



# GALA AWARDS

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# DINNER

HONOURING OUR  
**2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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EXCELLENCE IN MANUFACTURING  
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HAVE MADE OUTSTANDING  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
MANUFACTURING AND EXPORTING  
INDUSTRY, BOTH LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

# MENU

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## DINNER

Summer salad  
cherry tomato, cucumber, shaved carrots, artisan greens, Manitoba  
honey vinaigrette

Angus beef tenderloin  
truffle cauliflower purée, fried potato galette, roasted oyster mushrooms,  
glazed carrots, red wine gastrique

Dessert Reception

## WINE

Coup de Coeur, Pelee Island, VQA Niagara  
Blanc de Blanc, Pelee Island, VQA Niagara

# CME GALA AWARDS PROGRAM

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## WELCOME

Monique LaCoste, Emcee

## OPENING REMARKS

**Chad Brick**

CME Manitoba Board Chair

**Ron Koslowsky**

CME Manitoba Divisional Vice President

## DINNER

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## AWARDS PRESENTATION

Export Award | Emerging Award | Safety Leadership Award

Hall of Fame Pioneer Inductee | Hall of Fame Inductee

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## **EXPORT AWARD**

Granted each year to a company demonstrating excellence in expanding into geographic markets and through significant and sustained export sales.

## **EMERGING AWARD**

Designed to recognize relatively new companies who are distinguishing themselves through growth, impact and innovation. These organizations are likely to become future leaders in Manitoba.

## **SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Celebrates individuals who have demonstrated leadership in safety and health in the manufacturing industry. These individuals have a history of advancing safety and health practices within their organization and industry

## **PIONEER AWARD**

Recipients will have launched a successful company that significantly increased employment in manufacturing. The business may have successfully been passed on to others but is still viably operating.

## **HALL OF FAME AWARD**

Individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the development of their company or companies and success in their chosen industry. These individuals are visionary leaders and are strongly integrated into the community and demonstrate a positive impact with youth and students.

# EXPORT AWARD

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## ICON TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

Icon Technologies Limited is a privately held corporation based in Winkler, MB. From their start in 1998, their goal has been to provide innovative custom solutions to OEM and Aftermarket customers in the recreational vehicle market. Their expertise in thermoforming and rotational moulding has led to a robust catalogue of over 1,800, with more than 3,000 unique items produced in total on-site. While what they “do” is design and manufacture premium parts for RVs, their attention to customer service and experience has led to a dedicated following in the USA and beyond.

ICON’s ability to keep their business agile throughout the years has allowed them to take their company from a small-but-mighty custom shop to an impressive operation of over 125 employees. An efficient integration of product development capabilities, verification, and advanced manufacturing methods ensure that their products – and their company – are built to last.

Learn more at: [www.icondirect.com](http://www.icondirect.com)

# EMERGING AWARD

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## GLOBAL DRAIN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

Global Drain Technologies (GDT), is rapidly emerging as a leader in stainless steel drainage manufacturing. As a parent company to a suite of specialized brands including FoodSafeDrains, SlotDrain Systems, and Landscape Drains, GDT is carving a unique niche by offering purpose-built drainage solutions. The company's growth trajectory is a testament to its commitment to innovation, technology, and an understanding of customer needs. GDT manufacturers top-quality products certified to NSF standards.

This commitment to excellence is evident in the achievements of its FoodSafe brand. For consecutive years, FoodSafe Drains has played a crucial role in the success of leading food processing companies. In 2022, Pennsylvania-based Bell and Evans, and in 2023, Clemens Foods, both achieved the title of Food Plant of the Year, thanks in part to their partnership with GDT. These achievements are a direct testament to the hard work and dedication of GDT's remarkable team.

Learn more at [www.globaldraintech.com](http://www.globaldraintech.com)

# SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD

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## MITCH TETRAULT

President & CEO, Monarch Industries

Mitch Tetrault is the President and CEO for Monarch Industries Limited. He originally started with Monarch in 1987, gradually advancing to various management positions. His career took him to U.S. based Franklin Electric as their Vice President of Canadian and Consumer Divisions when Monarch divested the water pump division in 2007. Returning to Monarch in 2014, he joined a great team in transforming the company and in the past few years Monarch has enjoyed many successes including being recognized by Made Safe with the Safety Excellence in Manufacturing Award in 2023.

As a passionate business leader, Mitch has focused on developing Monarch's people, relentlessly supporting safety initiatives within all operations, while driving team-based growth in all aspects of the business.

As they enter 2024, they are committed to investing in their future, including a 109,000 sq ft expansion of their Winnipeg cylinder facility, maintaining a safety culture that is second to none in the industry and a relentless pursuit of operational excellence. Mitch credits in full the success of the safety program to Monarch's dedicated employees, safety committees and management team.

