

# EXCELLENCE AWARDS ANNOUNCE 2025 WINNERS FOR MIDWEST USA & KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (KSA): CELEBRATING TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS CONTINENTS

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The Excellence Awards team is proud to unveil the recipients of the CEO of the Year Awards Midwest USA 2025 and CEO of the Year Awards KSA 2025. These awards honour CEOs who are redefining leadership through innovation, resilience, and impact—each in their own unique cultural and economic context.

## Leading Through Transition – Midwest to Middle East

From Detroit to Des Moines, and from Riyadh to Jeddah — this year's honourees represent the spirit of progress in a world of accelerating change. They lead businesses that don't just adapt to disruption, but actively shape the future.

In the Midwest, awardees are revitalising the region's industrial roots with bold strategies in advanced manufacturing, AI, and sustainability. In Saudi Arabia, visionary leaders are contributing to the country's transformation under Vision 2030 by championing tech, entrepreneurship, and human capital development.

"Whether in Kansas City or Riyadh – today's CEOs are not only business leaders, but architects of economic transformation." – Dr Yasemin Yazan, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Excellence Awards

## CEO of the Year Awards Midwest USA 2025

### Celebrating the Winners:

- Ami Alford – Active Aging
- Amy Yan – IT Consulting & Government Contracting
- Asif Vadarla – Advisor in Strategic Tax Reduction Planning
- Azeem Moazzamuddin – Mezzanine Finance & Commercial Mortgage Solutions
- Bailey McMurray – Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care Advancement
- Benjamin Walsh – Drinking Water Safety
- Brenda Siri – HR Consulting & Talent Acquisition
- Brett Ewing – AI-Augmented Security Testing & Consulting
- Brian Kingsolver – Client-Centered Insurance Solutions
- Buffie Blesi – Social Impact Entertainment & Media Production
- Candice Cherry – Luxury Glassware & Decorative Gift Collection
- Chad Dull – Public Engagement & Community Empowerment
- Chris Albertson – Holistic Financial Strategy Development
- Chris Wilson – Innovation in Treatment & Mental Health
- Christina Rodriguez – Media Strategy for Creator Economy
- Courtney Jordan – Leadership in Holistic Mental Health Advocacy
- Craig Peterson – VR Gaming & Educational Content Transformation
- Damian Meredith – Indoor Air & Health Solutions
- Dana Georgiou – Mortgage Industry Leadership & Education
- Dean Solden – Innovation in Senior Living
- Derrell Noris – Digital Transformation Support for Enterprises
- Dion Green – Community-Led Violence Recovery & Support Services
- Dr Adil Dalal – Human-Centered AI and Neuroscience Integration
- Dr Alexis Brinkley – Global Humanitarian & Social Impact Initiatives
- Dr Marcia Dinkins – Community Advocacy
- Dr Tandy Tipps – Oncology CRO
- Dr Tonja Grimble – STEM Education
- Drew Aldinger – Cybersecurity & IT Solutions
- Ellen Williams – Business Consulting
- Faye Nemer – Business Connectivity & Economic Development
- Franco Kraiselburd – Regenerative Medicine Innovation
- Gopal Chamarthi – Mobility Technology & Predictive Analytics
- JD Harris – Cybersecurity Solutions for SMBs
- Jolly Nanda – Predictive Healthcare Analytics & Patient Empowerment
- Jordan Coleman – Women's Leadership Empowerment Initiatives
- Joselyn Villalobos – Strategic Leadership in Tropical Agriculture
- Julie Shrader – Survivor Aftercare & Trauma Recovery
- JW Curtis – Media Production
- Kalob Cavanaugh – Commercial Cleaning Services
- Karen Fry – Transformational Journeys
- Kerstin Oleta – Leadership & Body Language Strategy
- Kevin Lasser – Innovation in Healthcare Payment Audits
- Kim Beechner – Hospitality Marketing & Brand Strategy
- Kimberly Ferguson – Financial Strategy and Advisory Services
- Kodie Kennedy – Privacy-First B2B Sales
- Kyle Smith – Leadership in Human-Centered HR Solutions
- Latame Phillips – Leadership in Child Food Security & Philanthropic Ecosystem
- Leah Sonogo – Adaptive Sports & Inclusion Initiatives
- Linda Hafstad – Website Redesign & Creative Consulting
- Luis Cruz – Leadership in Inclusive Cultural Advocacy
- Mallory Herrin – Strategic HR Solutions & Consulting
- Mark Vandyke – Emergency Services & Safety Engagement
- Melanie Barrett – Mission-Driven Innovation in Wheelchair-Accessible Design
- Michael Conlee – Security and Digital Service Operations
- Michael Polk – AI-Driven Investment Discovery Platform
- Michael White – Film Production
- Moiz Khan – B2B Lead Generation
- Neeru Sharma – Innovation in Executive Coaching Programs
- Peter Lane – Aviation Maintenance Technician Education
- Quentin Sauvage – Real-Time Tracking Solutions for Supply Chain
- Rafael A. Silva – LMS & Workforce Optimization Solutions
- Rahul Dedhia – Property Management Solutions
- Raynetta Bates – Grief Support & Foster Care Aid
- Rebecca Prejean – Accessibility Consulting & Inclusive Experience Design
- Rick Davis – Mortgage Lending
- Robert Curry – Medical Support & Technology for First Responders
- Robert Powell – Youth Empowerment
- Samson Alexis – Translation Services
- Sandra Formenton – Urban Air Mobility Ecosystem Development
- Sarah Watson – Heritage & Education-Driven Tourism
- Sheri Chaney Jones – Social Impact Measurement Technology
- Tameka Rushing – Leadership Development
- Tammy Marshall – Health Transformation
- Tatev Aslanyan – Global AI Education Platform Leadership
- Vicky Wu – Marketing Strategy
- Will Porter – AI-Powered Marketing & Business Solutions
- Yisbet Segrea – Oil & Gas Logistics & Community Engagement

