Ullrich, Wipfli, Ullrich & Co., 1998
Ron Wanek, Ashley Furniture, 2012
Elmer L. Winter, Manpower, Inc., 1991
Cyrus C. Yawkey, The Wausau Group, 1992
Nathaniel K. Zelazo, Astronautics Corp. of America, 2014
Don Zietlow, Kwik Trip, 2018
Joseph J. Zilber, Zilber Ltd., 2013
Edward J. Zore, Northwestern Mutual, 2015
Gus A. Zuehlke, Valley Bancorporation, 2001