

# Press Release

## **Alliance for Workplace Excellence Announces Annual Award Winners**

AWE to Recognize 61 Businesses for Excellence in the Workplace on May 21st

**Gaithersburg, MD, April 15, 2015:** The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) will host their Annual Awards Luncheon on May 21, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. The event will honor the recipients of the 2015 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, Health & Wellness Seal of Approval, EcoLeadership Award, and Diversity Champion Award. A total of 61 employers will be recognized for their exemplary commitment to building excellent places to work in Montgomery County and through the United States. The event is anticipated to have approximately 350 business executives in attendance, primarily from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

This year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year that AWE will recognize excellence in the workplace. The 61 award winning companies represent organizations of all sizes and in all sectors from across the United States. AWE is proud to recognize:

- 51 companies with the 2015 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval
- 32 companies with the 2015 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval
- 25 companies with the 2015 AWE EcoLeadership Award
- 12 companies with the 2015 AWE Diversity Champion Award

New this year, AWE is also proud to recognize two select employers for their exceptional commitment to providing *Best Practices Supporting Workers of All Abilities*. Those employers are: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and Montgomery County Government. Both workplaces exhibit a workplace culture that is continuously supportive of a diverse and inclusive workforce, especially of workers of all abilities.

All award recipients undergo a rigorous assessment process led by an independent review panel of business professional and master's and Ph.D. level students in the fields of business, industrial and organizational psychology, human resources, environmental science, and public health.

The theme for this year's event is "The Future of Workplace Excellence." The awards luncheon will feature a key note address by Michele Norris, President of Navigen Leadership, LLC. AWE is also excited to announce that award-winning journalist, Leon Harris, from ABC7/WJLA-TV will return as the event emcee again this year. There will be breakout sessions held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., prior to the luncheon, that will focus on the future of work and the future workplace. Additional details to be provided at: <http://excellentworkplace.org/events.html>

Additionally, the AWE Networking Café will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for event guests to visit and network with colleagues. [This event is open for press coverage. If interested, please contact AWE by May 13<sup>th</sup>.]

### **About AWE:**

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1999 by Montgomery County, MD and Discovery Communications. Over the past 16 years, AWE has been dedicated to empowering employers to build excellence in the workplace as a means of supporting the quality of life for employees, their families, and the community at-large. AWE is dedicated to increasing the number of excellent workplaces within the business community through education and recognition, as a means to enhance the quality of life of its citizens and empower economic growth.

For more information, please visit <http://www.excellentworkplace.org/>.

### **2015 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval Award Winners**

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| 1. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association      | 27. LiveHealthier, Inc.  |
| 2. BDO USA, LLP                                      | 28. MainSpring, Inc.   |
| 3. Booz Allen Hamilton                               | 29. Marriott International                                     |
| 4. Calvert Investments, Inc.                         | 30. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital                                |
| 5. Calvert Memorial Hospital                         | 31. Mental Health Association of Montgomery County             |
| 6. Carroll Hospital Center                           | 32. Mid-Atlantic Federal Credit Union                          |
| 7. Cartus Corporation                                | 33. Montgomery County Government                               |
| 8. Cassaday & Company, Inc.                          | 34. MorganFranklin Consulting                                  |
| 9. Cetrom Information Technology, Inc.               | 35. Novavax  |
| 10. Chaney Enterprises LP                            | 36. Nutricia North America                                     |
| 11. Chesapeake-Potomac Home Health Agency, Inc.      | 37. Optimal Networks, Inc.                                     |
| 12. Chevo Consulting, LLC                            | 38. Ryan, LLC  |
| 13. CollabraSpace, Inc.                              | 39. Sakti3 Inc.  |
| 14. DelCor Technology Solutions, Inc.                | 40. Sandy Spring Bank  |
| 15. Discovery Communications, LLC                    | 41. Sapient Government Services                                |
| 16. DocuTAP  | 42. SAPNS2   |
| 17. Dynaxys, LLC                                     | 43. Smartronix   |
| 18. Family Services, Inc.                            | 44. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.                          |
| 19. Federal Realty Investment Trust                  | 45. The Emmes Corporation                                      |
| 20. Holy Cross Health                                | 46. The Humane Society of the United States                    |
| 21. Honest Tea, Inc.                                 | 47. The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission |
| 22. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company | 48. The National Center for Children and Families              |
| 23. iHire, LLC                                       | 49. United Educators   |
| 24. IntelliDyne, LLC                                 | 50. University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center     |
| 25. JBS International, Inc.                          | 51. Vaco Richmond, LLC   |
| 26. KIM, HOPKINS & ASSOCIATES                        |  |

**2015 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval Award Winners**

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| 1. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association      | 17. JBS International, Inc.                                |
| 2. BDO USA, LLP                                      | 18. LiveHealthier, Inc.                                    |
| 3. Booz Allen Hamilton                               | 19. MainSpring, Inc.                                       |
| 4. Calvert Investments, Inc.                         | 20. Marriott International                                 |
| 5. Calvert Memorial Hospital                         | 21. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital                            |
| 6. Carroll Hospital Center                           | 22. Montgomery County Government                           |
| 7. Cartus Corporation                                | 23. Montgomery County Public Schools                       |
| 8. Chaney Enterprises LP                             | 24. MorganFranklin Consulting                              |
| 9. Discovery Communications, LLC                     | 25. Nutricia North America                                 |
| 10. Dynaxys, LLC                                     | 26. Ryan, LLC  |
| 11. Federal Realty Investment Trust                  | 27. Security Service Federal Credit Union                  |
| 12. Holy Cross Health                                | 28. Smartronix   |
| 13. Honest Tea, Inc.                                 | 29. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.                      |
| 14. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company | 30. United Educators                                       |
| 15. iHire, LLC                                       | 31. University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center |
| 16. IntelliDyne, LLC                                 | 32. W.K. Kellogg Foundation                                |

**2015 AWE EcoLeadership Award Winners**

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| 1. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | 14. Honest Tea, Inc.                                 |
| 2. AstraZeneca/MedImmune                        | 15. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company |
| 3. Booz Allen Hamilton                          | 16. JBS International, Inc.                          |
| 4. Calvert Investments, Inc.                    | 17. Main Event Caterers                              |
| 5. Calvert Memorial Hospital                    | 18. MainSpring, Inc.                                 |
| 6. Carroll Hospital Center                      | 19. Marstel-Day, LLC                                 |
| 7. Cartus Corporation                           | 20. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital                      |
| 8. Chaney Enterprises LP                        | 21. Montgomery County Government                     |
| 9. Dynaxys, LLC                                 | 22. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.                |
| 10. Federal Realty Investment Trust             | 23. Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative           |
| 11. HDR   | 24. The Humane Society of the United States          |
| 12. Hitachi Consulting Corporation              | 25. World Resources Institute                        |
| 13. Holy Cross Health                           |  |

**2015 AWE Diversity Champion Award Winners**

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| 1. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association | 7. Honest Tea, Inc.                                 |
| 2. Calvert Investments, Inc.                    | 8. Hughes Network Systems, LLC. An EchoStar Company |
| 3. Carroll Hospital Center                      | 9. Marriott International                           |
| 4. Cartus Corporation                           | 10. MedStar St. Mary's Hospital                     |
| 5. Discovery Communications, LLC                | 11. Montgomery County Government                    |
| 6. Holy Cross Health                            | 12. Social & Scientific Systems, Inc.               |