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FORWARD JANESVILLE

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FORWARD JANESVILLE ANNOUNCES 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

JANESVILLE, WI- Forward Janesville is proud to announce the 2021 award winners for the 21st Annual Awards Luncheon recognition program, which will take place on Tuesday, March 1 at Glen Erin Celtic House at 1417 W. Airport Road in Janesville.

Each year, Forward Janesville and the business community honor businesses and individuals making a marked difference in our community in nine unique categories. Winners are nominated by their peers for their achievements and contributions in making Janesville and the surrounding area a great place to live, work, learn and play. These individuals and businesses excel in their profession; encourage partnerships between business, educational and community partners; exemplify leadership and an entrepreneurial spirit; engage in initiatives in our community that encourage continued growth and prosperity.

Forward Janesville leads the private sector economic and community development efforts to ensure business and industry's continued health and prosperity in Janesville and Rock County. We collaborate with strategic partners to bring jobs and investments into our communities; we lobby for pro-growth agendas at every level of government and work to ensure a strong workforce for our needs to and into the future. We do this with the support and commitment of partners like those listed below.

The 2021 winners are:

Jennifer McCarthy, Baker Tilly, Emerging Leader of the Year. Award Sponsor, BMO Harris Bank

Courtney Perakis, The Sugar Exchange, Entrepreneur of the Year. Award Sponsor, First National Bank and Trust

Verna Saladino, The Briggs Realty Group, Ambassador of the Year. Award Sponsor, Boomerang Home Rentals

Janesville Multicultural Teacher Scholarship Program, Diversity Award. Award Sponsor, Minuteman Press

Hedberg Public Library, Educator of the Year. Award Sponsor, Blackhawk Bank

Blackhawk Technical College, Business of the Year (50+ employees). Award Sponsor, Johnson Financial Group

Gray Brewing Company, Business of the Year (50 or less employees). Award Sponsor, Nowlan Law

Rock Road Companies; RH Batterman; Frank Silha and Sons Excavating, Inc.; and the City of Janesville will share the Community Improvement Award of the Year for their contributions to the 39/90 Interstate Expansion Project. Award Sponsor, Mercyhealth

John Beckord, Lifetime Achievement Award. Award Sponsor, JP Cullen.

Anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to contact the Forward Janesville office at 608.757.3160 to contact Jenny Tschudy at jennyt@forwardjanesville.com to make a reservation. Seating is limited to 430 people. To learn more about each award recipient, please visit our website at www.forwardjanesville.com.

This event is presented by RSM US LLP.

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