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CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 2011 GOLDEN APPLE RECIPIENTS AND NEW EDUCATIONALLY FOCUSED TASK FORCE

Green Bay, WI (March 17, 2011) – The Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the seven recipients of the 2011 Partners in Education Golden Apple Awards *and* the formation of a pivotal new educational task force.

The task force, comprised of select members of the Chamber's board of directors and the Partners in Education board of directors, held its first meeting Tuesday to address how substantive business leadership can work collaboratively with the strong educational system in the greater Green Bay area to address and solve current issues facing both the educational and business communities.

Representatives from the Golden Apple Awards program, including Philip Flynn, Associated Banc Corp, honorary chair of the Golden Apple Awards, and Nancy Schopf, vice president of education and leadership at the Chamber, traveled throughout community Wednesday to honor the following Golden Apple recipients:

- Dana Austin, Kindergarten, Westwood Elementary
- 4th Grade Team—Brenda May, Emily Socha, Andrea Dernbach, Adam Janquart, Ryan Ourada - Hemlock Creek Elementary
- Kim Noe, 11-12 English, Pulaski High School
- Janice Huhtala, 1st Grade, Howe Elementary School
- Rebecca Garner, Kindergarten, Prince of Peace
- Tracey Brewczynski, 4th Grade, Altmayer Elementary School
- Lisa Kasten, 2nd Grade, Pioneer Elementary School

Both efforts – the commendation of educators with the Golden Apple Awards and the educational task force – are important efforts that represent the mission of the Chamber’s Partners in Education program, noted Gail McNutt, chair of the Chamber board and CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc.

“The task force is the outgrowth of our ongoing efforts to be supportive of educators with our Partners in Education division and as a Chamber as a whole. It’s intended to identify ways the Chamber and the business community as a whole can further support them,” said McNutt. “We realize and recognize the integral part they play in addressing issues that are crucial to the vibrancy of our community.”

The Golden Apple Awards dinner will be held Wednesday, April 20, at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center. The televised program will air 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. that evening on WLUK FOX 11 and re-aired Sunday, April 24, at 3 p.m. on CW 14.

To obtain tickets to the event, contact Schopf at 920.593.3413.

Major event sponsors include WLUK FOX 11, Green Bay Press-Gazette, Associated Bank, Imperial, Humana, Schneider National Foundation, Schreiber Foods and Shopko.

The Golden Apple Awards program improves community awareness of the quality of education in the Greater Green Bay area by recognizing high standards of professionalism, leadership and innovation in teaching. Seven recipients are selected annually through anonymous applications and personal interviews. The selection criteria for the award recipients are based on the National Board of Professional Teaching standards, which identify the essential knowledge, skills and dispositions expected of experienced, quality teachers. The selection process focuses on elements such as the teacher’s commitment to student learning, assessment of and use of tools to advance student progress and efforts to stimulate student interest in learning.

For more information on the task force, please contact McNutt at gmcnutt@gsnwgl.org. For more information on the Golden Apple recipients, please contact Schopf at 920.593.3413 or schopf@titletown.org.

Established in 1882, the mission of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is to serve as the focal point of economic and community development. Chamber programs include Advance, Partners in Education, Leadership Green Bay, Brown County Teen Leadership, Current Young Professionals Network, Good Government Council and the International Business Development Consortium. For more information on Partners in Education, visit GreenBayPartnersinEducation.org or call 920.437.8704. For more information about the Chamber, call 920.437.8704 or visit titletown.org.

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