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SPE THERMOFORMING DIVISION ANNOUNCES CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 'THERMOFORMER OF THE YEAR'

CAROL STREAM, IL, U.S.A., December 8, 2020: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has announced a call for nominations for the Thermoformer of the Year Award. The award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the thermoforming industry in a technical, educational or managerial capacity.

The nomination deadline is **March 31, 2021**. Nominations will be evaluated by the SPE Thermoforming Division Board of Directors during the Spring board meeting in May.

The 2021 Thermoformer of the Year will be recognized at the awards dinner held during the 28th Annual SPE Thermoforming Conference[®], which will take place September 20-22 at DeVos Place and the JW Marriott Grand Rapids Hotel in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The awards dinner will be held on September 21 at the hotel.

“We are approaching the 40th anniversary of the Thermoformer of the Year Award, and prior honorees continue to inspire us,” said Juliet Goff, SPE Thermoforming Division Board Member and Recognition Committee Chair. “The Division is seeking candidates who possess the same exceptional qualities and will inspire the next generation.”

The 2019 Thermoformer of the Year award was presented to Thomas Haglin of LINDAR Corporation. In November 2019, the SPE Thermoforming Division Board of Directors announced its decision to shift the conference format from annual to biennial. The Thermoformer of the Year award will continue to be presented in conjunction with the conference.

Guidelines for nominees and the required nomination form are posted online at <http://thermoformingdivision.com/awards-recognitions/thermoformer-of-the-year/nomination-form/>. All materials must be emailed to Juliet Goff at juliet@kal-plastics.com by the March 31 deadline.

Full information on the current and past winners of the Thermoformer of the Year Award is available at <https://www.thermoformingdivision.com>.

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research. The Division hosts an annual educational conference and publishes an award-winning technical journal, *SPE Thermoforming Quarterly*®. The Division has also funded over \$275K in equipment grants and tens of thousands of dollars in undergraduate scholarships since it was first formed. For more information, please visit <https://thermoformingdivision.com>.