Top Organizations Honored with 2016 Awards for Excellence
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The Partnership for Excellence Honors 2016 Award Recipients

COLUMBUS, OH – Earlier today, The Partnership for Excellence announced the names of ten high-performing organizations as recipients of the 2016 Awards for Excellence. The awards represent Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia's highest honor for performance excellence through innovation, results and visionary leadership using the Baldrige Excellence Framework.

The 2016 Award Recipients - listed by award - are:

**Platinum, Governor's Award for Excellence**
- Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, Jasper, Indiana
- Six Disciplines Consulting Services, Findlay, Ohio

**Gold, Achievement of Excellence**
- Blanchard Valley Health System, Findlay, Ohio
- Managed Healthcare Services (a division of Lilly USA, LLC), Indianapolis, Indiana

**Silver, Commitment to Excellence**
- Henry County Hospital, Inc., Napoleon, Ohio
- ProMedica Memorial Hospital, Fremont, Ohio
- University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center, Chardon, Ohio

**Bronze, Pledge to Excellence**
- Butler Technology and Career Development Schools, Hamilton, Ohio
- Camden Clark Medical Center, Parkersburg, West Virginia
- Lima Memorial Health System, Lima, Ohio

The Partnership for Excellence (TPE) is Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia's Baldrige-based awards program. TPE assists organizations using the internationally-recognized Baldrige Excellence Framework. TPE's primary product is a comprehensive assessment that helps organizational leaders better understand and prioritize key strengths and opportunities for improvement. While the assessment is the foundation, TPE's main focus is on organizational learning, innovation, resource optimization, continuous improvement, and results.

All of the applicants were evaluated rigorously by an independent board of examiners in seven areas defined by the Baldrige Excellence Framework: leadership; strategy; customers; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce; operations; and results. The evaluation process for each of the recipients included more than 1,000 hours of review and a three-day visit by a team of examiners to clarify questions and verify information in the applications. An independent panel of judges reviewed each organization’s evaluation, approved the final feedback reports, and developed their award recommendations for the TPE Board of Trustees, which were unanimously approved.
The mission of TPE is "to cultivate organizational performance excellence and continuous improvement in Ohio, Indiana and West Virginia." By providing a framework for performance excellence through the Baldrige Excellence Framework, organizations have a greater focus on customers, process management, innovation, work systems and organization-wide results. These organizations typically see lower costs, improved productivity and increases in both employee and customer satisfaction leading to growth in market share. The results are higher quality education, improved healthcare, job creation to build a stronger economy and more efficient and effective government, with enormous impact on the lives of thousands.

The 2016 Partnership for Excellence award recipients will be honored at TPE's Annual Quest for Success Conference to be held September 12-13, 2016 at the Polaris Hilton in Columbus, Ohio. All ten of these high-performing organizations will be presented with their achievement award at a banquet on Monday evening, September 12, 2016. We are excited to be honoring two Platinum-level (Governor's Award for Excellence) recipients this year, Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center (MHHCC) and Six Disciplines Consulting Services (6D).

MHHCC is a faith-based, not-for-profit health care center located in Jasper, Indiana and is Dubois County's sole hospital serving eight counties. MHHCC is at the 95th percentile nationally for overall satisfaction of inpatients and is best-in-class at the 99th percentile for overall meal satisfaction. Six Disciplines (6D) is a private, for-profit consulting firm, which helps organizations improve performance by providing strategic planning and execution services and Baldrige support services. Six Disciplines (6D) exhibits role model performance in strategic planning and practices the same systematic methodology to strategy -- the six disciplines -- that 6D team members use to coach clients.

During this year's conference, two of the 2015 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) recipients, Charleston Area Medical Center Health System and Mid-America Transplant and 2014 MBNQA recipient Elevations Credit Union, will serve as Keynote Speakers and present information on their performance excellence journeys along with several other past MBNQA recipients representing all sectors of the economy. TPE's award recipients will also be sharing their best practices in break-out presentations and informal discussions with conference attendees.

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