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Dear Supplier Partners,

Last Thursday, the Procurement Team held our **sixth annual Supplier Awards**, in which we recognized suppliers, cross-functional partners, and members of our own team. We celebrated achievements in 2019, and gave awards aligned with our company mission, vision and values.



*Barbara Dawson  
(Retired Cargill)*

*Hans Becher  
(Ferrara)*

*Mary Risinger  
(on behalf of Mark Risinger)*

*2019 Supplier of the Year  
Graphic Packaging International*

Here are some highlights of the awards and people we celebrated this year:

- **Barbara Dawson, retired, Cargill Texturizing Solutions** received a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. Barbara spent thirty-eight years at Cargill.
- Ferrara's own **Hans Becher** received a **Lifetime Achievement Award**. The team recognized him as one of the most respected individuals in the entire industry.
- **Mark Risinger** was inducted into **Ferrara's Hall of Fame** following his many years with Cargill Corn Milling. Mark passed away earlier this year, and the team celebrated his life and longstanding contributions to both Ferrara and Cargill.
- **Graphic Packaging International** received the prestigious **2019 Supplier of the Year Award**. This longtime supplier was celebrated for its partnership in innovation, agility, openness to share new ideas and points-of-view. Runners-up to this award were Mount Franklin Foods and Synergy Flavors. The team celebrated all three companies as being in the top 99.7% of a system of 900 suppliers, a great honor.

In addition to these annual honors, we also reset our awards to align with Ferrara's mission, vision and values. To that end, we celebrated the following great companies and individuals:

- **Vision Award: Supplier Development – Matt Dyer, Pullman Sugar**. Kristy Eidson presented this award, and referred to Matt and his team as “forever optimistic, leaving no stone unturned to help us find the right solutions.”
- **Vision Award: Enduring Trust – Terry Lally, AIM Energy**. Eric Zagorski presented this award and said, “Terry has always guided us; we put our trust in him to help us make the right decisions.”
- **Mission Award: Sharing Delight – Chris Mikita, General Converting**. Caroline Stankovich and Michelle Pursel celebrated this longtime supplier of folding cartons, referring to Chris as a “huge part of the secret sauce that makes General Converting so sweet for Ferrara.”
- **Mission Award: Corporate Social Responsibility – Larry Faucheux, Cargill LSR** (Louisiana Sugar Refining). This award celebrated Cargill's work to produce the only 100% US non-GMO product, produced by eight sugar mills and 800 farmers across Louisiana. They have a reduced carbon footprint as well. Erik Connelly noted “LSR is preserving the land for future generations.”
- **Mission Award: Corporate Social Responsibility Social Impact – Jerry Downs, Hope Network Industries**. Erik referred to Jerry and his team's work as “taking bravery and vision.”
- **Living the Values Award – Greg Armine, Menasha**. Michelle Pursel noted Greg's support of Ferrara's merchandising and display work recently “amazed trade show attendees with a unique 3-D diorama.”

We also celebrated team milestones, including individuals who we consider “shining stars” with their contributions and leading by example. Our own Rita Arminak, Anita Maniurka, and Jason Strongin were recognized. We awarded a Quality Assurance colleague, Lauren Stewart-Brown with our “Living the Values” award for cross-functional work with our team.

I'm proud of the tradition that we have created with this special event. I hope you will join me in congratulating this year's award recipients.

Regards,

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