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AGENDA

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- 11:00 AM **Registration**
- 11:40 PM **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
*Warren Call, President and CEO,
Traverse Connect*
- 11:45 PM **Sponsor Remarks**
*Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Munson Healthcare*
- 12:00 PM **Distinguished Service
Award Presentation**
*Brend McLellan, Director of Investor
Engagement, Traverse Connect*

*Jan Warren, 2020 Distinguished
Service Award Recipient*

*Jeanne, Marina, and Alex Ascione,
acceptance on behalf of Michael A.
Ascione, 2021 Distinguished Service
Award honoree*
- 12:30 PM **Closing**
*Warren Call, President and CEO,
Traverse Connect*
- 12:40 PM **Networking**
- 1:00 PM **Adjourned**

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HONOREE MICHAEL A. ASCIONE
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Michael A. Ascione, the former President and CEO of American Waste, was selected by the Traverse Connect Board of Directors to receive the Distinguished Service Award. The DSA is among the region's oldest and most prestigious civic awards, presented annually since 1929.



Michael Ascione graduated from Kalkaska High School and attended Northwestern Michigan College. Ascione's career began at Northern A-1, founded by his father, Edward Ascione, Sr., just five years after relocating his young family to northern Michigan from the Detroit area. After founding American Waste, Mike served as Co-President with his brother, Edward, Jr., for nearly 20 years. Throughout his career, Mike remained committed to the principle of doing good while doing what was good for business. Mike served the Grand Traverse Region's nonprofit and business communities by holding positions on the boards of Traverse Connect, Kalkaska Area Chamber of Commerce, Kalkaska Downtown Development Authority, Northern Michigan DeColores Ministries, Kalkaska Area Interfaith Resources, The Father Fred Foundation, Traverse Bay Economic Development Corporation, and Northwestern Michigan College Foundation. Mike held committee positions with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Michigan, receiving the "Big Defender" award with his wife Jeanne in 2019. Mike gave much of his time to the Grand Traverse Area Catholic Schools, volunteering as Co-Chair of the most recent capital campaign to build the new Immaculate Conception Elementary School.

Michael A. Ascione passed unexpectedly in November 2020.

PAST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

2020	Jan Warren	1974	Jerry McCarthy
2019	Steve H. Perdue	1973	Vojin Baic
2018	Tony Anderson	1972	Frank L. Stulen
2017	Elaine Wood	1971	Charles E. Moorman
2016	Herb Lemcool	1970	Bob D. Hilty
2015	Chuck Judson	1969	Arthur S. Huey
2014	Susie Janis	1968	Frank R. Purvis
2013	Ross & Brenda Biederman	1967	Jackson H. Bensley
2012	Terry Berden	1966	A. R. Jacobs
2011	Elnora Milliken	1965	James A. Pound
2010	Arlene & Wes Nelson	1964	Vincent Fochtman
2009	Dr. John Spencer	1963	Dr. Glenn E. Loomis
2008	Chris MacInnes	1962	Dr. Joseph E. Maddy
2007	Bruce Rogers	1961	Mrs. Genevieve (Steiger) Richardson
2006	Dr. Arnie Sarya	1960	James J. Beckett
2005	Ted Okerstrom	1959	Lars Hockstad
2004	Dr. Carl and Sally Benner	1958	C. A. Kidder
2003	Keith Charters	1957	George A. Gilbert
2002	Hal Van Sumeren	1956	G. W. Arnold
2001	Larry Hardy	1955	Dr. Mark F. Osterlin
2000	John Bay	1954	Gerald Oleson
1999	Robert Andrews	1953	Les Beiderman
1998	Shirley Okerstrom	1952	H. W. Heidbreder
1997	Patrick J. Wilson	1951	George Eikey
1996	Laurence P. Skendzel MD	1950	G. W. Power
1995	Gretchen Votruba	1949	E. B. Isaacsen
1994	Dr. Ken & Lou Ann Taylor	1948	Douglas E. Linder
1993	James J. Beckett	1947	Jay P. Smith
1992	Dr. Ted Cline	1946	Robert B. Murchie
1991	Mary Jean Brick	1945	Mrs. Julius Beers
1990	Father Edwin Frederick	1944	W. Reed Chapin
1989	Helen Osterlin	1943	Ralph Wynkoop
1988	K. Ross Childs	1942	Arnell Engstrom
1987	Art Schmuckal	1941	Ben Keonig
1986	Richard P. Smith	1940	Leo Kalahar
1985	Carol J. Hale	1939	Parm C. Gilbert
1984	Earl E. Glaesmer	1938	Edward H. Taylor
1983	George A. McManus, Jr.	1937	Hugh Johnston
1982	William K. Kurtz	1936	W. J. Hobbs
1981	Dale A. Wares	1935	M. J. MacIntosh
1980	David E. Pearce	1934	Mrs. A.W. Peck
1979	John W. Dieckman	1933	Dr. E.L. Thirlby
1978	John R. Anderson	1932	Con Foster
1977	Lou Sherry Earius	1931	H.D. Gage
1976	Roy & Ellen Brigman	1930	Riley Sweets
1975	Joseph Groszek	1929	R. Floyd Clinch

