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2014 BBB Torch Award for Ethics Finalists Named Student of Integrity Scholarships offered again to area high school seniors

Burnsville, MN – September 3, 2014 – Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) is proud to announce the 2014 finalists for our BBB Torch Awards for Ethics. The Torch Awards recognize worthy companies that strive to go above and beyond in their dealings with customers, employees, vendors and their community. These awards are open to all for-profit businesses located within the Minnesota and North Dakota region which are in good standing with BBB.

“We are very pleased to announce another distinguished group of businesses as finalists for our Torch Awards,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. “These organizations are standard-bearers in our marketplace.”

The 2014 BBB Torch Award finalists are:

- **Category I (1-10 employees):**
EDS Builders, Inc., Lakeland, MN
JD Haas and Associates PLLC, Bloomington, MN
Space2Burn New Media, Minneapolis, MN
- **Category II (11-50 employees):**
DFC Consultants, Fargo, ND
Electrical Production Services, Chanhassen, MN
ICC Restoration & Cleaning Services, Woodbury, MN
Vujovich Design Build, Inc., Minneapolis, MN
Woods & Thompson, P.A., Minneapolis, MN
- **Category III (51+ employees):**
I.C. System, Inc., St. Paul, MN
Klein Bank, Chaska, MN
Park Dental, Roseville, MN

The 2014 Better Business Bureau Torch Awards for Ethics ceremony will be held Wednesday, October 29, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota’s Minneapolis campus.

BBB will once again present Student of Integrity Scholarships to high school seniors in Minnesota and North Dakota who demonstrate – through essay or a short video – their understanding of the impact ethical decisions have made in their lives. Scholarship money is awarded directly toward winners' post-secondary education expenses (tuition or room/board only) at any accredited institution. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, September 23 at 4 p.m. <http://www.bbb.org/minnesota/programs-services/institute-for-marketplace-ethics/student-of-integrity-scholarship/>.

This year's Torch Awards keynote speaker is Tony Heredia, Vice President, Strategy and Operations, within Community Relations at Target. He was previously Vice President of Corporate Risk & Responsibility and Director of Assets Protection.

BBB presents the Torch Awards for Ethics each year to companies who exemplify ethical behavior and display integrity in all aspects of their operations. Nominees are offered the opportunity to submit an entry to the BBB, where a panel of independent volunteer business and community leaders review the entries and choose the winners.

2014 BBB Torch Award for Ethics

Wednesday, October 29 – McNamara Alumni Center, University of Minnesota Campus
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased online at: thefirstbbb.org/events

\$45/Accredited Business \$405/Table of 10, Accredited Business

\$65/General \$585/Table of 10, General

Sponsors for the event are: CHS, Inc., Clear Channel Radio (Cities 97, KDWB, KFAN, News Talk 1130, K102, KOOL 108); Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal; NFP/Financial Concepts, Inc; Master Communications Group; and Rippe Print

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