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What's happening with the Healthcare Supply Chain Leadership Hall of Fame™

The Board of Directors (BOD) and Advisory Council (AC) are working on these key projects:

- 1. We wish everyone in the Bellwether Community the happiest of holidays.
- 2. We appreciate and thank all the BLFIRE17 event sponsors, donors and faithful sustaining sponsors for partnering with us under the shared mission of celebrating healthcare supply chain excellence. Access photos and videos on the website today, if you haven't already.
- 3. We also appreciate and thank the 2024 BOD and AC members for their dedicated service. In January, we will announce the BOD and AC members of 2025, along with several key initiatives.
- 4. BLF salutes the Gartner Healthcare Supply Chain Top 25 for 2024. Nearly three-fourths of this year's group have connections to the Bellwether Community. Visit BLF's web site for more.
- 5. BLF congratulates the inaugural recipients of our three 2024 educational scholarships. Emily Bruce earned the Jamie C. Kowalski Scholarship; Mohamed Kargbo earned the Lillian R. Matiska Scholarship; Abiodun Akingbaso earned the Robert A. Simpson Scholarship. We are accepting completed applications for the 2025 scholarships so please promote this opportunity among your student interns and fellow professionals. College students earning a degree or certificate in

supply chain and supply chain professionals earning certification and additional training and development are eligible.

 Fred's Podysseys: AC member Fred Crans, Bellwether Class of 2020, continues to educate, entertain and inform through his podcasts aired by Silver Sustaining Sponsor St. Onge. Co. His latest goes one-on-one with Gene Schneller, Ph.D., Bellwether Class of 2024. Before that, Fred interviewed Brent Johnson, Bellwether Class of 2014. How many other Bellwether Community members has he interviewed? Find out by visiting "Taking The Supply Chain Pulse" here at



https://takingthesupplychainpulse.buzzsprout.com and listen to some insightful conversations.

- 7. Nominate someone for the **Bellwether Honoree**, **Ammer Honoree** and **Future Famers Classes** of 2025. Download the nomination forms online. **Deadline: February 3, 2025.**
- 8. The BOD continues to work on a specific date and location for **BLFIRE18** in the autumn of 2025 so watch for announcements and updates on the website and here in "REMEMBER."
- BLF currently is accepting applications for the 2025 Collegiate Capstone Project. For more information, visit <u>https://www.bellwetherleague.org/scholarships.php</u>. If you would like to donate to or sponsor the Collegiate Capstone Project, email BLF at rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org.
- 10. If you have some time before year's end, visit BLF's "Leaders & Luminaries" page here: (<u>https://www.bellwetherleague.org/leaders-luminaries.php</u>) where you will find BLF Fireside Chats, REMEMBER e-newsletters, and Vintage Voice and Famed Flashbacks columns, Thought Leadership Podcasts and *Leaders & Luminaries* editions.
- 11. Visit **BLF's LinkedIn** page at <u>https://www.linkedin.com/company/bellwether-league/</u>. Connect with others to learn about BLF and share insights with industry thought leaders, pioneers, mentors, innovators, influencers and executives! Ryan Burke (Future Famers Class of 2022 and BLF Marketing Committee Chair) keeps you plugged in.
- 12. Spread the word: If you've earned the privilege to be called a Bellwether Honoree, Ammer Honoree or Future Famer you should be sharing and showing that honor to the world. <u>Wear your lapel pin</u>. Tell everyone! Include your status symbol in your bio, CV, email and letter signature lines and PowerPoint presentations. Spread the word!
- PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO BELLWETHER LEAGUE FOUNDATION IN 2025 OR BECOMING A SUSTAINING SPONSOR! Your donation or sustaining sponsorship helps to educate, honor, inform and research healthcare supply chain performance excellence. BLF is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so donations are tax-deductible.

Promote your healthcare supply chain thought leadership and vision

Be seen recognizing your customers via Sustaining, Event or Program Sponsorship or donation to a worthy cause! Opportunities include:

- Bellwether Leadership Symposium
- Leaders & Luminaries multimedia content
- Hall of Fame VIP Reception
- Hall of Fame Photography Session
- REMEMBER e-newsletter

- Beacon Awards (e.g., crystal lighthouses)
- BLFIRE Videography
- BLFIRE Event Program
- Collegiate Capstone Projects
- Philanthropic grants and dedicated scholarships

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Visit <u>www.bellwetherleague.org</u> and contact Bellwether League Foundation headquarters via telephone at (847) 466-7425 or email at <u>rickdanabarlow@bellwetherleague.org</u>.

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