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The Congressional Award Names New Members to National Board of Directors

Washington, DC (January 29, 2019) —The Congressional Award Foundation announces the election of four board members - Wei-Li Chong, Larry Duncan, Missy Foxman, and Ray Kerins – effective immediately.

"We are thrilled to welcome Larry, Missy, Ray, and Wei-Li to our leadership team and especially value the industry experience each member brings," said **Paxton K. Baker**, Chairman of The Congressional Award National Board of Directors. "They join The Congressional Award at an exciting time as we continue to propel our mission forward and build corporate partnerships that help to enrich the lives of our nation's youth."



Wei-Li Chong serves as President of KinderCare Education at Work, a leading provider of customized childcare and work-life solutions for companies across the United States.

Prior to KinderCare, Wei-Li held multiple leadership positions with companies in the retail industry. He is considered an expert in multi-unit management and building high performing engaged teams. He is known as a champion for children, young adults, and the changes organizations need to make to better embrace the demands of today's workforce. He is sought after as a speaker and subject matter expert in leadership principles, engagement, and work-life integration.



Larry Duncan is Vice President for Government Affairs at Lockheed Martin, where he serves as a senior liaison to federal and state government officials.

Before Lockheed Martin, Mr. Duncan was a corporate lawyer and lobbyist. He provided legislative and regulatory counsel to media and entertainment companies, telecom and satellite carriers, professional sports leagues, trade associations, and a variety of technology clients.

Mr. Duncan is actively involved in the Washington, D.C. area community, including service on the Board of Directors for the USO-Metropolitan Washington; Running Start, a non-profit organization that inspires women to run for political office; and ThanksUSA, a non-profit organization that provides scholarships for the spouses and children of military personnel.



Melissa (Missy) Cortese Foxman is Director of Federal Government Relations at the Entertainment Software Association. She is the former Executive Director of the Women’s High-Tech Coalition (WHTC), a non-profit serving women working on tech policy in the public and private sectors.

Her public sector background includes serving U.S. Sen. Connie Mack (R-FL) as Deputy Chief of Staff at the Senate Republican Conference and professional staff member of the Joint Economic Committee. She also served as a political appointee at the U.S. Small Business Administration under President George H.W. Bush.



Ray Kerins is Senior Vice President and Head of Communications, Government Relations & Policy for Bayer U.S.

Previously, Ray was Vice President of external affairs & worldwide communications for Pfizer and Executive Director of public affairs for Merck & Co.

Ray is the recipient of many company and industry awards, including being named “2017 Outstanding In-House Professional Award” by PRWeek Magazine.

Kerins is a board member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and vice chairman of the Chamber’s Global Innovation Policy Center.

About

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress’ only charity and the highest honor bestowed upon a youth civilian through the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Established by Congress as a public-private partnership in 1979 under Public Law 96-114, the program recognizes initiative, service, and achievement in youth ages 13 ½ - 23. Learn more at www.congressionalaward.org.

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