MPMA Announces 2016 Scholarship Recipient

(Fraser, MI)- The Michigan Pest Management Association (MPMA) is proud to announce the recipient of the 2016 MPMA Scholarship award. One scholarship was awarded this year. The recipient was Kelsea Martin.

Kelsea Martin was awarded $1,500.00. She was recommended by Rick Martin of Terminix International. She will be attending Kalamazoo County Community College this fall and will be pursuing a degree in nursing.

Bill Welsh of Rose Pest Solutions is the Chairperson of the 2016 Scholarship Committee, President of the (MPMA) and serves on the committee with Chuck Bellgraph of Aardvark Pest Management and Dave Driver of Univar.

“On behalf of the MPMA and Scholarship Committee, we are pleased that the MPMA is able to provide this scholarship opportunity. It’s because of our member firms that continue to contribute the General Scholarship Foundation that allows the Association to provide these well-deserved scholarships.” commented Bill Welsh.

The MPMA Foundation supports and encourages individual and corporate contributions to the General Scholarship Foundation. MPMA’s goal is to assist students in their academic endeavors and to support the professional pest management profession by helping deserving and outstanding students attain their educational goals.
Have You Logged into the New NPMA Website?

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The NPMA website, www.npmapestworld.org, has gotten a facelift and is more user friendly than ever! Here are the top five things you can do as of today...we'll be adding a lot more features over the next few months!

1. You can update your own member profile
2. You can tell us what you want to hear about
3. You can print your membership certificate (but only if you are the primary contact for your company)
4. You can add new staff to your membership listing (but only if you are the primary contact for your company)
5. You can update your company information (but only if you are the primary contact for your company)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact NPMA at 800.678.6722 or npma@pestworld.org.

Membership: In accordance with our by-laws, we have received the following applications for new membership. The names of the firms and their voting members are listed below. If any person has just cause as to why the applicant should not be a member they must protest in writing within 30 days of this publication. If no protests are received, their application will be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

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Here we are a little over half through the year and what a year it has been so far for our members. Not to mention the heat..... But then again, I was reminded about the weather 6-8 months ago. Everyone I have spoken with has said how busy they are and that business is up year over year. It appears the bed bugs are really taking their toll out there. As you may recall, HB 4520 covering the bed bugs will probably be reintroduced coming up shortly. Scott Faustyn from Karoub and Associates was able to set up a meeting with the bill sponsor, Rep. Iden, and I was able to speak with him at length about the bill. We have made recommendations to Rep. Iden. In addition, Jake Plevelich, the Public Policy Coordinator for the National Pest Management Association has made several recommendations. Those recommendations have also been sent to Rep. Iden. Jake has also offered NPMA support in starting a voterVOICE Grassroots campaign, reaching out to Senate side, coalition groups, etc. We will know more when the bill is reintroduced. I am pleased to see NPMA coming forward and offering their support and ideas on the bill.

Recently we had the MPMA PAC golf outing. It was hosted by John Koval, Smitter Pest Control. It was a really HOT day temperature wise, promptly followed up with a pretty rowdy thunderstorm. While we were on the course, a tree came crashing down in front of the green. You guested it, yours truly, hit his golf ball right to it. We all survived the heat and thunderstorm and had a good time and help the PAC with some needed funds. Please consider joining us next year for the PAC Outing.

If it’s been a while, I would suggest that you take an opportunity to go check out NPMA website. I think you will see a lot of new things along with a list of member benefits that are available to our members. Their website is www.npmapestworld.org after signing in go to member-center and click on popular benefits. I think you will find something in there that would probably be a benefit for your company.

I also want to take a moment and congratulate Russ Ives as he just completed his term as President of the NPMA. He now will serve as its immediate past present for the next year. Russ has done a great job representing Michigan Pest Management Association and the industry at the national level.

We are also in the process of updating our website. Events have not been loaded on the current site, but have been loaded on the new site. However, it hasn’t been migrated and NPMA tells us that it will all be migrated very soon. So hopefully we will have it migrated soon and you will have the updated site within a matter of days. I know that Chuck Bellgraph and Pam Blauvelt are working hard to get it up and running.

