



*Join us on November 7, 2024*

**2024 Hall of Fame Inductees, Scholarship Award Winners,  
MWFA Board of Directors Elections**

Join us on November 7th as we honor the outstanding achievements of our 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees and celebrate the success of our 2024 Scholarship recipients. This special evening also gives you the chance to participate in the election of our Board of Directors. We are thrilled to announce that our guest speaker for the event will be Mr. Joe O’Neil!

**Scholarship Awards & Hall of Fame Inductees**

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members and the success of our events throughout 2024, we are proud to be awarding more than \$50,000 in scholarships this year. We are also honored to announce that this year we will have awarded over \$1 million dollars in scholarships since its inception over 40 years ago. These recipients have shown outstanding dedication and hard work, and we hope many of them will join us at the event.

We’re also thrilled to honor this year’s Hall of Fame Inductees, who have shown unparalleled commitment and made significant contributions to the MWFA: Kanebridge Corporation, Glen Brin of DarLoc Corporation and Robert Sachs of XL Screw. Join us as we celebrate these remarkable individuals and their lasting impact on our community.



*Hall of Fame Inductee Company Kanebridge*



*Hall of Fame Inductees Glen Brin & Robert Sachs*

**Join us for an inspiring speech by Joe O’Neil!**

Joe’s journey is a testament to perseverance, grit, and creativity. Growing up on the south side of Chicago, he learned how to create opportunities in a world without connections. From landing a job at the Chicago Sun Times at 17 by sheer determination, to securing a position with the Chicago Bulls by refusing to leave their office without an interview, Joe’s stories of breaking barriers are nothing short of remarkable.

As the longest-tenured ticket executive in the NBA, Joe was part of the Bulls’ legendary 90s dynasty, managing the hottest ticket in sports and earning six NBA Championship rings. But his influence extends beyond sports—Joe is also a dedicated philanthropist. He co-founded the O’Neil Family Foundation, has helped children escape poverty in Cambodia, and received the NBA’s Value of the Game award for his charitable work.



Don’t miss Joe’s motivational talk, where he’ll share how to "kick the door down" when opportunity doesn’t knock, along with his incredible story of success, service, and community involvement.

**Elections for Board of Directors**

If you have interest in serving on our Board of Directors (with a three-year term) or wish to nominate a deserving candidate, please get in touch with Francesca Lewis at [mwfa@mwfa.net](mailto:mwfa@mwfa.net) before October 31st. Currently, the candidates for the Board of Directors include Jill Lewis of Integrated Packaging/Associated Fasteners, Ignacy Paprocki of Blue Ribbon, Bill Vodicka of MW Components, Sam Lang of Certified Fastener & Industrial Supply, and Jeff Kempka of GF&D. Your participation in casting a ballot is vital, as the Board of Directors plays a crucial role within our association.