A night true to its name...

INSPIRE MD

Thursday, November 19, 2020
Time to be confirmed

Virtual event: Platform details to be confirmed

An expansion of what was previously known as the Business Hall of Fame Awards, Inspire MD is a formal evening awards ceremony that honors exceptional business leaders and celebrates the unique ways they are strengthening Maryland.

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- Two complimentary event registrations
- Half page advertisement in event program
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Businesses—small, large and in-between—drive this state, employ its residents and power its economy. When our businesses thrive, so does our state—and making our state stronger is what we strive to do each day.

This year, our awards will acknowledge outstanding leaders and contributors to the Maryland business community and the community at large, as well as companies that are fueling the talent pipeline by providing training and tools for tomorrow’s leaders. We will also recognize dedicated public servants, standout young professionals, and elected officials who demonstrate civility in their words and deeds.

The Maryland Chamber will honor recipients of the following 2020 Inspire MD Awards:

- Maryland Business Hall of Fame Award
- Public Service Award
- Civility Award
- Inspire MD Award
- Rising Star Award

Attendees, without a doubt, will walk away from this event feeling truly inspired.

We will begin accepting nominations for the Inspire MD and Rising Star Awards on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. Nominations must be submitted electronically by **5 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2020.**

For more information about Inspire MD, including event sponsorship, please contact Whitney Harmel, vice president of membership and development, at wharmel@mdchamber.org.
Maryland Business Hall of Fame Award
Prominent CEOs and leaders are inducted into the prestigious Maryland Business Hall of Fame for their outstanding leadership and contribution to Maryland business and communities. The contributions of these individuals go well beyond the bottom line. They are the best in their business and prioritize their civic and philanthropic duties. They are leaders who bring not only their businesses greater success through their hard work and dedication, but also their colleagues and communities. Please take this opportunity to let others know why you, a colleague or other business leader should be inducted into the most distinguished group of business leaders in the state. The Maryland Business Hall of Fame Awards celebrate Maryland’s top performers in our business community.

Eligibility
The Maryland Business Hall of Fame Award is open to all business leaders who have offices and employees in the state of Maryland. Individual philanthropic efforts and leadership in corporate social responsibility are also considered.

Criteria
Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland Chamber.

Tell us about yourself or your nominee in the space below. You may also add up to a maximum of four pages of supporting material. Please address the following questions:

1. In what ways has the nominee gone above and beyond his or her role as a business leader and supported the community and/or employees and colleagues? Be specific.
2. What philanthropic activities does the nominee participate in? In what other lasting and meaningful ways has the nominee been involved with the community/state of Maryland?
3. Please list the nominee’s notable career achievements.
4. Why do you feel the nominee should be inducted into the Maryland Business Hall of Fame?
5. Please submit any supporting documents to Whitney Harmel at wharmel@mdchamber.org.

Public Service Award
Each year, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce’s Board of Directors selects a recipient for the Public Service Award. The Public Service Award honors a singular outstanding public servant for his or her commitment to improving quality of life for Marylanders and advancing our economy. Without question, this is an elite group of enthusiastic individuals whose hard work and selfless contributions benefit the greater community.

Civility Award
The Maryland Chamber of Commerce Civility Award honors public figures who showed grace and respect in an important moment in their career and/or have demonstrated steadfast civility throughout their life’s work. Award recipients are also passionate advocates for their unwavering principles and values. Preference will be given to candidates who currently hold elective office.
Inspire MD Award

Workforce development initiatives are imperative to strengthening the talent pipeline in Maryland. Whether you are a business that supports programs and initiatives to better the workforce or are an organization that is solely dedicated to educating our future leaders and equipping them with the skills necessary for success, you are doing your part in creating a stronger Maryland.

Please take this opportunity to let others know why your business or another business should receive the Inspire MD Award.

Eligibility

Any business located in Maryland is eligible for this award.

Criteria

Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland Chamber. All submissions must include answers to the questions below. In addition, you may also add up to a maximum of four pages of supporting material.

1. Please list the program(s) that you have implemented within your business or have partnered on with other organizations to provide education, training and guidance as it relates to workforce development.
2. Please share significant results of the program(s), e.g., number of individuals receiving the service, graduation rate, number of scholarships provided, etc.
3. Please share significant personal outcomes of the program(s), e.g., skills gained, increase in wages earned because of completion, etc. Please share both short- and long-term outcomes.
4. What kind of economic impact is the program having or expected to have on the community and/or state?
5. Why would other businesses find your program(s) to be inspiring? What will other businesses take away from your story?
6. Who from the organization is responsible for the implementation of the program and ongoing efforts to keep it running?

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Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award honors a motivated future leader inspiring today's business community. This individual is driven and willing to do the hard work to propel his or her business, employees, colleagues and community to even greater success. This individual has shown tremendous growth and embodies the future of Maryland business.

Please take this opportunity to let others know why you, a standout employee or employer, a colleague or other business leader should be recognized as the up-and-coming young professional at the Inspire MD event.

Eligibility
The Rising Star Award is open to all employees and business owners who are 35 and under and work in the state of Maryland.

Criteria
Nominees do not have to be members of the Maryland Chamber.
All submissions must include answers to the questions below. In addition, you may also add up to a maximum of four pages of supporting material.

1. Describe the role the nominee currently plays within his or her place of employment and the resulting positive outcomes of projects, activities or initiatives that demonstrate exceptional early and ongoing achievement.
2. List the ways the nominee has gone above and beyond his or her role as an employee/employer and shown superb leadership. Be specific.
3. What personal/professional characteristics make the nominee stand out as a promising future leader?
4. List examples of times the nominee has provided support, motivation, accountability and/or mentorship in his or her role.
5. Describe how the nominee has made a commitment to Maryland’s communities by sharing his or her time and talent in ways that benefit the community or individual professionals within it.
6. Why do you feel the nominee should be awarded the Rising Star Award?

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