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16TH ANNUAL BELLWETHER LEAGUE FOUNDATION INDUCTION & RECOGNITION EVENT

Illuminating Healthcare Supply Chain Excellence

BELLWETHER LEAGUE

Mission & Vision

Celebrating 16 years in operation in 2023, Bellwether League Foundation comprises two operating divisions that educate, endow and evaluate professionals in healthcare supply chain performance excellence: The Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership and Bellwether Philanthropy.

The Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership evaluates and validates professionals submitted for consideration in its three award programs: Bellwethers, Future Famers and Ammer Honorees. The Hall of Fame also offers educational and professional development content via the Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum and its "Leaders & Luminaries" multimedia of online and printed content.

The Board selects deceased, retired and currently active professionals with a minimum of 25 years of exemplary service and leadership performance in supply chain operations that meet its criteria to be recognized publicly as **Bellwether Class Honorees.**

Future Famers represent supply chain professionals early in their healthcare careers (first 10-12 years) who do not yet qualify for Bellwether consideration but have contributed meaningfully to the profession and industry.

Honorees who receive the **"Dean S. Ammer Award for Healthcare Supply Chain Performance Excellence"** represent noteworthy executives and professionals in the middle of their careers who, through their innovative leadership and influential project management experience, best exemplify the practice and spirit of healthcare supply chain performance excellence.

To date, The Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership has honored 143 innovators, leaders and pioneers in healthcare supply chain management in five distinct categories: Education & Media, Supply Chain Management (Provider), Group Purchasing, Supplier and Consulting Services. Bellwether League Foundation also has recognized 39 Future Famers, and four Ammer Honorees.

Bellwether Philanthropy offers grants, scholarships and capstone educational and developmental projects to college-bound high school students who plan to study supply chain curricula, current collegiate students who major in supply chain-related careers and professionals who pursue continuing education through associations and universities.

Launched in late July 2007 by a group of influential veterans in the healthcare supply chain industry, Bellwether League Foundation began as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit corporation that upgraded to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in January 2021.

Bellwether League Foundation currently is funded by six Founding and Platinum Sustaining Sponsors – GHX, HealthTrust, Owens & Minor, Premier, Vizient and Wingfoot Media – and a host of additional sustaining sponsors at the Gold, Silver and Bronze levels. The Foundation appreciates and thanks its dedicated and devoted corporate and professional donors for their generosity, participation and partnership.

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16th Annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event

Marquette University

Alumni Memorial Union Milwaukee, WI

Monday, October 2, 2023 7 to 9:30 p.m. Central

- Executive Director's Prologue
- Chairman's Welcome
- Marquette University Leadership Welcome
- Future Famers Class of 2023 Presentation
- Ammer Honoree 2023 Presentation
- Bellwether Class of 2023 Honoree Presentations & Induction
- Sustaining & Event Sponsor Recognition
- Bellwether Philanthropy and Capstone Project Recognition
- Executive Director's Epilogue

BLFIRE16 Schedule of Events

Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum

Alumni Memorial Union Ballroom B 3 - 4:30 p.m. Central

VIP Reception & Photography

Alumni Memorial Union Lynch Lounge (with available seating in Ballroom A) 5 - 6:30 p.m. Central

Induction & Recognition Ceremony

Alumni Memorial Union Ballroom CDE | 7 - 9:30 p.m.

Chairman's Note

Illuminating Tomorrow

Barbara Strain, MA, CVAHP 2023 Chairman, Board of Directors Bellwether League Foundation

To best describe the Bellwether League Foundation and its importance to the healthcare supply chain industry is to look to its



logo. The lighthouse symbolizes navigation through clear times and stormy times, providing hope and safety to those who travel in its dimension. Rather than a constant beam it's the pattern of light that makes the biggest difference bathing the horizon ahead in swaths of brilliance to assure those moving at different speeds that the journey will be illuminated.

The Bellwether League Foundation – overall and through its Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership – captures the history of the healthcare supply chain industry over the decades through the stories of the pioneers it honors. From Clara Barton, the "first mover" who acquired supplies for use on and off the battlefield where she determined the need to those honorees who came from academia, the not-for-profit/investor-owned hospital and other sectors, to those who started our language of shared services, group purchasing organizations, distribution services, enterprise resource planning, JIT and stockless inventories. Terms like value forecasting, standardization, product formularies and the establishment of non-salary and operations streamlining consulting are a few of our honoree's accomplishments. And the legacy continues to the development of personal computer-based business systems in hospitals.

Most, if not all, these healthcare supply chain foundational concepts germinated in the early 1960s-1990s. What we do today are iterations of these foundational achievements based on the development and acceptance of modern engineering, data generation and analytics and the advancement of medicine through academia, research and patient outcomes.

