

# Press Release

## **Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) Announces Annual Award Winners**

AWE Recognizes 39 Organizations for Excellence in the Workplace

**Gaithersburg, MD, July 15, 2020:** The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) is excited to announce the recipients of the 2020 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval, Health & Wellness Seal of Approval, EcoLeadership Award, and Diversity Champion Award. A total of 39 employers are recognized for their exemplary commitment to building excellent places to work in Montgomery County, MD and throughout the United States. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19, there will not be an in-person celebration as in past years. Instead, a celebratory video will be posted to the AWE website in the coming weeks.

This year marks the 21<sup>st</sup> year that AWE recognizes excellence in the workplace. The 39 award winning companies represent organizations of all sizes and all industry types from across the United States. AWE is proud to recognize:

- 34 organizations with the 2020 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval
- 28 organizations with the 2020 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval
- 14 organizations with the 2020 AWE EcoLeadership Award
- 9 organizations with the 2020 AWE Diversity Champion Award

AWE is also proud to recognize two select employers for their exceptional commitment to providing *Best Practices Supporting Workers of All Abilities* and seven organizations for their *Best Practices Supporting Workers 50+*. These organizations exhibit a workplace culture that is continuously and comprehensively supportive of a diverse and inclusive workforce. A full list of all 2020 AWE award recipients is provided on pages 2 -3.

All award recipients undergo a rigorous assessment process led by an independent review panel of business professional and Master's and/or Ph.D. level students in the fields of business, industrial and organizational psychology, human resources, environmental science, public health and diversity and inclusion.

### **About AWE:**

The Alliance for Workplace Excellence (AWE) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1999 by Discovery Communications, Mental Health Association (now EveryMind.), and Montgomery County, MD. Over the past 21 years, AWE has been dedicated to empowering employers to build excellence in the workplace as a means of supporting the quality of life for employees, their families, and the community at-large. AWE is devoted to increasing the number of excellent workplaces within the business community through education and recognition, as a means to enhance the quality of life of its citizens and empower economic growth. For more information:

<https://www.excellentworkplace.org/>.

Recipients of: **2020 AWE Workplace Excellence Seal of Approval**

Adventist HealthCare	McGraw Hill
AstraZeneca	MorganFranklin Consulting
Blytheco Inc.	Optimal Networks, Inc.
CBIZ	QIAGEN Sciences LLC
Cetrom	Sheppard Pratt
Chaney Enterprises Limited Partnership	Smartronix
Chevo Consulting, LLC	Social & Scientific Systems
Dynaxys LLC	Soltesz, Inc.
EchoStar Corporation and Hughes Network Systems, LLC	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
EveryMind	The Emmes Company, LLC
Family & Nursing Care, Inc.	The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
Federal Realty Investment Trust	The National Center for Children and Families
Holy Cross Health	Truth Initiative
Humane Society of the United States	UF Health Central Florida
iHire	United Educators
IntelliDyne, LLC	University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center
Marriott International, Inc.	Vaco LLC

Recipients of: **2020 AWE Certificate of Recognition: Best Practices Supporting Workers 50+**

CBIZ	QIAGEN Sciences LLC
Chevo Consulting, LLC	Sheppard Pratt
Holy Cross Health	UF Health Central Florida
Marriott International, Inc.	

Recipients of: **2020 AWE Health & Wellness Seal of Approval**

Adventist HealthCare	Montgomery County Public Schools
AmTrust Financial	MorganFranklin Consulting
AstraZeneca	QIAGEN Sciences LLC
CBIZ	Sheppard Pratt
Chaney Enterprises Limited Partnership	Smartronix, LLC
Council on Foreign Relations	Social & Scientific Systems
Dynaxys LLC	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
EchoStar Corporation and Hughes Network Systems, LLC	The Emmes Company, LLC
Federal Realty Investment Trust	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Holy Cross Health	The National Center for Children and Families
iHire	Truth Initiative
IntelliDyne, LLC	UF Health Central Florida
Marriott International	United Educators
McGraw Hill	University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Recipients of: **2020 AWE EcoLeadership Award**

AstraZeneca	Main Event Caterers
Chaney Enterprises Limited Partnership	Marstel-Day Environmental Consulting, LLC
Dynaxys LLC	QIAGEN Sciences LLC
EchoStar Corporation and Hughes Network Systems, LLC	Social & Scientific Systems
Federal Realty Investment Trust	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
Holy Cross Health	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Humane Society of the United States	University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Recipients of: **2020 AWE Diversity Champion Award**

AstraZeneca	QIAGEN Sciences LLC
EchoStar Corporation and Hughes Network Systems, LLC	Social & Scientific Systems
Holy Cross Health	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
Marriott International, Inc.	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
McGraw Hill	

Recipients of: **2020 AWE Certificate of Recognition: Best Practices Supporting Workers of All Abilities**

Holy Cross Health	Marriott International, Inc.
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