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The Congressional Award Welcomes New Talent to National Board of Directors

Washington, DC (April 12, 2019) —The Congressional Award Foundation announces the election of five board members – Raymond Hall, Adrian Harpool, Molly Ryan, Kelsey Troy, and Ben Zandi – effective immediately.

“Each of our newest board members embody the spirit of The Congressional Award and bring valued expertise and energy to an already gifted team,” said **Paxton K. Baker**, Chairman of The Congressional Award National Board of Directors. “We are fortunate to have them by our side as we continue to strengthen communities and build the next generation of leaders through Congress’ award program for youth.”



Raymond Hall is Chief Human Resources Officer at Miller Management Corporation. He is responsible for the development of the people and culture for The Larry H. Miller Group of Companies.

Ray spent the first 11 years of his professional career with the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (Ft. Bragg, NC) before moving into the civilian sector.

His career accelerated over the next several years to the executive leadership level in large, multi-national companies. With more than 20 years of global experience in Human Resources and talent strategy, Mr. Hall brings a strong international outlook to his leadership roles.



Adrian Harpool serves as principal for Adrian Harpool Associates, a Baltimore-based strategic planning, marketing/branding, public relations, and communications consultancy.

He has led efforts to launch successful consumer brands, paved the way for large-scale real estate development projects, and helped to execute effective campaigns for causes and candidates that have literally transformed communities nationwide.

Adrian currently serves as president of the Madison Park Improvement Association and as chairman of the Midtown Community Benefits District in Baltimore.



Molly Ryan is the Head of Government Affairs and Advocacy at Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc.

She is responsible for the Federal, State, and Advocacy Government Relations department and leads the organization's strategies to increase emphasis around disease awareness, treatment options, and access to therapies.

Molly is an advocate of grooming the next generation of female leaders. She sits on the board of Women in International Trade (WIIT) Trust as well as the California State Society.



Kelsey Troy is Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at KinderCare Education, the nation's leading private provider of high-quality early childhood education and school-age programs.

Under her leadership of 35,000 employees nationwide, KCE earned their second Gallup Great Workplace Award, one of only 37 companies in the world and the first and only early childhood education company to receive this distinction.

Prior to joining KCE, Kelsey served as Vice President of Human Resources at ANN Inc. in New York City.



Ben Zandi is President and Chief Executive Officer of Fraport USA, the North American division of Fraport Group, a global airport operations company.

Mr. Zandi takes an active role in reimagining airport travel with pioneering technologies, retail concepts, and new levels of customer experience.

Previously, Zandi was Executive Vice President of Operations for private equity firm Bunker Hill Capital, Principal and President of his own management firm, and Director of Operations for HMSHost.

Mr. Zandi has also served as a city councilman and vice mayor of Bristol, Tennessee and has been the president of multiple nonprofit organizations. He is certified by the Management and Strategy Institute as a Six Sigma Black Belt Professional.

Get to know the entire Board of Directors at www.congressionalaward.org/board.

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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