The Bellwether League Foundation not only honors individuals but shines a beacon on the accomplishments that moved healthcare supply chain across the horizon to its next destination preparing itself for the next stormy time.

Stay connected to the Bellwether League Foundation on social media, read its publications, listen to its insightful podcasts, watch its enlightening videos. Learn about the foundational contributions and the people behind them. Regardless of your current role, how long you have practiced, how well your organization is functioning, there is more to learn. I encourage you to reach out to Future Famers in the early stages of their careers up to 12 years who are applying their newfound education or on-the-job insights to improve operations or to Ammer Honorees who are in mid-career 12-25 years and are leading effective teams and strategically shaping healthcare supply chain operational successes. And finally, to Bellwether veterans with over 25 years of experience who direct, lead and manage a variety of operations and hold organizationally influential roles.

Each is a beacon of wisdom, casting light and offering guidance to the healthcare supply chain industry enabling you to get to the next horizon.

Officers & Board of Directors

Bellwether League Foundation consists of a governing Board of Directors, two division administrators, an Advisory Council and a group of volunteer supporters.

Chairman | **Barbara Strain, CVAHP** (*Bellwether Class of 2021*), Principal, Barbara Strain Consulting LLC, Charlottesville, VA

Secretary | Deborah A. Templeton, R.Ph.,

Retired Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), System Support Services, Geisinger Health, Danville, PA

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Advisory Council

Chairman: Gary H. Rakes, CFAAMA, CMRP, CSCS, (Bellwether Class of 2021), Retired System Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer, Aspirus Inc., Wausau, WI

Ryan R. Burke, (*Future Famers Class of 2022*), Vice President, Strategic Sourcing, Pandion Optimization Alliance, Fairport, NY

Fred W. Crans, (Bellwether Class of 2020), Healthcare Business Development Executive, St. Onge Co., Cleveland, OH

Jacob J. Groenewold, (Bellwether Class of 2021), Vice President and Chief Supply Chain Officer, Froedtert Health, Milwaukee, WI

Jack Koczela, (Future Famers Class of 2020), Director, Analytics & Transformation – Supply Chain, Froedtert Health, Milwaukee, WI **Michael T. Langlois,** Healthcare Supply Chain Resource, Langlois & Associates LLC, Grosse Pointe, MI

Thomas Lubotsky, (Bellwether Class of 2022), Vice President, Supply Chain Management, Allina Health, Minneapolis, MN

Carl P. Meyer, (Bellwether Class of 2019), Executive Vice President, The Wetrich Group, Southlake, TX

John Strong, (Bellwether Class of 2011), Co-Founder and Chief Consulting Officer, Access Strategy Partners Inc., Fontana, WI

Mark Van Sumeren, (Bellwether Class of 2021), Managing Advisor, Healthcare Industry Advisor, Ann Arbor, MI

Donna Van Vlerah (Ammer Honoree 2021, Future Famers Class of 2015) Senior Vice President, Supply & Support Services,Support Division, Parkview Health, Fort Wayne, IN

Future Famers

Bellwether League's Future Famers program recognizes and honors healthcare supply chain professionals early in their careers (*initial 10-12 years*) by highlighting some of their innovative achievements that contribute to service excellence.

Future Famers Class of 2023



Rachel K. Anderson, Corporate Director, Supply Chain, Baptist Health, Montgomery, AL



Jesse L. Stanton, Vice President, Supply Chain, Parkview Health, Fort Wayne, IN

Future Famers Class of 2022



Pictured (left to right): Allison T. Tidd, Ryan R. Burke and Caroline Marion. Not pictured: René A. Gurdián.

Future Famers Class of 2021







Pictured (left to right): Brian W. Murray, Pauline Oyer, CMRP and Bruce J. Radcliff.

Future Famers Class of 2020



Pictured (left to right): Hunter Chandler, Jack Koczela and Kenneth Scher.

Future Famers Class of 2019



Standing (left to right): Jun B. Amora, Erin M. Bromley, Sara M. Henderson, Jessica Rinderle and Sidney L. Hamilton. **Not pictured:** Brian A. Dolan.

Future Famers Class of 2018



Standing (left to right): Troy Compardo, Amy Chieppa and Andy Leaders. Not pictured: Ryan Rotar.

Future Famers Class of 2017



Standing (left to right): Mark Growcott, Ph.D., Karen Kresnik, R.N., and Ben Cahoy. Not pictured: Derek Havens and Christy Crestin.

