

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 student who has demonstrated an entrepreneurial spirit by applying business knowledge, growth potential, success and social involvement through the operation of an actual business.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Aidan Liu, Let's Skate Foundation (2025)
 Shamit Surana, Halokeys (2024)
 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)

No awards in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The **PEAK PERFORMER AWARD** was designed to identify and recognize a Metro Milwaukee individual who has shown excellence in his/her field and a commitment to the community. This award was granted from 2001-2024.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Kamilah Williams-Kemp, Chief Insurance Officer, Northwestern Mutual (2024)
 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 & Mfgs. Bancorp (2001)

No awards in 2006, when Milwaukee hosted the National Business Hall of Fame, and 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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. This award was granted from 2001-2023.

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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INDUCTED LAUREATES



*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
Michael W. Grebe, Foley & Lardner, LLP, 2005
R. Bruce Grover, VPI, LLC, 2007

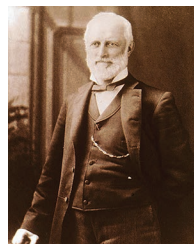
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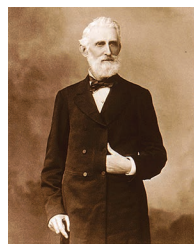
Terry Growcock, The Manitowoc Company, 2014
 Dr. Adolf Gundersen, Gundersen Lutheran, 2013
 Ardie Halyard, Columbia Savings & Loan, 1999
 Peter & Olaf Harken, Harken, Inc., 2022
 Robert E. Harlan, The Green Bay Packers, 2010
 Leo L. Heikkinen, Prentice Hydraulics Inc., 1999
 Diane Hendricks, ABC Supply Company, 2018
 Kenneth Hendricks, ABC Supply Company, 2011
 Jeffrey A. Joerres, ManpowerGroup, 2024
 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 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
 Stephen H. Marcus, The Marcus Corporation, 2024
 Samuel H. Marshall & Charles F. Ilsley, Marshall & Ilsley Bank, 1997



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Laureate, 2018*



*Charles Ilsley
Laureate, 1997*



*Sam Marshall
Laureate, 1997*

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*Bezelee Martin
Laureate, 2013*



*Pleasant Rowland
Laureate, 2010*



*Mark H. Murphy,
Laureate, 2025*

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
 Mark H. Murphy, Green Bay Packers, 2025
 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
 Judy Pyle and Thomas F. Pyle, Jr., Rayovac, 2025
 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
 Jack Salzwedel, American Family Insurance, 2024
 John E. Schlifske, Northwestern Mutual, 2025
 Ray, Bill and Art Schmidt, U.S. Venture, Inc., 2017

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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
 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
 Jeff Yabuki, Fiserv 2025
 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



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Laureate, 1992*



*Lloyd R. Smith
Laureate, 1992*



*Kathi Seifert
Laureate, 2019*