## CEO of the Year Awards KSA 2025

### Celebrating the Winners:

- Abdullah Afzal – Import & Supply Chain Kitchen & Home Products
- Ajmal Khan – Logistics & Supply Chain
- Alaa Alsuwilah – Educational Leadership Training with Finnish Approach
- Ali Alresaini – Digital Health Marketplace
- Khaled Hashem – Innovation in Tourism Access & Discovery Format
- Khalid Bahabri – Risk Strategy for Financial and Government Sectors
- Mohamed Ibrahim – AI and RPA in Administrative Services
- Raia Alballa – Industrial Parts & Engineering
- Walid Mahmoud – Digitization of Commercial Property Transactions

Each of these CEOs was nominated and selected following a merit-based review conducted by the Excellence Awards Nominations Team. Selections reflect measurable industry impact, innovation, and leadership excellence.

"Leadership is no longer about stability—it's about agility, responsibility, and bold vision. These honourees exemplify what it means to lead across cultures and industries." – Mona Tenjo, Co-Editor-in-Chief

## Global Visibility & Ongoing Impact

All awardees will be showcased in the official Excellence Awards Magazine and featured in the Hall of Fame A-Z Listing — a long-term digital archive celebrating outstanding leadership across sectors and geographies.

"The Excellence Awards are a tribute not only to what has been accomplished — but to the future these leaders are helping to build." – Almaz Andezion, Co-Editor-in-Chief

## About the Excellence Awards

The Excellence Awards, hosted by Dr Yasemin Yazan LLC, recognise professionals and organisations across the world whose work exemplifies excellence, innovation, and impact. With a global reach and local relevance, each awards round focuses on specific regions and industries.

To learn more about the awards and view past recipients, visit: [www.excellenceawards.global](http://www.excellenceawards.global)

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