

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**

Krish Sharma, Power of Pawns (2023)  
Michael Mounajjed, Calceus Mining (2022)  
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)  
Luke Eisner, Sound by Design (2013)  
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)  
Zach Vruwink, Zach's Computers (2006)

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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

Leana Nakielski, Director of Community and Social Impact Investment, American Family Insurance (2023)

Jasmine M. Johnson, Vice President of Sales, iHeartMedia (2022)

Patricia Contreras, Vice President of 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)

Cecelia Gore, Executive Director, Brewers Community Foundation (2014)

Neil Willenson, Vice President of Community Relations, KAPCO, Inc. (2013)

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)

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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

Matt Rinka, Founder and Partner, RINKA (2023)  
 Peggy E. Coakley, President & CEO, Coakley Brothers (2022)  
 Jim Popp, President & 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)  
 Daniel F. "Jack" McKeithan Jr., Chairman & CEO, Tamarack Petroleum (2013)  
 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)  
 Shel Lubar, Lubar & Co. (2007)  
 Curt Culver, CEO, MGIC Corporation (2005)  
 John Stollenwerk, President & CEO, Allen-Edmonds Shoe Corporation (2004)  
 John Mellows, Chairman & CEO, Charter Mfg. Co., Inc. (2003)  
 Michael Grebe, Chairman & CEO, Foley & Lardner (2002)  
 John Torinus, CEO, Serigraph, Inc. (2001)

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*Michael E. Batten  
Laureate, 2016*



*Catherine Cleary  
Laureate, 1991*



*Ole Evinrude  
Laureate, 2009*

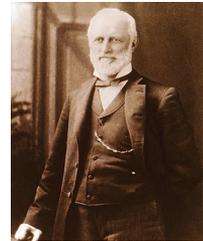
- Edward P. Allis, Allis Chalmers Corporation, 1996  
 Owen Ayres, Ayres & Associates, 2002  
 Robert W. Baird, Robert W. Baird & Co, Inc., 1998  
 George Banta, Jr., The Banta Company, 2000  
 John H. Batten, Twin Disc, Inc., 2001  
 Michael E. Batten, Twin Disc, Inc., 2016  
 Vaughn L. Beals, Jr., Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc., 1997  
 John F. Bergstrom, Bergstrom Automotive, 2023  
 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  
 Merlin G. Bush & David Nusbaum, Schreiber Foods, Inc., 1999  
 Joyce Bytof, Coldwell Banker The Real Estate Group, 2015  
 J.I. Case, J.I. Case Company, 1991  
 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  
 Robert Endries, Endries International, 2007  
 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 Bakery, 2019  
 Leonard Gentine, Sargento Foods, Inc., 2008

## INDUCTED LAUREATES

Michael W. Grebe, Foley & Lardner, LLP, 2005  
 R. Bruce Grover, VPI, LLC, 2007  
 Terry Growcock, The Manitowoc Company, 2014  
 Dr. Adolf Gundersen, Gundersen Lutheran, 2013  
 Ardie Halyard, Columbia Savings & Loan, 1999  
 Peter & Olaf Harken, Harken, Inc., 2022  
 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  
 Gale Klappa, WEC Energy Group, 2023  
 Henry Kneuppel, 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



*Diane Hendricks  
Laureate, 2018*



*Charles Ilsley  
Laureate, 1997*



*Sam Marshall  
Laureate, 1997*



*Bezelee Martin  
Laureate, 2013*



*Pleasant Rowland  
Laureate, 2010*



*William Siekman,  
Laureate, 2002*

- Ben Marcus, The Marcus Corporation, 1992  
 Samuel H. Marshall & Charles F. Ilsley, Marshall & Ilsley Bank, 1997  
 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  
 John Mellowes, Charter Manufacturing Co., Inc., 2016  
 Frederick C. Miller, Miller Brewing Company, 2012  
 Alexander Mitchell, Wis. Marine & Fire Ins. Co., 2000  
 Leslie M. Muma, Fiserv, Inc., 2007  
 Bill Nasgovitz, Heartland Advisors, Inc., 2017  
 Todd and Shari Nelson, Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 2023  
 Albert O. Nicholas, Nicholas Company, 2010  
 John Noel, Noel Group, 2016  
 Captain Frederick Pabst, Pabst Brewing Company, 1991  
 Henry L. Palmer, Northwestern Mutual Life Ins. Co., 1990  
 George S. Parker, The Parker Pen Company, 1996  
 Ulice Payne, Jr., Addison-Clifton LLC, 2022  
 Lewis E. Phillips, National Presto Industries, Inc., 1996  
 Richard R. Pieper, Sr., Pieper Electric Company, Inc., 2011  
 Paul H. Poberezny, Experimental Aircraft Association, 2005  
 H. Carl Prange, Prange's, 1991  
 Paul E. Purcell, Baird, 2023  
 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  
 Ray, Bill and Art Schmidt, U.S. Venture, Inc., 2017  
 Don Schneider, Schneider National, Inc., 2009

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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

Arthur O. & Lloyd R. Smith, A.O. Smith Corp., 1992

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

Rollie Stephenson, Faith Technologies, 2022

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



*Arthur O. Smith  
Laureate, 1992*



*Lloyd R. Smith  
Laureate, 1992*



*Kathi Seifert  
Laureate, 2019*