Dean S. Ammer Award for Healthcare Supply Chain Performance Excellence

The "Dean S. Ammer Award for Healthcare Supply Chain Performance Excellence"

is named for and dedicated to the first inductee into Bellwether League Foundation's Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership in 2008, and it honors those professionals in the middle of their careers who best exemplify the practice and spirit of healthcare supply chain performance excellence through their innovative leadership and influential project management experience.



2023 Honoree Michael McCullough, Senior Vice President, Supply

Senior Vice President, Supply Chain, Wellstar Health System, Marietta, GA, sees the borders and boundaries

long established around the healthcare supply chain to be nothing more than dotted lines. As a provider-rooted supply chain "go-to guy," McCullough has partnered externally with manufacturers, distributors, group purchasing organizations (GPO) and online and technology-centered exchanges to help them fully understand the in-depth supply chain experience from hospital and integrated delivery network (IDN) perspectives as well as designing and launching consolidated service center operations for hospitals and IDNs.



2023 Honoree Régine Honoré Villain,

Vice President, Supply Chain Network and Chief Supply Chain Officer, Ochsner Health, Baton Rouge, LA. doesn't

"think outside the box" as a healthcare supply chain leader, but rather decided to change the mythical shape of the box as her organization was slammed by a doublewhammy: It operated and served within a COVID-19 pandemic hotspot and an active hurricane season with multiple direct hits. Villain established a centralized warehouse and distribution center as a hub for critical supplies for patient care and for community organizations – including schools and churches – and worked with the C-suite to launch and invest in a self-manufacturing joint venture to support the organization and surrounding communities.



2020 Honoree Randy V. Bradley, Ph.D., CPHIMS, FHIMSS,

Associate Professor of Supply Chain Management and Information Systems,

University of Tennessee Knoxville, Haslam College of Business, Department of Supply Chain Management



2021 Honoree Donna Van Vlerah,

Senior Vice President, Supply & Support Services, Support Division, Parkview Health, Fort Wayne, IN

Future Famers Class of 2016



 Standing (left to right): Erik Walerius, Nisha Lulla and Rob Proctor.
 Not pictured: Jimmy Henderson, Kate Polczynski and Baljeet Sangha.

Future Famers Class of 2015



Back row (left to right): Nate Mickish, Justin Freed and Eric Tritch.Front row (left to right): Jason Hays, Donna Van Vlerah and Will Barrette.

Bellwether League



Todd G. Abraham tips the scales as a savvy inventor and re-inventor of sorts – not just of businesses and companies that serve those who serve patients, but also of products and technologies used for patient care. He possesses an uncanny knack for attracting, recognizing and cultivating talent, recruiting skilled

professionals to participate in a comprehensive program that develops and trains future industry leaders that already are solving some of today's market challenges.



Karen Conway, CMRP, CLSSGB, epitomizes the supply chain data standards evangelist as but one component of an overarching aim toward healthcare achieving optimal value within its own clinical, financial and operational realms that logically and legitimately can – and should – be transferred to all

patients regardless of race, gender, faith, economic status and creed. She consistently focuses her mind, energy and efforts on the pulse of healthcare delivery, realistically and strategically stretching the box that can restrain development and growth.



Michael D. Gray developed and grew his multifaceted supply chain career organically and strategically from the trenches of warehouse management at a distributor through to several national group purchasing organizations (GPOs) to a regional shared services organization and then an integrated delivery

network fortified by a consolidated service center. He engineered a bell curve of operational and performance improvement experience and expertise spanning provider and supplier realms to help improve patient care delivery and customer service.

Class of 2023



Mary Beth Lang, Sc.D., knows how to work with aggregate and specific data and to analyze and interpret those numbers so they work for organizational progress as well as for the clinical, financial and operational professionals who provide patient care. She melds

her pharmacy, supply chain, group purchasing and information technology expertise into cohesive and competent blueprints for successful procurement models designed to improve the health of patients and the organizations that serve them.



Charlie Miceli, C.P.M., represents one of healthcare supply chain's iconic first movers in creative thinking and action by way of conceiving and trying new concepts and processes as an unofficial beta tester before they are rolled out to industry. From early versions of logistically designed information

technology and advanced distribution methods to pandemic preparation and executive mentoring, Miceli's adventurous career has stretched from the frontline trenches to the C-suite, leaving ribbons of success in his wake.



Deborah A. Petretich Templeton fused pharmacy expertise and project management engineering ingenuity in ways that bolstered and reinforced her organization's award-winning supply chain operation that reorganized amid navigation through a series of mergers and acquisitions to form an early integrated

delivery network (IDN) model at the height of healthcare reform in the late 20th century. Deftly maneuvering through centralization and growth, she helped lead an expansion into non-traditional service lines and revenue-generating endeavors designed to promote communitybased patient care.

