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Press Release

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2015 AABE Recipients Named

Twenty-three (23) suburban based companies and business organizations have been selected as honorees of the **25th Annual Awards for Business Excellence (AABEs)**. The AABEs are presented in recognition of business achievement, growth and community involvement. Honorees this year were selected in 11 categories of competition.

The award recipients will be recognized at a reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2014, at the Medinah Banquets in Addison. The keynote speaker will be Dr. William Carroll, President, Benedictine University.

The recipient companies and organizations will be profiled in a special publication of the Daily Herald Business Ledger published on April 13, 2015.

By category, the 2015 recipients are:

Small Companies

- American Combustion Service, Inc., Mokena
- American Vending Sales, Elk Grove Village
- JJR Marketing, Naperville
- Red Caffeine Marketing & Technology, Lombard

Mid-sized Company

- Nuestro Queso, Rosemont

Large Company

- Raging Waves Waterpark, Yorkville
- SWC Technology Partners, Oak Brook

Business Association / Economic Development

- Schaumburg Business Association, Schaumburg

Educational Institution / Entity or Program

- Symbol Training Institute, Addison

Entertainment / Hospitality

- Jazz Perspectives, Aurora

- Glen Prairie, Glen Ellyn

Family Business

- Alliance Disaster Kleenup, Wheeling
- Bales Metal Surface Solutions, Inc. Downers Grove

Innovation in Business

- Hodgson Consulting & Solutions, Buffalo Grove
- Wheaton Park District, Wheaton

Manufacturing

- Belden Universal, Broadview

Minority Owned Business

- Cruz Investments & Wealth Management, Aurora
- Solutions Cleaning Services, Roselle

Notable Not-for-Profit Organizations

- Achieving Independence and Mobility Center, Downers Grove
- Freedom Golf Association, Burr Ridge
- HOPE Fair Housing Center, West Chicago
- Kids Matter, Naperville

Retail

- Divine Consign, Oak Park

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Cost to attend the reception is \$55 per person or a corporate rate of \$250 for 10. Registrations are taken online at <http://www.dbbusinessledger.com>.

For additional information call about the awards program call Jim Elsener, Mgr. of Business Development, at 630-955-3593 or contact via e-mail at: jelsener@dailyherald.com.

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