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Chamber of Commerce to Honor Business Leaders

Columbia, MD: The Howard County Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is excited to announce this year's Awards for Chamber Excellence (ACE) winners. The ACE awards are presented to deserving Chamber members who have made an outstanding contribution to their field, have achieved extraordinary success, or have improved the business community in general. These individuals and those recognized earlier in the year will be honored at the Chamber's annual Signature Event on October 7.

The dinner and awards presentation will commence at 6:00 PM at Turf Valley Resort. Highlighting the event is critically acclaimed Entertainer, Impressionist, and TV Personality, Roy Firestone. The Emmy Award winner was the original host of ESPN's *Up Close*.

The Chamber has selected the following ACE recipients based upon their business success, innovation, commitment to the Chamber and support of the community:

Large Business of the Year:	Mobern Lighting
Small Business of the Year:	Howard Tech Advisors
Business Person of the Year:	Greg Lowe, Lowe Wealth Advisors
Entrepreneur of the Year:	The Murriner Family – Victoria Gastro Pub
GovConnects Government Contractor of the Year:	Innoplex, LLC

"I am extremely excited for our 2016 award winners. These individuals and businesses support both the Chamber and the Howard County community with the constant giving of time, talent and monetary resources and should be recognized for their effort," stated Leonardo McClarty, Chamber President & CEO.

The Signature Event is the Chamber's premier event of the year, and is sponsored by M&T Bank and Turf Valley Resort. Tickets to the event are \$150 for members and \$175 for future members. Registration is online at www.howardchamber.com.

About the Howard County Chamber of Commerce

The Howard County Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization dedicated to helping businesses—from sole proprietors to large international firms—grow and succeed. With the power of 700 members that encompass more than 170,000 employees, the Chamber is an effective partner with elected officials and advocates for the interests of the business community. It provides its members with effective learning opportunities featuring informative state and national experts, and it creates an environment where business leaders connect, share ideas and form valuable relationships. www.howardchamber.com

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