Learn more at: [www.monarchindustries.com](http://www.monarchindustries.com)



# PIONEER AWARD

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## MANITOBA COOPERATIVE HONEY PRODUCERS

On April 6, 1938, Manitoba Co-operative Honey Producers Limited was incorporated under The Companies Act, created out of a need for orderly marketing, a honey pasteurizing plant, packing under a brand name, and advertising and promotion of Manitoba honey. The majority of beekeepers at that time, while not enthusiastic about Co-operative principles, recognized that if they wanted a central processing, packing, and marketing organization, there was no alternative but to organize a Co-operative and establish their own plant.

Operating with scant resources and minimal processing equipment, the Cooperative embarked on its journey from a leased warehouse in downtown Winnipeg. This marked an exciting period as the Cooperative's beekeepers introduced their premium quality Canadian honey under a registered brand. In 1973, the name changed to Bee Maid Honey, and eventually became a favourite brand in Canadian households and abroad.

Bee Maid Honey stands as a proud testament to this joint venture, equally owned by the two cooperatives. They continue to uphold their commitment, sourcing Canadian honey from their dedicated beekeeper owners.

Learn more at: [www.beemaid.com](http://www.beemaid.com)

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

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## **DICKSON GOULD**

President, The Progressive Group

Dickson Gould is the President of The Progressive Group of Companies Inc., an organization whose operations range from agriculture, metal fabrication, and food processing. Dickson has had a longstanding career in the livestock production industry that spans over 40 years. Working with companies such as Elite Swine Inc., Landmark Feeds Inc., Maple Leaf Foods, and more, he led the growth of The Progressive Group to include such companies as Winkler Meats, Pioneer Meats, and Rainbow Trailers.

A grad of the U of M Agribusiness program, Dickson has been a strong advocate for the protein production and processing sectors for many years. In 2023, he became the chair of the Sustainable Protein Council, whose directive is to grow the value of the protein industry by leveraging the advantages of doing business in Manitoba with an ultimate goal of attracting investments and new businesses to our province.

Learn more at: [www.theprogressivegroup.ca](http://www.theprogressivegroup.ca)

# CME SCHOLARSHIPS

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CME's scholarship programs support the education of manufacturing workers. Your participation in our annual Made in Manitoba Golf Tournament, held in partnership with Food & Beverage Manitoba, builds and sustains the fund required to present these scholarships.

## **WOMEN IN MANUFACTURING SCHOLARSHIP**

Women in Manufacturing (WIM) is CME's pan-Canadian initiative that aims to increase the number of females employed in the manufacturing industry. This scholarship supports the education of women entering the manufacturing workforce.

## **MANUFACTURING TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship helps support and prepare the next generation for a career in manufacturing with a focus on growing skilled labour talent in Manitoba.

## **INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING SCHOLARSHIP**

CME is committed to supporting the inclusion and success of Indigenous communities across Canada. Through this scholarship, we aim to engage, support and reduce barriers to access to a quality education and in turn, rewarding career in manufacturing.

# CME WIM SCHOLARSHIP

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 RECIPIENTS

### **Zoe Hirose**

Tec Voc High School,

Aerospace Manufacturing and Maintenance Machining

Zoe Hirose is a passionate young woman with a background in electronics and a newfound enthusiasm for aerospace manufacturing. Zoe is currently excelling in the AMMOP Machining program at Tec-Voc. Her dedication extends beyond personal growth; she aims to inspire and mentor future generations, particularly young girls, emphasizing the importance of representation and diversity in the trades.

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### **Lexi Hamilton**

Red River College Polytech,

Welding

A determined young woman, Lexi Hamilton has found her passion in welding after exploring various jobs and realizing her happiness lies in hands-on work. Despite initial intimidation, she is thriving in her pre-employment welding classes at Red River Collegiate. Inspired by her supportive instructor and classmates, Lexi is aiming to break stereotypes and encourage more women to pursue careers in the trades.

# CME MANITOBA'S MANITOBA TRADE & TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 RECIPIENT

**Vince Denmark Dela Rosa**

Red River College Polytech,  
CNC Machinist Technician

Vince Denmark Dela Rosa, a first-year CNC Machinist Technician student at Red River College Polytech, seeks to pursue a career in manufacturing, specifically in the aviation industry, driven by his hands-on experience and passion cultivated through programs like AMMOP. Intending to secure a Red Seal as a machinist and contribute to addressing the looming shortage of skilled workers in manufacturing, Vince is determined to showcase the value and longevity of careers in this field, emphasizing its importance in society.

# CME MANITOBA'S INDIGENOUS MANUFACTURING SCHOLARSHIP

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**Mya Sanderson**

Welding

Mya finds purpose and belonging in the craft of welding and is driven by her belief to live life to the fullest. Aspiring to obtain her Red Seal in welding, she aims to make a meaningful impact by utilizing her skills to give back to her community and support others in need. Mya's journey in welding technology showcases her resilience and passion for hands-on work and demonstrates her commitment to mastering a crucial skill in the manufacturing industry.

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