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Celebrating Massachusetts Family Businesses

2017 Massachusetts Family Business of the Year Award - Winners Announced at the Northeastern University Center for Family Business 11th Annual Awards Program.

BOSTON, Mass., June 20, 2017 – Winners of the 2017 Massachusetts Family Business of the Year Awards program were announced on June 14th, by the Northeastern University Center for Family Business at a celebration event hosted at the Northeastern University’s East Village Hall in Boston, Mass.

In celebration of this event, Gov. Charlie Baker declared June 14th “Massachusetts Family Business Day”.

First place in the Small Firms category (fewer than 25 employees) went to Procopio Enterprises, second place went to Fair & Yeager Insurance Agency and third went to The Valle Group. Polhemus Savery DaSilva Architects Builders placed first in in the Medium Firms category (25 to 100 employees), followed by Reid Graphics/New England Label in second place, and Kaplan Construction in third. First place in the Large Firms category (more than 100 employees) went to ScrubaDub Auto Wash Centers, second place went to Lafrance Hospitality Services, and third went to E. M. Duggan.

Personal Best Karate was awarded the 2017 Award for Community Involvement, given by the Center for Family Business in conjunction with Middlesex Savings Bank.

This year, the Center for Family Business presented the first annual Employee Appreciation Award, sponsored by Marshall Paisner, honoring an outstanding non-family member employee whose dedication and loyalty have contributed to the company’s growth and overall success. The 2017 award and $1,000 honorarium was given to Guillermo Fernandez, of Stop and Compare Supermarkets.

An “Unsung Hero” certificate of special recognition and citation was given to Precision Pool Construction to acknowledge the company’s selfless act of kindness shown to a local family in need earlier this year. Pam Canning spoke on behalf of Precision Pool, and was introduced by Jay Ash, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Each year, the Northeastern University Center for Family Business recognizes family businesses in Massachusetts, based on size, with the Massachusetts Family Business of the Year Awards. Recipients of the Massachusetts Family Business of the Year Awards are selected by a panel of independent judges based on the following criteria: business success, positive business and family linkages, multi-generational family involvement, contributions to the community and industry, and innovative business practices or strategies.

2017 applicants represented a wide range of industries from all across the state, with a 1,000 total years in business. Average number of years in business for the companies was 50.

About the Northeastern University Center for Family Business

The Northeastern University Center for Family Business, housed within the D'Amore-McKim School of Business, is a membership organization that provides education, networking opportunities, and support to business families. The Center helps its members identify and avoid potential pitfalls, solve complex interpersonal and family business issues, and plan for future family business success in an increasingly more competitive environment.

For more information about the awards program, please visit http://www.mafba.com/, or contact Grace Wyld, Northeastern University Center for Family Business, g.wyld@neu.edu, 617.373.3718.