



## **Six Business Legends to Be Inducted into the U.S. Business Hall of Fame**

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*Gala event recognizes lifetime achievement in business; this year's laureates to join more than 200 already thus honored*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Junior Achievement (JA Worldwide) will induct six “legends of business” into its U.S. Business Hall of Fame during a black-tie gala on April 27 in Milwaukee. The laureates were selected by a panel of national business executives including past Business Hall of Fame Laureates. Criteria for selection include business excellence, courageous thinking and actions, vision and innovation, inspiring leadership, and community mindedness.

The 2006 U.S. Business Hall of Fame laureates are:

- Arthur M. Blank  
Co-Founder, The Home Depot, Inc.  
Owner and Chief Executive Officer, Atlanta Falcons and Georgia Force
  
- Maxine Clark  
Founder and Chief Executive Bear, Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc.
  
- H. Wayne Huizenga  
Chairman, Huizenga Holdings, Inc.  
Owner, Miami Dolphins
  
- Herbert V. Kohler Jr.  
Chairman and President, Kohler Company
  
- Bernard Marcus  
Co-Founder, The Home Depot, Inc.  
Chairman, The Marcus Foundation
  
- Robert A. Swanson (1947-1999)

Co-Founder, Genentech, Inc.

The 2006 U.S. Business Hall of Fame schedule of events includes a luncheon at the historic Pfister Hotel, and a black-tie dinner and induction ceremony at the Midwest Airlines Center. U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings has been invited to deliver the keynote address. The event's title sponsors are Northwestern Mutual and Harley-Davidson, Inc. Presenting sponsors include Heartland Advisors, Inc.; Johnson Controls, Inc.; M&I Bank, Miller Brewing Company, Rockwell Automation, CA (Computer Associates), Fuchs Business Solutions, Inc.; ClearChannel, Midwest Airlines, The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and The Woodstone Group, Inc.

Since 1975, the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame event has honored the nation's most distinguished businessmen and women for outstanding contributions to free enterprise, and the inductees are presented as role models for the world's youth. The 2006 laureates will be added to an exhibit of more than 200 laureates on display at The Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. For more information on the Junior Achievement U.S. Business Hall of Fame, visit [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org). Photos and complete bios of the 2006 U.S. Business Hall of Fame laureates are available upon request.

#### About JA Worldwide (Junior Achievement)

JA Worldwide is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and entrepreneurship. Through a dedicated volunteer network, JA Worldwide provides in-school and after-school programs for students in grades K-12. JA Worldwide offers educational programs that focus on seven key content areas: business, citizenship, economics, entrepreneurship, ethics/character, financial literacy, and career development. Today, 142 offices reach approximately four million students in the United States, with more than three million students served by operations in 96 countries worldwide. For more information, visit [www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org).

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