

2019 Ron Taylor Award of Integrity and Commitment Recipients

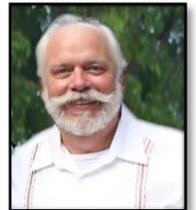
World Millwork Alliance recognizes lifetime commitment and humanitarian efforts.

NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA (August 15, 2019) - World Millwork Alliance (WMA), a not-for-profit trade organization servicing the millwork industry, is proud to announce the recipients of the 2019 Ron Taylor Award of Integrity and Commitment; Carl Detering, Jr. and Jeff Johnson.

The Ron Taylor Award (RTA) committee recognizes individuals who have set sterling examples of the three key components associated with the RTA – *Connection, Commitment and Contribution*. The prestigious awards will be presented October 8, 2019, at the WMA 55th Annual Convention & Tradeshow in Reno, Nevada.

Carl Detering, Jr. to be Honored with the 2019 Ron Taylor Award

Carl Detering, Jr. has been the president of The Detering Company since 1986. Established in 1926, The Detering Company is a third-generation family-owned and operated business in Houston, Texas. Honoring the legacy of his father and grandfather, Carl Detering, Jr. worked hard to grow the family business and to supply Houston with the highest quality building materials and supplies. In 2015, with the company's remarkable growth and expansion a new location brought an exciting new chapter allowing Detering to continue a building tradition of providing high quality craftsmanship and superior service to its customers.



Carl Detering, Jr.

Carl is known for his love of family; both his immediate family and the larger Detering *family* which encompasses every employee at The Detering Company. Carl's strong moral compass and commitment to others has helped to create a company culture resulting in 25% of his company personnel having been with The Detering Company for 10 years or more.

Over the years, Carl has dedicated himself to a variety of groups and organizations generously giving his time and resources to countless programs throughout the Houston community. Carl established the Kenny Parker Scholarship fund to help employees pay for their children's college education and the Carl and Phyllis Detering Foundation to support various organizations in and around Houston including: The Children's Museum of Houston, Texas Children's Hospital, TIRR Memorial Hermann Rehabilitation Hospital and many others. Carl leaves a lasting impression mentoring elementary school student in the Kids Hope program through his church, St. John the Divine. An active advocate for numerous causes and his efforts to better his community has earned Carl a proclamation from the Mayor declaring "Carl Detering Day" in Houston.

For more than three decades, Carl has been a proud member and supporter of World Millwork Alliance. Carl served as the 2006 WMA President, as an executive officer, board of director, WMA Ambassador and on numerous committees. Carl is an invaluable member WMA and the millwork industry.

Carl and his wife Kit have been married for 35 years. Carl has two children, Carlos Jr. and Cassie, who work at The Detering Company. Carl would say his greatest accomplishment are his five grandchildren and that "family is everything."

Jeff Johnson to be Honored with the 2019 Ron Taylor Award

Jeff Johnson grew up in an idyllic Eastmoreland neighborhood in Portland Oregon with his parents and sister. "I grew up on a block where everyone helped everyone else," says Jeff. "It was a way of life." Jeff's paper route and lawn service work helped teach him the value of hard work. Jeff was also involved in community service from an early age, joining the Boy Scouts until he became an Eagle Scout (his project was to rebuild the amphitheater at Reed College) and giving back to the community in various ways.



Jeff Johnson

His father was involved in the forest products industry and enjoyed working on several nonprofit boards and his mother freely gave her time to a variety of community service endeavors. "From my parents, I learned that if you worked hard, you could create your own destiny," says Jeff. "They gave me the tools to do well for myself and others."

After graduating from La Salle High school in 1981 where he was a member of the state basketball championship team, Jeff attended the University of Puget Sound. He graduated with a degree in business in 1985 and began working at Hillsdale Sash & Door in Portland Oregon, the northern division of Lone Star Door and Plywood.

In 1991, Jeff and Bob Harrison, one of the original owners of Lone Star, founded Western Pacific ("WestPac") Building Materials to serve the needs of new home contractors. WestPac now employs 400 employees from six locations in Colorado, Oregon, Texas and Washington State.

Jeff has been president and CEO of the company since 2007 and is devoutly focused on the company's mission: "I am the keeper of our mission," says Jeff. "It's extremely important that we provide a great customer and employee experience." He is very proud that the majority of his 400 employees have worked at WestPac for over 10 years, with many having been there for than 20 years.

Jeff truly enjoys spending time training and mentoring Western Pacific employees to help provide them with the tools to have a successful and rewarding life. Helping others is a common bond with Jeff and his management team. In 2017, Western Pacific founded a Catastrophic Relief Fund to assist employees during periods of unexpected financial crisis.

A longtime supporter and member of World Millwork Alliance, Jeff has been committed to supporting the progress and prosperity of the Association. Jeff served as 2009 WMA President, an executive officer, board of director, on numerous committees, a WMA Ambassador and remains an active member.

Jeff received the 2016 Arrupe Award: Jesuit High School initiated the Fr. Pedro Arrupe Award in 1998 to honor and recognize those whose service is a model of what it means to be a "person for others." Jeff's contribution in his community includes serving on the board of Oregon Episcopal School, Jesuit High School, Waverly Country Club and several industry related advisory boards. His social interests include Knight Cancer Institute and Children's Cancer Association.

Jeff has been married to his wife Kristen for 31 years and they have three children. During his children's youth he enjoyed coaching baseball, basketball, soccer and working with the local boy scout troop. Sons Taylor and Brooks work at Western Pacific in sales and purchasing. His daughter Morgan is a critical care nurse at Parkland Hospital in Dallas Texas.

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About WMA

Established in 1963, World Millwork Alliance is a wholesale distribution organization headquartered in New Port Richey, Florida. World Millwork Alliance is dedicated to the progression and prosperity of the millwork industry; a recognized leader providing networking, education, advocacy, and leadership for the millwork industry. For more information about World Millwork Alliance, contact 727-372-3665; or visit www.worldmillworkalliance.com.

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