

2025



OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LEADER

AWARDS GALA



Celebrating 45 Years

The 45th Annual

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS LEADER

AWARDS GALA

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

The Henry Ford Museum | Dearborn, Michigan

Evening Program

Cocktail Reception

National Anthem

Invocation

Dinner Served

Class of 2025 Award Presentations

Dessert Afterglow

Music by

Chris Plum

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KENT MACDONALD

President

Northwood University

Distinguished Guests,

Welcome to the 2025 Outstanding Business Leader Awards. It is a privilege to gather once again at the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation, an iconic setting that reflects the ingenuity, determination, and entrepreneurial spirit we celebrate tonight.

For 45 years, Northwood University has proudly recognized business leaders whose achievements extend beyond financial success. These are individuals whose vision, resilience, and ethical leadership have strengthened industries, empowered communities, and advanced the principles of free enterprise. Their journeys serve as a testament to what can be accomplished when innovation meets integrity.

Northwood University remains steadfast in its mission to cultivate future business leaders who will continue this legacy. Our graduates enter the world prepared to navigate change and drive it, creating opportunities, embracing responsibility, and upholding the values that make free enterprise the foundation of a thriving society.

Tonight we honor the Outstanding Business Leaders Class of 2025. Exemplars of excellence who inspire the next generation. Their stories remind us that leadership is not merely about success but about impact and the ability to uplift others, foster progress, and leave a lasting impact.

To our honorees, committee members, alums, students, and distinguished guests, thank you for your commitment to advancing the ideals we hold dear. Your support strengthens Northwood's mission and ensures that free enterprise and principled leadership continue to flourish.

Enjoy this evening of recognition, reflection, and inspiration.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kent MacDonald'.

Kent MacDonald
President
Northwood University



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AWARDS GALA

CLASS OF 2025

RICHARD DEVOS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD BEN MARSH AND JACOB SPENCE

Founders and Co-Owners

Creation Coffee

Introduced by: Lexi McGuirk, '26, Accounting and Entrepreneurship

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Introduced by: Mathilde Champagne, '26, Healthcare Management

J. W. FISHER, P.E.

President

Fisher Contracting Company

Introduced by: Steven Hackbarth, '27,
Marketing and Marketing Communications

BILL HANVEY, MAAP

President and CEO

Auto Care Association

Introduced by: Ethan Moots, '25, Aftermarket Automotive
Management and Aftermarket Automotive Marketing

JOHN HENNESSEY

Founder & CEO

Hennessey Special Vehicles,

Hennessey Performance and Tuner School

Introduced by: Eddie MacNellis, '26, Automotive
Aftermarket Management



DR. JENNIFER PANNING

Chair, Board of Trustees
Northwood University

Welcome to the esteemed 45th Annual Outstanding Business Leaders Awards Gala hosted by Northwood, America's Free Enterprise University. It's a privilege to have you all here tonight!

Since 1959, Northwood has been built by free enterprise and continues to develop free enterprise leaders who drive global economic and social progress. We're incredibly proud of this legacy.

At Northwood, we're a community that believes in the power of an entrepreneurial, free-enterprise society, personal freedom, and individual responsibility. We stand on a foundation of ethics and integrity while embracing business's global and multicultural nature.

The Northwood University Board of Trustees, a group dedicated to upholding the values of free enterprise, annually recognizes Outstanding Business Leaders who embody these values. Their thoughtfulness and discernment in choosing our honorees are a testament to their dedication and commitment to our university.

More than just an award, this program is about inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs and business leaders. Our honorees' stories are powerful examples of what's possible, motivating our students to dream big and pursue success with passion and purpose.

This award, first developed by Northwood co-founder Dr. Arthur Turner and established by our Board of Trustees in 1981, is also about giving back. The Outstanding Business Leader Executive Committee plays a key role in mentoring students and providing scholarships, ensuring that our graduates are ready to leave their mark on the world.

