WILMINGTON, DE – On behalf of Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame Chair Alexa Dembek, Chief Technology & Sustainability Officer, DuPont; the board of directors of Junior Achievement of Delaware is pleased to announce the 2022 class of inductees into the Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame.

The inductions of Margaret Davis Del Fabbro, William J. Farrell, and William D. Provine will take place during ceremonies on Wednesday October 26, 2022 at the JA Campus in Wilmington.

Well known across the community by their familiar names, Peggy Del Fabbro, Bill Farrell, and Bill Provine, these extraordinary leaders join the illustrious ranks of seventy-three Hall of Fame laureates inducted since the institution formed in 1990. The Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame acknowledges the accomplishments of business, industry & community leaders whose work has positively influenced economic and workforce development in the region.

Del Fabbro is Chief Executive Officer of M. Davis & Sons; Farrell is Chief Executive Officer and President of Wilmington Trust Company and EVP of M&T Bank’s Management Group; Provine is Founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware Innovation Space.

The purpose of the Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame is to honor leaders of business, industry, academia, and community, who epitomize the successful adult role models Junior Achievement provides to students every day.

“Like the amazing inductees that came before them,” says Junior Achievement of Delaware president Rob Eppes, “these three Hall of Fame laureates are exemplary role models to the thousands of students served by Junior Achievement of Delaware each year.”

More information on the 2022 Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame Networking Reception and Induction Ceremonies is available on the Junior Achievement of Delaware website at https://delaware.ja.org/events/delaware-business-leaders-hall-of-fame

(Brief laureate biographies and historical information on the Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame follows on the next pages)
Margaret Davis Del Fabbro is CEO of M. Davis & Sons, a Delaware-based industrial contractor and fabricator, and Certified Woman Owned Business. Peggy is the fifth Davis family member to lead the company, which celebrated 150 years in business in 2020. MDavis offers a wide diversity of products and services from modular fabrication projects to mechanical and electrical services to power distribution products. Peggy has been CEO for 35 years, during which time she has received several industry accolades. Peggy’s recognition includes 2020 Women’s Business Enterprise (WBE) Center Trusted Advisor Award, 2018 WBE Done Deals Award, Member of MBE Magazine’s 5th class of WBE’s WHO ROCK and 2015 WBE Shining Star Award; 2016 and 2014 Delaware Today Women in Business recognition. Peggy earned her Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from University of Delaware in 1983 and worked as an Accountant at NVF before taking on the CEO role at MDavis. Peggy is a graduate of Brandywine High School Class of 1979. She has served as a volunteer Korean Martial Arts instructor, as Treasurer of the University of Delaware Figure Skating Club, and on the boards of Women’s Business Enterprise Center; International Society for Pharmaceutical Engineers – Delaware Valley Chapter; and on the Brandywine Valley SPCA Delaware Advisory Board.

Dr. William D. Provine is the founder and serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Delaware Innovation Space where Bill is presently on loan from DuPont. The Innovation Space is a non-profit organization formed in 2017 via a public-private partnership with DuPont, University of Delaware, and the State of Delaware to incubate and accelerate science-based startups. In its first five years of operation, The Innovation Space has supported over 80 startups that have raised over $800 million in funding and have supported hundreds of local jobs. Bill has been instrumental in forging novel approaches to driving economic development and accelerating the growth of new business in the United States and abroad. Prior to his role in the Delaware Innovation Space, Bill created new ventures and business for DuPont around the world in areas such as industrial biotechnology, agriculture, advanced materials, and nanotechnology. Bill is an active volunteer and has served on many government and university advisory committees, both domestic and international. Presently, he serves as a Director on the Boards for the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), The Resolution Project – an organization supporting social entrepreneurship, and The Innovation Space. Bill was also recently appointed as a voting board member on the US Department of Commerce’s National Advisory Committee on Innovation & Entrepreneurship (NACIE).

William J. Farrell - As executive vice president and a member of M&T Bank’s Management Group, Bill has overall responsibility for Institutional Client Services Division, which includes the Global Capital Markets, and Retirement Services businesses, Product Strategy along M&T Insurance Agency, and ICS Risk Management. Bill has been CEO and President of Wilmington Trust Company since 2011 and CEO and President of Wilmington Trust NA since 2020. Bill joined Wilmington Trust in 1976 and has held a number of senior management positions across the organization in retail banking, investment accounting, accounting operations, trust operations, and technology. In 2005, he was appointed executive vice president overseeing all administrative and business development functions for Wilmington Trust’s Institutional Client Services business. Prior to that, Bill was responsible for managing all aspects of information technology and trust operations for Wilmington Trust, including systems development and information resource management. Bill holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Goldey Beacom College and is a non-practicing CPA. He serves on the board of directors of the Grand Opera House, The Hagley Museum and Library and Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame History – Originally created in partnership with Hagley Museum & Library, the Hall of Fame honored historical and retired titans of industry for the impact of their work on economic and workforce development in the State and region. The Hall of Fame was later a partner with Accolade Alliance and began to include retired small business owners/entrepreneurs. More recently, M&T Bank led the transition to include current and contemporary leaders who serve as role models to Junior Achievement students through their inventions/innovation, entrepreneurship, and/or strategic management. A more diverse and inclusive selection process led to five Laureates of Color being inducted in 2020 and 2021, and a growing pool of diverse candidates for future induction.

Delaware Business Leaders Hall of Fame Past Laureates –

1990: P.S. du Pont, Crawford Greenewalt, Joseph Tatnall
1991: Oliver Evans, Wilbert & Genevieve Gore
1992: Alexander F. Giacco, George Lobdell
1993: Joseph Bancroft, Irving S. Shapiro
1995: Joshua & Thomas Gilpin, Edward Goett
1996: Walter S. Carpenter, David Wakefield
1997: Joshua Heald, Edgar S. Woolard, Jr.
1998: Carolyn S. Burger, Harry Levin
1999: Frederick G. Krapf, Jr., Bernard J. Taylor II
2000: Charles M. Cawley, John A. Krol
2001: Werner C. Brown, John W. Rollins, Sr.
2002: T. Coleman du Pont, Robert W. Gore
2003: John B. Campbell, Sally Hawkins
2004: Leon N. Weiner, Marvin N. (Skip) Schoenhals
2006: Murray Berstein, Foster Friess
2007: Alan B. Levin
2008: Frank J. McIntosh
2009: Craig A. Rogerson, Dian C. Taylor
2010: Carol A. Ammon, Mark A. Suwyn
2011: Alan R. Burkhard, James A. Wolfe
2012: Arkadi Kuhlmann, Jim Kelly
2013: Daniel R. Butler, Peter Minuit
2014: Robert Laskowski, Verino Pettinaro
2015: Rob Buccini, Peter Morrow, Gary Stockbridge
2016: Ellen Kullman, Allen Fasnacht, Fred Sears, Paul McConnell
2017: Ernie Dianastasis, Rob Siegfried
2018: J. Michael Bowman, Robert W. Perkins, Terry A. Strine
2019: Sam & Mariah Calagione, Thomas H. Draper, Calvert A. Morgan, Jr.
2020: Devona Williams, William (Bill) Allen, Jr., Dana Herbert
2021: Vandell Hampton, Jr., Logan Herring

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Junior Achievement is the world’s largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. JA Learning Experiences are delivered by corporate and community volunteers, and provide relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Today, JA reaches more than 2.5 million students per year in 102 markets across the United States, as part of more than 12.5 million students served by operations in 115 other countries worldwide. Junior Achievement USA is a member of JA Worldwide.

In 2022, JA Worldwide was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for its work with youth around the globe.

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