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**for the Bellwether Community**

# REMEMBER

**What's happening with Bellwether League Foundation now**

The Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisory Council (AC) are working on these key projects:

1. We are neck-deep in prepping the **2023 Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum** and the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event (BLFIRE16)**, scheduled for **Monday, October 2, 2023**, at **Marquette University, Milwaukee**.
2. All of you should have received last week's official invitations to attend, participate and/or sponsor/support. The email included the invitation, registration form and maps of the campus and nearby hotels. If you don't recall seeing anything please check your junk/spam folder for "BLFIRE16 official invitation to ..." in the subject line or contact BLF HQ via telephone at (847) 466-7425 or email at [rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org](mailto:rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org).
3. At BLFIRE16, we will be recognizing two Future Famers and two Ammer Honorees and inducting six Bellwether Honorees into the Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership. If you haven't yet congratulated them in person or online, here's the list (come to the event to experience it live!):
  - a. **Future Famers Class of 2023:** Rachel Anderson and Jesse Stanton
  - b. **Ammer Honorees of 2023:** Michael McCullough and Régine Honoré Villain
  - c. **Bellwether Class of 2023:** Todd Abraham, Karen Conway, Michael Gray, Mary Beth Lang, Charlie Miceli and Deb Templeton
4. Future Famers and Ammer Honorees receive special lapel pins this year. If you are a Future Famer or Ammer Honoree from earlier years, please attend to receive your pin.
5. Bellwether Honorees, once inducted, will receive their class pins. If you are an earlier-class Bellwether and would like to receive your updated class pin, please attend.
6. Be sure to attend the Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum. Check the appropriate blank on the registration form. The Forum's theme is "Healthcare Supply Chain's Expanding Realm of Influence," and will feature a panel of provider and supplier experts. An initial report on BLF's 2023-2024 two-part capstone project by a Ph.D. candidate at University of Arkansas will open the Forum. If you'd like to sponsor this year's Forum and/or collegiate capstone project, reach out to **Mark Van Sumeren**, Bellwether Class of

2021, administrator, Bellwether Philanthropy, via BLF headquarters at [rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org](mailto:rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org).

7. Give kudos to **Dee Donatelli**, Bellwether Class of 2015, as she received AHRMM's prestigious George R. Gossett Leadership Award for 2023. BLF inducted Gossett posthumously into the Bellwether Class of 2010.
8. Give kudos also to **Eric Tritch**, Future Famers Class of 2015, as he and the Supply Chain and Support Services team he leads at UChicago Medicine earned the 2023 Supply Chain Department of the Year Award by *Healthcare Purchasing News*. You can read all about it in *HPN's* August edition this month!
9. Give a shout-out to Parkview Health's **Donna Van Vlerah**, Ammer Honoree of 2021 and Future Famers Class of 2015, and **Jesse Stanton**, Future Famers Class of 2023, for participating in a Leaders & Luminaries podcast with Tecsys on how pharmacy and supply chain can work together successfully. You can find and listen to the podcast by clicking on the Leaders & Luminaries page of BLF's web site.
10. We experienced some technical snafus with our online donation capability recently. We apologize for the inconvenience. It seems to be fixed now for anyone to make/remit donations.
11. Thanks again to those who have shared their insights to *Leaders & Luminaries* 6. If you'd still like to participate as an editorial source, send an email to [rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org](mailto:rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org) to receive the short surveys. This year's theme runs parallel with the Forum theme: "Healthcare's Place in the Panorama and Panoply of Supply Chain."
12. **Ryan Burke**, Future Famers Class of 2022, co-chair, Marketing Committee, manages our official LinkedIn page by sharing written, photographic and videographic content. If you haven't tuned in yet, then check it out and follow us here at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/bellwether-league/>. You'll be able to connect with others to learn about BLF and to share insights with industry thought leaders, pioneers, mentors, innovators, influencers and executives who matter!
- 13. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO BELLWETHER LEAGUE FOUNDATION IN 2023!**  
Your donation helps educate, honor, inform and research healthcare supply chain performance excellence. Here's a challenge for all of you: One executive established an annuity that donates to BLF each year. Another generously donated on behalf of his provider organization! Who will join their example? Will you? *BLF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so donations are tax-deductible.*

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## **Promote your healthcare supply chain thought leadership and vision**

**Be seen recognizing your customers via Sustaining, Event or Program Sponsorship or donation to a worthy cause! Opportunities include:**

Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum  
*Leaders & Luminaries* e-magazine  
*Leaders & Luminaries* podcasts and webcasts  
Hall of Fame VIP Reception  
Survey

Beacon Awards  
Programming and Videography  
BLFIRE event program  
Kowalski Leadership & Succession Planning

Hall of Fame Photography Session  
REMEMBER e-newsletter  
Supply Chain Management Assessment Tool (SCMAT)

Bellwether Philanthropy capstone projects,  
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