On behalf of the Northwood University Board of Trustees, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your support and participation in this event. Congratulations to the 2025 class of Outstanding Business Leaders! Thank you for being here to celebrate these incredible industry leaders who continue to inspire the next generation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Panning
Chair, Board of Trustees
Northwood University

2025 Richard DeVos Young Entrepreneur Award



BEN MARSH AND JACOB SPENCE

Founders and Co-Owners
Creation Coffee

It all began with a life-changing cup of coffee. Ben Marsh and Jacob Spence, founders and co-owners of Creation Coffee, transformed their passion for exceptional coffee into a rapidly growing business. What started as an experiment roasting coffee beans in a popcorn popper has evolved into a company known for its dedication to quality, freshness, and customer experience. Their commitment to innovation and excellence has helped Creation Coffee gain national recognition, with their merchandise, equipment sales and products available internationally.

Their entrepreneurial achievements have been widely recognized. Creation Coffee was named one of Michigan's 50 Companies to Watch by Michigan Celebrates Small Business, and in 2022, the Midland Business Alliance honored them with the Entrepreneur of the Year award. Their success continues to serve as an inspiration to aspiring business leaders and coffee enthusiasts alike.



AMBASSADOR DAVID T. FISCHER (RET.)

Chairman

The Suburban Collection Holdings, LLC

Ambassador David T. Fischer (Ret.) served as the United States Ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco, where he played a key role in the historic Abraham Peace Accords, fostering economic and diplomatic relations between Morocco and Israel. Recognized for his leadership, he was awarded the National Security Medal and the Wissam Alaouite of the Order of Commander by His Majesty King Mohammed VI.

Prior to his diplomatic service, Ambassador Fischer was Chairman and CEO of The Suburban Collection, one of the largest automotive dealership groups in the country. Following its acquisition, he returned to Michigan to lead Suburban Collection Holdings, overseeing automotive accessories, logistics, and Tier 1 supply operations.

A respected business executive, Ambassador Fischer's philanthropic efforts have impacted countless social, welfare, civic, community, and foundational organizations. Currently, he serves on the Board of Trustees for the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience, the Society of The Four Arts, and is a member of the James Madison Council.



J. W. FISHER, P.E.

President

Fisher Contracting Company

J.W. Fisher has dedicated his career to excellence in the construction industry, serving as President of Fisher Contracting Co. since 1990. A registered Professional Engineer, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University and has played an integral role in advancing infrastructure and development across Michigan.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Fisher has served in leadership positions with the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, the Midland Business Alliance, Great Lakes Safety Training Center, Construction Owners Safety Team in Midland, Associated Builders and Contractors' Saginaw Valley Chapter, Tri County Contractors Association, and Wolverine Bank Corporation. A committed civic leader, he continues to serve on the board of Tri Star Trust Bank and co-chairs the Midland Business Alliance Advisory Committee on Infrastructure.



BILL HANVEY, MAAP
President and CEO
Auto Care Association

A veteran leader in the automotive aftermarket industry, Bill Hanvey serves as President and CEO of the Auto Care Association, where he has championed critical industry initiatives, including the passage of Right to Repair legislation and workforce development programs. With over 40 years dedicated to the aftermarket, Mr. Hanvey has been a relentless advocate for the entire supply chain. He has held leadership roles at Tenneco Automotive, FleetPride, Dorman Products, and Schaeffler Group USA, consistently driving industry growth and innovation.

A sought-after speaker and advocate, Mr. Hanvey's contributions extend beyond his executive roles. He has played a pivotal role in industry standards and regulatory leadership, earning numerous accolades, including the AWDA Mort Schwartz Outstanding Industry Leadership Award and Northwood University's Educator of the Year honor. He currently serves on the boards of the Automotive Aftermarket Charitable Foundation, the University of the Aftermarket Foundation, and the St. Bonaventure Alumni Board.



JOHN HENNESSEY

Founder and CEO

Hennessey Special Vehicles, Hennessey Performance and Tuner School

John Hennessey is a name synonymous with high-performance automotive engineering. As the founder and CEO of Hennessey Special Vehicles, Hennessey Performance, and Tuner School. He has built one of the world's most renowned independent automotive tuning companies. From setting world speed records at the Bonneville Salt Flats to crafting 1,000-horsepower supercars, Mr. Hennessey's passion for speed and innovation has made a lasting impact on the automotive industry.