Spotlighting the Bellwether

Class of 2008



Back row (left to right): Thomas W. Kelly, Lee C. Boergadine and Alex J. Vallas (1932-2016).
 Front row (left to right): Tom Pirelli, Christine Ammer, Ph.D. (wife of Honoree
 Dean S. Ammer, Ph.D.) and Gene D. Burton (1927-2016). Not pictured: Dean S. Ammer, Ph.D. (1926-1999), Charles E. Housley, William J. McFaul and Donald J. Siegle (1932-2020).

Class of 2009



From left to right: Paul B. Powell (1927-2020), James E. Stover, Warren D. Rhodes, Sara I. Mobley (1929-2014) and Samuel G. Raudenbush (1931-2016). Not pictured: George E. Ainsworth (1924-1985), Charles O. Auslander, Guy J. Clark (1889-1957), Gordon A. Friesen (1909-1992), Brien Laing (1926-2015), Lillian R. Matiska (1918-2001) and William M. McKnight (1929-2012).

Classes of 2008-2022

Class of 2010



Back row (left to right): G. Gilmer Minor III (1940-2023), Frank D. Kilzer, Ted Almon, Daniel E. Mayworm, Kim C. Gossett (eldest son of Honoree George R. Gossett) and Curt M. Selquist. Front row (left to right): Phyllis Soth (wife of Honoree Donald G. Soth), Jean Majors (wife of Honoree Robert Bross Majors) and Michael Louviere. Not pictured: Carter F. Blake (1937-2015), Br. Ned Gerber OSB, CPA, CGMA (1951-2020), George R. Gossett (1927-1965), Robert Bross Majors (1943-2007), Franklin J. Marshall, Foster G. McGaw (1897-1986), Mark M. McKenna (1948-2011), Donald G. Soth (1920-1997) and Louis Vietti.

Class of 2011



Back row (left to right): Laurence A. Dickson (1945-2018), Steven P. Gray, Larry Malcolmson and Derwood B. Dunbar Jr. Front row (left to right): Daniel J. Dryan, Betty Hanna (1929-2019) and John W. Strong

Spotlighting the Bellwether

Class of 2012



 Back row (left to right): George O. Hansen (1931-2020), Thomas W. Hughes (1945-2021), Peter Farrell (son of Honoree Paul V. Farrell), Robert A. Simpson and James L. Hersma.
 Front row (left to right): Carl L. Manley, Mary Farrell (daughter of Honoree Paul V. Farrell), Roberta Graham, R.N., John H. Clarke and Raymond J. Seigfried.
 Not pictured: Paul V. Farrell (1915-1997) and Max H. Goodloe Sr. (1921-1997)

Class of 2013



Back row (left to right): Alan D. Weinstein, James F. Dickow (1943-2021),
Lynn Britton and William A. Donato, Jr. Front row (left to right): Michael Rosser,
John Smith for Donald E. Greenslade, Nick Gaich and Jerry Widman
(son of Honoree Paul E. Widman). Not pictured: Christopher J. Bale (1971-1996),
Donald E. Greenslade (1934-2013) and Paul E. Widman (1918-1983).

Classes of 2008-2022

Class of 2014



 Back row (left to right): Keith Kuchta, Richard A. Perrin, Joseph Reubel (son of Honoree Earl G. Reubel), Randall A. Lipps and Dale A. Montgomery.
 Front row (left to right): Andrea Reubel-Walker (daughter of Honoree Earl G. Reubel), Robert P. "Bud" Bowen, Norman A. Krumrey, Brent T. Johnson and Joseph M. Pleasant. Not pictured: Henry A. Berling (1942-2021), Earl G. Reubel (1937-2011)

Class of 2015



Back row (left to right): Michael McCurry, Autry O.V. "Pete" DeBusk, James C. Olsen, Michael A. Switzer. Front row (left to right): G. Edward Becker, Jane R. Pleasants, Nancy LeMaster and Dee Donatelli.

Spotlighting the Bellwether

Class of 2016



Standing (left to right): Lynn Dragisic for Edwin L. Crosby, M.D., Carol S. Stone, Gary L. Wagner, Peggy Styer and Susan Parham (daughter of Honoree William E. Pauley). Not pictured: Edwin L. Crosby, M.D. (1908-1972), Irving Mills (1906-1999) and William E. Pauley (1926-2011)

Class of 2017



Standing (left to right): Anand Joshi, M.D., for William V.S. Thorne (1865-1920), James W. Oliver, Jamie C. Kowalski, Dwight Winstead, Sara Bird, James R. Francis and Kristine S. Russell. **Not pictured:** Hiram M. Lake (1925-2016), Dudley Sisak, Craig Smith and William V.S. Thorne (1865-1920).

