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Macomb County breakfast to recognize outstanding businesses

Tickets on sale for the 5th Annual Macomb Business Awards

More than 400 community and business leaders are expected to come together Feb. 14 to celebrate entrepreneurship at the 5th Annual Macomb Business Awards breakfast.

“Strong businesses are essential to the quality of life we enjoy here in Macomb County,” said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. “Their efforts to build a strong foundation for success make them good job providers and neighbors for us all.”

Nominations for the awards were accepted late last year in six categories: Champion of Workforce Development, Corporate Citizen, Diversification Leader, Efficiency Expert, Model of OneMacomb and Startup Business to Watch.

In all, 53 organizations were nominated. Each submission was evaluated by a panel of judges that included Gene Lovell, president of First State Bank; Dave Corba, dean of Business and Information Technology for Macomb Community College; Jeannie Parent, publisher for Digital First Media, Michigan Region; and John Paul Rea, director of the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development.

“The creativity and passion on display in this year’s group of nominees is inspiring,” said Rea. “The Macomb Business Awards provide us with a great opportunity to showcase how our private sector partners are helping us move this community forward.”

A single recipient in each category will be presented with a crystal award. Fox 2 Detroit’s Huel Perkins will join Executive Hackel as emcee. Richard Sheridan, CEO and chief storyteller for Menlo Innovations, will offer the keynote address.

Event sponsors include Henry Ford Macomb Hospital and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation along with Advancing Macomb, Automation Alley and First State Bank.

The awards breakfast will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at Palazzo Grande in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$30 and available for sale at www.MacombBusiness.com/bizawards.

About the Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development

The Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development supports an environment where businesses prosper and people thrive. Its activities and programs are focused on stimulating the

local economy through business retention, expansion and attraction while improving the overall quality of life for residents. The department specializes in providing services to businesses at all stages of development with a concentration on the high-growth industries of aerospace, alternative energy, advanced manufacturing, defense and homeland security. For more information, call (586) 469-5285 or visit www.MacombBusiness.com.

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