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**AMERICAN HOME FURNISHINGS HALL OF FAME OPENS NOMINATIONS FOR
2023 HOME FURNISHINGS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE AT HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY**

HIGH POINT, N.C., Sept. 29, 2022 – The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame has opened nominations for the 2023 Home Furnishings Leadership Institute. It will be held Feb. 19 to 23, 2023 at High Point University.

The class is limited to 25 leaders who are under 40 years old and selected based on competitive nominations from across the industry. Nominations close Oct. 31.

“The Institute changes each year with all-new topics and materials relevant to today’s business landscape,” says Karen McNeill, Hall of Fame CEO. “The content planning is almost completed and will be a powerful platform of interaction with inducted members of the Hall of Fame, lively peer discussions, lectures, and group presentations. A critical element of the mission of the Hall of Fame is to inspire a new class of leaders. Through peer learning, the Institute is connecting the industry’s finest emerging leaders with one another as they grow into becoming stronger leaders.”

Based on the prestigious Harvard Business School Seminar for the Young President’s Organization and Chief Executives Organization – attended by many leaders in the industry – the focused tutorial seminars are held each year at High Point University. Participants who attend three institutes will be honored as a Home Furnishings Leadership Institute Fellow and will be awarded a graduation certificate and digital badge. Classes and discussion groups will utilize the new state of the art Nido and Mariana Qubein Arena and Conference Center on the HPU campus. Room and board at the adjoining Jana and Ken Kahn Hotel are included with the \$6,000 tuition.

“The keynote interviews with inducted members of the Hall of Fame were highly effective and inspiring last year,” says Caroline Hipple, Hall of Fame Board president and president of Norwalk Furniture. “The inductees themselves found it rewarding to challenge the participants during engaging discussions about difficult decisions that must be made in some of the real-life situations that they have experienced. It was a beautiful example of the impact of meaningful interactions between seasoned leaders and those emerging leaders aspiring to achieve positions in the C-suite. This is what the Hall of Fame is all about: serving as a catalyst for change.”

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About High Point University:

At High Point University, every student receives an extraordinary education in an inspiring environment with caring people.® HPU, located in the Piedmont Triad region of North Carolina, is a liberal arts institution with 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students. U.S. News & World Report has ranked

HPU the No. 1 Best Regional College in the South for 11 consecutive years and the No. 1 Most Innovative Regional College in the South for eight consecutive years. The Princeton Review named HPU in the 2023 edition of “The Best 388 Colleges” and on the Best Southeastern Colleges “2023 Best Colleges: Region by Region” list. HPU was also recognized among the Top 20 in the nation for Best-Run Colleges, Best Career Services, Most Beautiful Campus, Most Active Student Government Association, Best College Dorms and Best Campus Food, as well as a Great School for Business/Finance Majors and a Great School for Communication Majors. For 12 years in a row, HPU has been named a College of Distinction with special recognition for career development, business and education programs. The university has 64 undergraduate majors, 66 undergraduate minors and 19 graduate degree programs. It is a member of the NCAA, Division I and the Big South Conference. Visit High Point University on the web at highpoint.edu.

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About the Hall of Fame:

The American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc., is an industry-wide organization founded in 1988 to preserve the history of the home furnishings industry, to celebrate exceptional individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to the U.S. home furnishings industry, and to inspire the next generation of innovative leaders. In 2019, the organization purchased a building at 311 S. Hamilton St. in High Point. Our new home will be a symbol of the Home Furnishings Capital of the World™ where the industry gathers, where we tell our story and learn from our past, and where we inspire future generations. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, funds support our history and leadership programming. The organization currently is based in High Point, North Carolina, at 202 Neal Place, Suite 101, and can be reached at 336.882.5900. Watch for ongoing developments and details about the grand opening of a new permanent home at www.homefurnishingshalloffame.com, which is set for April 2023.

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