At this time, MDARD has not found Brian Rowe’s permanent replacement. Several others within the department have been filling in on an interim basis and will continue to do so as the search continues. I have no idea when we can expect that position to be filled. While that process is ongoing, our online training initiative is on hold. Hopefully we can get it completed by year’s end, but don’t hold your breath. Make sure you are planning accordingly for recertification seminars later this year.

Until next time, please take care of yourself and your people in the heat.

Bill Welsh, MPMA President
Please join us at the 2017 ACE Workshop hosted by the Michigan Pest Management Association in conjunction with the 2017 Winter Meeting.

MPMA is excited to announce we’re hosting this workshop to help pest management professionals achieve the Associate Certified Entomologist Certification through the Entomological Society of America. We have so many eligible and qualified PMPs throughout the Midwest who have been planning on getting their ACE, but have kept putting it off. Well, here’s your chance.

Why get ACE Certification?
Certification can lead to better visibility, opportunities, and jobs. In today's increasingly complex and highly-specialized economy, credentials are so important. Sure, you know you've got the skills to do the job, but how do you convince potential customers and employers you do? For many career-minded professionals, certification is often the answer. Learn more at http://www.entocert.org/ace-certification

Why is the ACE Workshop for me?
MPMA will offer guidance and assistance throughout the application process, suggest study materials, and then host a one day training and proctoring event. We can help with letters of recommendations, questions about the application, creating a resume, etc…

Determine if you’re eligible to apply for the ACE Certification
- Without a Bachelor’s degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 5 years pest management experience
- With a Bachelor’s degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 3 years pest management experience
- With a Master’s degree in Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 2 years pest management experience
- With a PhD in Entomology Entomology (or a related life science), you will need 1 years pest management experience

Let MPMA know you’re interested, so we can assist you the rest of the way – simply email our director rwise@mipca.org to put you on the list.

MPMA will help you apply for the ACE accreditation through ESA, their application is online at http://www.entocert.org/ace-application-process

You will need to complete the application
A copy of your current pesticide applicator’s license
A resume and the license fee

We’ll also help you with study materials and guides

We’re starting this process early now, so that you can attend our ACE Workshop on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at the Firekeeper’s Casino in Battle Creek, Michigan

We’re looking forward to this being a successful and positive workshop for our members and non-members.
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Young Entrepreneur Award

The National Pest Management Association's (NPMA's) Young Entrepreneur Award, presented by Rentokil Pest Control, recognizes young entrepreneurs (40 years of age or less) working in the professional pest management industry who have helped create or develop an industry business and/or those who have stewarded a meaningful industry concept to fruition.

Criteria

Applicants will be evaluated on:

1. Notable contributions made to his or her company in a management level capacity (50%)
2. Contributions to the pest management industry (25%)
3. Personal leadership and community involvement (25%)

An independent judges' panel will select one award recipient who will be recognized at PestWorld 2016, October 18-21 in Seattle.

Deadline for Nominations

All nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. ET on August 29, 2016.

To nominate a candidate, copy and past the link below

https://forms.npmapestworld.org/about/young_entrepreneur_award.cfm?_ga=1.7650226.1672756239.1448902881
2016 MPMA PAC Golf Outing

On July 12th the Michigan Pest Management Association PAC received a healthy influx of support thanks to the dedication of 19 golfers. This year’s PAC golf outing was held at the Highland Golf Course in Grand Rapids.

The weather was fabulous, and the socializing was unforgettable. It was “GREAT” to just take a break from the busy season and relax for the afternoon.

A sincere thank you to all for participating this year. MPMA would also like to thank Brandenburg and JT Eaton for sponsoring lunch this year at the outing. YOU REALLY DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

REMEMBER: You can support the PAC anytime by sending a personal check to the Michigan Pest Management Association office. Your generosity is appreciated!!

See you all next year.
The National Pest Management Association's (NPMA's) Women of Excellence Award recognizes women who advance the pest management industry every day, in every way.

