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Junior Achievement of Wisconsin Announces 2019 Inductees for the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame

Executives from Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Fiduciary Management Inc., Gardetto’s and Baptista’s Bakery, and Regal Beloit Corporation to be inducted into the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame on April 4

MILWAUKEE, WI – On April 4, 2019, Nan Gardetto of Gardetto’s and Baptista’s Bakery, Ted Kellner of Fiduciary Management Inc., Henry Knueppel from Regal Beloit Corporation, and Kathi Seifert of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, will be inducted into the Junior Achievement of Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ during an evening ceremony and dinner at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

Established in 1990, the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ honors individuals whose business innovations, effective management, and civic involvement have made a difference in companies and communities throughout the state. The laureates are also recognized for the high standards they set as role models for Wisconsin’s young people and are innovative business leaders who have positively shaped Wisconsin’s business climate.

“This year’s class of laureates represent the ideals of the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame,” says Michael Frohna, president of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin. “They signify the core of what Junior Achievement has been all about for the past 100 years – entrepreneurship, business acumen, and economic success. Their dedication, character, and leadership provide Wisconsin students with a guide for achievement and fulfillment.”

In addition to inducting the four distinguished business leaders, several other awards will be presented at the ceremony: the Distinguished Executive Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo, and presented to Jonas Prising of ManpowerGroup; the Peak Performer Award, sponsored by Johnson Financial Group, and presented to Grady Crosby of Johnson Controls, and the 2019 Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, sponsored by EY, and presented to Noah Olson of Brothers Lawncare by Junior Achievement and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Past inductees to the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ include: Don Zietlow, Kwik Trip, Inc.; Art, Bill and Ray Schmidt, U.S. Venture, Inc.; Craig Culver, Culver’s; Russell M. Darrow, Jr., Russ Darrow Group, Inc.; William Specht, Cousins Submarines, Inc.; Frederick Stratton, Jr., Briggs & Stratton; Frederick C. Miller, Miller Brewing Company; Robert E. Harlan, the Green Bay Packers; Pleasant Rowland, American Girl; Don Schneider, Schneider Trucking; John Stollenwerk, Allen Edmonds Shoe
Company; Richard Teerlink, Harley-Davidson, Inc.; and Bud Selig, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, among others.

Proceeds from the Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame event will support Junior Achievement of Wisconsin’s K-12 educational programs in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and career readiness. The Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ will be held on April 4, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Pfister Hotel at 424 East Wisconsin Avenue in Milwaukee. To attend the event, register at Wisconsin.ja.org.

Cutline: Junior Achievement of Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ laureate from 2018, Kwik Trip Founder and CEO Don Zietlow, addresses an audience of 500 attendees at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee.

About Junior Achievement® (JA)
Junior Achievement is the world’s largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA programs are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship. As a nonprofit organization, Junior Achievement reaches more than 4.8 million students per year in 109 markets across the United States, with an additional 5.2 million students served by operations in 100 other countries worldwide. Locally, Junior Achievement has 12 area offices across Wisconsin and annually serves 153,000 students with more than 9,000 volunteer mentors. For more information on Junior Achievement and their centennial year, visit wisconsin.ja.org.

About Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™:
The Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ was established in 1990 by Junior Achievement of Wisconsin to honor individuals who have established themselves as role models and whose business innovations, effective management, and civic involvement make a difference in companies and communities throughout the state. An annual induction ceremony and benefit dinner honors new laureates each year.

The Wisconsin Business Hall of Fame™ exhibit, sponsored by The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation and housed at the Junior Achievement Kohl’s Education Center, functions as an interactive showcase of more than 100 inductees inducted since 1990. The exhibit features interactive iPad displays, energy graphics and multimedia wall. The result is a dynamic experience that makes the stories of Wisconsin business leaders come alive for the more than 20,000 visitors and students who come through the building annually.

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*NOTE TO MEDIA: Headshots of the 2019 laureates are available upon request. Professional photos will be available post event. Media interested in more information or interviewing any of the laureates, award recipients or Junior Achievement of Wisconsin President Michael Frohna about this event, should contact Traci Chisholm at tchisholm@jawis.org.