Profiles in Diversity Journal® Announces its 11th Annual Diversity Leader Award Winners

CLEVELAND, OH (January 29, 2019) – Profiles in Diversity Journal® is pleased to announce the names of the organizations selected by the publication to receive its 11th Annual Diversity Leader Award. The award is given to organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to expanding and improving diversity, inclusion, and equity in the workplace and beyond.

The organizations and individual leaders, whose efforts will be recognized in the Journal’s upcoming issue (winter 2018–2019), view their entire enterprise and mission through the lens of diversity. They demonstrate a strong commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity in the workplace, and have developed comprehensive strategies that permeate all levels, departments, and divisions. They work to understand the needs of their employees, reach out to diverse vendors, and serve their communities, while meeting the demands of today’s evolving business environment.

Listed below, in alphabetical order by organization, are Profiles in Diversity Journal’s 2019 Diversity Leader Award recipients (the name of a diversity champion chosen by each organization, along with location of the company’s corporate headquarters, is also included here):

- Better Homes and Gardens® Real Estate LLC; Sherry Chris, President and CEO; Madison, NJ
- Bowman and Brooke, LLP; Roshan N. Rajkumar, Partner and Diversity & Inclusion Committee Chair; Minneapolis, MN
- Broadlawns Medical Center; Wayne Ford, Community Advocate; Des Moines, IA
- Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP; Patrick T. Quinn, Managing Partner; New York, NY
- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO); Annie Holmes, Chief Equity Officer; Washington, DC
- Corning Incorporated; Monica L. Bankston, Chief Diversity Officer; Corning, NY
- Cozen O’Connor; Lynnette D. Espy-Williams, Member and Chief Diversity Officer; Philadelphia, PA
- Dechert LLP; Satra Sampson-Arokium. Director of Diversity & Inclusion; Philadelphia, PA and New York, NY
- Denny’s Restaurants; April Kelly-Drummond, Head of Diversity, Equality, Inclusion & Multicultural Engagement; Spartanburg, SC
- Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; Joseph Searles, Director of Diversity Community Engagement and Sady Fischer, Director of Diversity & Inclusion; Rochester, NY
- Fish & Richardson; Teresa Lavoie, PhD, Principal and EMPOWER Chair; national

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• Freddie Mac; Jacqueline M. Welch, Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Diversity & Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer; McLean, VA
• HARMAN; Dinesh Paliwal, President and Chief Executive Officer; Stamford, CT
• HP Inc.; Dion Weisler, President and CEO; Palo Alto, CA
• Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP; Diane Lifton, Partner, Co-Chair of Life Sciences and Product Liability Practice Groups, and Co-Chair of Committee on Diversity and Inclusion; New York, NY
• Jones Walker LLP; Richard Cortizas, Partner and Chair of Diversity Committee; New Orleans, LA
• KPMG LLP; Michele Meyer-Shipp, Chief Diversity Officer; New York, NY
• Liberty Mutual Insurance; Dawn Frazier-Bohnert, Senior Vice President and Global Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer; Boston, MA
• Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP; Melanie Figueroa, Emma Luevano, and Gregory Olaniran, Co-Chairs–Diversity & Inclusion Committee; Los Angeles, CA
• New American Funding; Patty Arvielo, President; Tustin, CA
• New York Life; Monique Y. Murphy, Corporate Vice President–Diversity & Inclusion; New York, NY
• Robins Kaplan LLP; Brandon E. Vaughn, Principal; Minneapolis, MN
• Walmart, Inc.; Ben Hasan, Senior Vice President and Chief Culture, Diversity & Inclusion Officer; Bentonville, AR
• WilsonHCG; Marisol Hughes, Executive Vice President and General Counsel; Tampa, FL

About Profiles in Diversity Journal

Now in its 21st year of publication, Profiles in Diversity Journal is a quarterly B2B magazine, focusing on diversity and inclusion in business, government, nonprofit, higher education, and military settings. The Journal presents interviews, profiles, articles, and awards that highlight mission-driven leadership, best practices, workforce strategies, innovative ideas, and important individual contributions within the realm of diversity and inclusion.

Since 1999, Profiles in Diversity Journal has recognized the individuals and teams within organizations who create, develop, and promote strategies and initiatives that support diversity, inclusion, and equity in the workplace and the larger community.

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