The international honor is open to women across the pest management industry — PMP's, manufacturers, research organizations, etc. — who demonstrate outstanding leadership and have made notable contributions to the development and growth of the profession, their business, and other women in the industry.

The award recipient will be recognized at PestWorld 2016, October 18-21 in Seattle.

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

Who is eligible for nomination?

All nominees must be women who currently work in the pest management industry (PMP, manufacturer, researcher).

How will the nominations be evaluated?

- 50% of the evaluation process will recognize the nominee's contributions to the pest management industry
- 25% of the evaluation process will consider notable contributions the nominee has made to her company. Such contributions need not have been made from an executive level position — but rather initiatives and actions that have made a difference within the organization.
- 25% of the evaluation process will recognize the nominee's actions in personal leadership, community involvement, and stewardship of future women leaders.

Who are prior winners?

2015 marked the seventh year of recognizing women's contributions to the industry. Deni Naumann of Copesan Services, Inc., was the recipient of the 2015 honor. To view recipients of previous years, click here.

When can I submit my nomination?

Award nominations must be received by August 29, 2016. The winner will be announced at PestWorld 2016.

How do I submit a nomination?

To nominate a candidate, copy and past the link below

https://forms.npmapestworld.org/about/women_of_excellence_award.cfm?_ga=1.224705562.1672756239.1448902881

Nominees may self-submit or may be nominated by others.

If you have any technical questions regarding a nomination, please contact Allie Taisey at ataisey@pestworld.org or by phone at (703) 352-6762.
MPMA 2016-2017 TNT Schedule

9/21/16—Novi—Crowne Plaza Detroit-Nov 7A or 7B

9/23/16—Grand Rapids—Elks—7A or 7B

10/10/16—Kalamazoo—MTEC—Core

10/13/16—Auburn Hills—Courtyard Detroit Auburn Hills—7A or 7B

10/14/16—Kalamazoo—MTEC—7F or 7B

11/18/16—Ann Arbor—Weber’s—Core or 7A

11/22/16—Dearborn—Ford Motor Company Conference & Event Center—7A or 7F

This is NOT a complete list of training. As more trainings are added, I will post the registration flyers to MPMA’s website, so check it often at www.mipca.org

The 2017 Winter Meeting is February 22-24, 2017 at the FireKeepers Casino & Hotel, Battle Creek, MI.

Please feel free to contact me at rwise@mipca.org with any questions. Registration forms for each meeting will be mailed out 30 days prior to the meeting or you can find them on MPMA’s web-site.
NPMA Public Policy Team

The National Pest Management Association (NPMA) was recently asked by the Pyrethroid Working Group (PWG) to survey its membership on use of this class of chemistry. In tandem with the re-registration process, the PWG and NPMA recognize that pesticides are receiving increasing attention and regulation. One aspect that has not received attention is the documentation of actual use and value of these products and therefore we are asking for your assistance to help us gather data and provide unbiased, scientifically sound evidence on the use and value of Pyrethroid Insecticides. A critical part of this effort is a short survey of pest management professionals who are the experts in applying these insecticides.

To Complete the Survey Please Click Here or copy and paste https://survey.confirmit.com/wix/2/p3079175592.aspx and enter the info below:

Log-in Password: NPMA2016 (capitalization needed)

Your participation is very important and the survey is being managed in a way to insure your confidentiality. A small, but statistically important number of professionals such as yourself are being asked to participate in this survey.

- The scientific credibility of the results depends on your participation.
- Your answers will be anonymous.

The descriptive data from the survey (no names, companies or even locations are being recorded) will be written up and shared with the National Pest Management Association, Pyrethroid Working Group, and the Environmental Protection Agency as part of the re-registration of Pyrethroids.

We have worked hard to make the survey as user-friendly as possible. The survey should take only 15 minutes to complete. If you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact aginfomatics@gmail.com
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MPMA Launches NEW Web-Site

The Michigan Pest Management Association has been working hard to update and launch our new web-site. Please visit it often at [www.mipma.org](http://www.mipma.org) for updated news and information concerning training and other MPMA Events.
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