Classes of 2008-2022

Class of 2018



Back row (left to right): Robert T. Yokl, Marvin J. Feldman, R.Ph., John B. Gaida and Nicholas C. Toscano. Front row (left to right): Mary A. Starr and Winifred S. Hayes, Ph.D. Not pictured: Patrick E. Carroll Jr. (1949-2018), Janine C. Jagger, Ph.D.

Class of 2019



 Back row (left to right): Joy M. Squier (for Clara Barton, 1821-1912), George Y. Hersch, Carl P. Meyer, Rick Irgens (son of Capt. Terry R. Irgens, USN-Ret., 1947-2017), Kevin O'Marah
 Front row (left to right): Larry P. Smith, Paula Braun (daughter of Stanley J. Costello, 1916-1976), Kathy Irgens (wife of Capt. Terry R. Irgens, USN-Ret., 1947-2017), Vance B. Moore.
 Not pictured: Clara Barton (1821-1912), Stanley J. Costello (1916-1976), Capt. Terry R. Irgens, USN-Ret. (1947-2017)

Spotlighting the Bellwether

Class of 2020



Top row (left to right): Jack R. Anderson, Doug Bowen, Gregory R. Bylo (1958-2018), Fred W. Crans. Bottom row (left to right): Kathleen Garvin, Edmond D. Hardin Jr. (1966-2021), David Reed and Rita L. White.

Class of 2021









Top row (left to right): John M. Burks (1954-2017), Jacob J. Groenewold, Thomas P. Harvieux, Michael C. Kaufmann, Ben W. Latimer. Bottom row (left to right): Gary H. Rakes, CFAAMA, CMRP, CSCS, Barbara Strain, CVAHP, F. DeWight Titus III (1934-2022) and Mark Van Sumeren.

Classes of 2008-2022

Class of 2022



 Top row (left to right): Thomas M. Lubotsky FACHE, Edward J. Hisscock, Teresa L. Dail, Susan M. Tyk, David R. Myers and John F. Sasen Jr. (for John F. Sasen Sr.)
 Not pictured: John H. Hammergren, Rosaline Parson, John F. Sasen Sr. (1942-2013)

Congratulations

We salute the **Bellwether Class of 2023** on your outstanding contributions to health care.

You have made an amazing difference!





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our Members Past and Present

Bellwether Class of 2023

Karen Conway, CMRP, CLSSGB Michael D. Grav Mary Beth Lang, Sc.D. Charlie Miceli, C.P.M. Deborah A. Petretich Templeton

> Ammer Honoree of 2023 Régine Honoré Villain

Congratulations and thank you to all the honorees for your leadership and countless contributions to the industry!

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Karen!

We're incredibly proud of your 2023 induction into the Bellwether League Foundation's Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership.

Tina Vatanka Murphy **CEO and President, GHX**





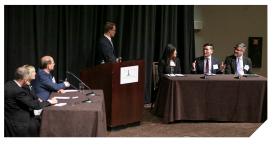
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- Hall of Fame VIP Reception
- Hall of Fame Photography Session
- BLFIRE event program
- Beacon Awards
- REMEMBER newsletter
- Programming and Videography
- Kowalski Leadership & Succession Planning Survey
- Supply Chain Management Assessment Tool (SCMAT)
- Bellwether Philanthropy capstone projects, grants and scholarships





What's happening with Belivether League Foundation

For more information, contact Bellwether League Foundation via telephone at **847-466-7425** or email at **rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.**

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Mark your calendars

Bellwether League Foundation plans to host the **2024 Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Forum** and **17th Annual Bellwether League Foundation Induction & Recognition Event** Autumn of 2024.

Check the web site for more information about next year's event and how to participate.

Invest in Healthcare Supply Chain Excellence

Would you like to become a sustaining sponsor of Bellwether League Foundation's Hall of Fame for Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership and/or its Bellwether Philanthropy capstone project, grants and scholarships initiative? For details on the variety of sponsorship program opportunities, visit Bellwether League Foundation's web site (www.bellwetherleague.org) and/or contact Executive Director Rick Dana Barlow at rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.

Bellwether League Foundation also invites you to nominate innovators, leaders, pioneers and visionaries in healthcare supply chain management for the Bellwether Class of 2024, Ammer Honorees of 2024 and the Future Famers Class of 2024. Find the official nomination forms online with deadlines in February 2024.