Today, the Hennessey facilities in Texas include a 51,000 square foot manufacturing plant and a dedicated test track - where vehicles may be tested at speeds of up to 170 mph. Tuner School, the only teaching institution of its kind, offers the next generation of automotive enthusiasts' hands-on education to the art of making vehicles faster. With a reputation for pushing the limits of speed and performance, Mr. Hennessey continues to shape the future of high-performance engineering, ensuring his legacy in the automotive world for generations to come.

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Outstanding Business Leader Endowed Scholarship Fund

Dr. Arthur E. Turner established the Outstanding Business Leader Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to students with financial need, academic merit and the desire to pursue a career in their program of study at Northwood University. In doing so, he created a vehicle for Northwood University Outstanding Business Leaders to strengthen their commitment to the institution and its students and to promote the educational message of self determination, personal responsibility and free enterprise.

Proceeds from the annual Awards Gala and contributions from award recipients and other supporters have helped grow the OBL Endowed Scholarship Fund to a level where sizable scholarships are awarded annually to qualified students. In addition, numerous recipients of the Outstanding Business Leader Award have established their own endowed scholarships to benefit Northwood University students.



Northwood University's Enduring Commitment to Free Enterprise

Since 1959, Northwood University students have learned the meaning of freedom and all its corollaries: individualism, moral law, personal responsibility, private property, free markets, limited government and business enterprise. Northwood University graduates recognize the benefits and value of ethical capitalism and the positive effects it has on this country and the world.

We know America needs more business leaders who believe and understand that free enterprise is the economic engine that built this nation. Northwood University has concluded that now, more than ever, its mission is critical to the young men and women of our nation and the world. Northwood University will continue to stand as a beacon knowing that ethical business matters for all people.

Private, not-for-profit and accredited, Northwood University specializes in managerial and entrepreneurial education at its residential campus in Midland, Michigan. Northwood Online, our virtual campus, offers a convenient and affordable educational solution tailored to the busy schedules of adult learners. The Richard DeVos Graduate School of Management offers classroom, executive and online MBA programs, Master of Science programs and Doctoral programs. The Alden B. Dow Center for Creativity and Enterprise provides system-wide expertise in family enterprise, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and new business development. International education is offered through study-abroad programs and in Program Centers in Switzerland, China, Sri Lanka and United Arab Emirates, with new locations in France and Ghana.



About Northwood University

Mission Statement

We develop free-enterprise leaders who drive global economic and social progress.

Our Vision

We inspire human potential through immersive learning to advance economic freedom, for everyone, everywhere.

Our Values

We affirm the natural yearning in every human heart to be free. Our academic community welcomes individuals, their distinctive talents, and their potential to make a difference through a life well spent. We believe in:

- The advantages of an entrepreneurial, free society
- Individual freedom and personal responsibility
- Leading from a foundation of ethics and integrity
- Embracing the global and multicultural nature of enterprise
- Celebrating individual uniqueness and diversity of perspectives in an inclusive community

Code of Ethics

The community of students, faculty and staff of Northwood University affirms this code of ethics as the behaviors that advance our mission, vision and values.

Freedom Exercise personal freedom and accountability that uplifts and respects individual freedom for all.

Respect Treat all others with consideration for their circumstances and with thoughtful regard for their value as human beings.

Empathy Show compassion for the feelings, thoughts, and conditions of others.

Spirituality Seek the spiritual development necessary to create our happiness, inspiration, reverence, meaning, and purpose.

Honesty Embrace truthfulness, fairness, and probity, and demand the absence of fraud or deceit in ourselves and others with whom we act.

Achievement Demonstrate persistence, determination, and effort in order to achieve our goals and applaud the high achievement of others.

Integrity Be guided by a code of behavior which reflects our values, unimpeded by circumstance, personal gain, public pressure, or private temptation.

Responsibility Be accountable for the care and welfare of others and responsible for the intended and unintended consequences of our actions.

The Northwood Idea

The Northwood Idea is a timeless set of values that adapts to changing environments while remaining steadfast as a guiding philosophy. It directs those who understand the meaning of freedom and liberty for all.

Scan the QR code to learn more about The Northwood Idea



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