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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Welcome Brad Sieniawski Vice President, CBIZ

Awards Presentations

Master of Ceremonies Ed "Flash" Ferenc

Spark Award

Champion of Integrity Brad Sieniawski

Students of Integrity Elad Granot, Boler College of Business Saskia M. Topazio, Enbridge Gas Ohio Door Prize Drawings

Closing Remarks Sue A. McConnell, President and CEO, Better Business Bureau

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES



### Ed "Flash" Ferenc

Ed "Flash" Ferenc is a highly regarded hall-of-fame career broadcaster who started his radio career at the age of 19 in 1973 working at WMMS. The "Buzzard Morning Zoo" became legendary for its role in breaking new music and becoming the soundtrack for Cleveland in the 70's and 80's. The popular "Jeff and Flash Show" (1973-1994) set a foundation for drive-time morning shows that is still used by many stations today. Ferenc won the 2002 Cleveland Association of Broadcasters' Excellence in Broadcasting Award and,

in 2004, Ferenc was inducted into the Cleveland and the Ohio Broadcasters Halls of Fame. Recently the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum added a "Jeff and Flash" aircheck to its Northeast Ohio radio legends exhibit and Ferenc was inducted into the Seven Hills Hall of Fame in 2021.

After 21 years in rock radio, Flash migrated to talk radio. The son of a union steelworker, Flash found importance in giving working middle-class families everywhere a "leg-up" through his America's Work Force Radio show on WERE.

Flash and his wife, Deb operate Flashpoint Communications, a public relations and advertising agency. In his spare time, Flash has a full time job working for 12 judges as a Public Information Officer at the Cleveland Municipal Court. Flash is still involved in broadcasting. He hosts a weekday pro-union radio program called America's Workforce and also produces and hosts FlashPoint, a one hour infomercial. Both programs currently air on 1490 AM WERE.







The Better Business Bureau Students of Integrity program recognizes high school students in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain counties who, through their actions and life examples, personify ethics and strong character.





Seaenna Morton Ohio Connections Academy



Gabriel Regis Lake Ridge Academy



Amelia Russell Mayfield High School



Riya Verma Solon High School

2023/2024 HONOREES Bridget Butler, Brecksville-Broadview Hts High School Leah Coats, Cleveland School of Science and Medicine John Geffert, Saint Ignatius High School Ava Martin, Rhodes College and Career Academy Garrett Rupert, Perry High School Lucy Salata, Beaumont High School

# Congratulations to these outstanding high school students who were chosen to represent their schools in the Students of Integrity Competition!

Emily Blanford Pymatuning Valley High School Jessica Brett Chagrin Falls High School Bridget Butler Brecksville-Broadview Hts HS Emma Chasko Madison High School Leah Coats The Cleveland School of Science and Medicine Azalia Crumb Maple Heights High School Brooke Culp Holy Name High School Hope Dudziak Wellington High School Samuek Dupont Orange High School John Geffert Saint Ignatius High School Gabriel Grisez West Geauga High School Miracle Head Trinity High School Bobby Hopkins St. Edward High School Evan Hudson Oberlin High School Elizabeth Irwin Lutheran West Rohit Jain Westlake High School Gabrielle Johnson Charles F. Brush High School Ava Judy Brookside High School Landon Knepper Elyria High School Dayloni Lee Cleveland School of Architecture and Design Kathryn Mary Lisachenko Mentor High School Aija Love John F. Kennedy High School Ava Martin Rhodes College and Career Academy Seaenna Morton Ohio Connections Academy Kelsey O'Toole Gilmour Academy Raegan Ochall North Ridgeville High School Dalicia Perez Garrett Morgan School of Engineering and Innovation Charlie Pinter Midview High School Caeley Powell Berkshire High School Sophia Purgar Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin School Gabriel Regis Lake Ridge High School Alyah Rivera Torres Horizon Science Academy of Lorain Garrett Rupert Perry High School Amelia Russell Mayfield High School Lucy Salata Beaumont High School Natalie Ulery Avon High School Riva Verma Solon High School Isabella Wall Cornerstone Christian Academy Amerie Williams Brooklyn High School Matt Wisniewski Independence High School



# Cary Root champion of integrity

BBB Champions of Integrity consistently display an aggressive commitment to ethical, honest, and fair business practices. They demonstrate leadership in efforts or organizations promoting business self-regulation, ethical business practices, consumer education, and integrity and trust in the marketplace.





# Eddie Taylor

President & CEO of Taylor Oswald, LLC

Eddie Taylor, Jr. is President & CEO of Taylor Oswald, a venture between Oswald Companies and Mr. Taylor. Oswald Cos. is one of the nation's largest independent, employeeowned insurance brokerage firms. Oswald Cos. is an operating company under Unison Risk Advisors. Eddie has previously owned or operated companies in a variety of industries including warehousing and distribution.

### EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

A native of Northeast Ohio, Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Elyria West High School and Allegheny College. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Allegheny College. Eddie was founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Cleveland Leadership Center. Additionally, he is the former Board Chair of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Eddie is immediate-past Chair of the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity (CACE) and current Chair of University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. He serves as a Board Member for the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Burton D. Morgan Foundation, and other nonprofit and company boards.

He completed the Executive MBA Program at the Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management and is also involved with various other entrepreneurial activities.





BBB's Spark Award recognizes early-stage businesses and entrepreneurial organizations whose leaders demonstrate a high level of character, generating a culture that is authentic about its mission and embedding social impact into their business model to support their community.

# 2024 Spark Finalists



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