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### **Announcing Wisconsin's 2019 Champions of Employee Wellbeing** *presented by The Wellness Council of Wisconsin (WCWI)*

WCWI is a community of connected employers who are transforming Wisconsin's workforce. For many years, our member organizations have had the opportunity to receive national recognition for their overall employee wellbeing strategies through WELCOA's Well Workplace Award. Additionally, the employees participating in these strategies have had the opportunity to be recognized through WCWI's Light of Wellness Awards. For the first time in 30 years, we are excited to individually recognize the designers, leaders, and influencers who are actively creating the strategy of these employee wellbeing initiatives through The WCWI Leaderboard: Wisconsin's Champions of Employee Wellbeing.

The WCWI Leaderboard nominations were opened in February 2019. WCWI received over 30 nominations of senior leaders, wellness practitioners, and wellness team members throughout the state who are truly moving the needle within their organization and/or clients they serve.

The nominations were reviewed by a committee of WCWI Board of Directors and WCWI staff, and the selected finalists represent Wisconsin's Champions of Employee Wellbeing. These 7 Champions play a lead role in developing an employee wellbeing strategy that supports the employee as a whole and they are creating true change within organizational culture.

We applaud these individuals who are transforming Wisconsin's workforce:

- Carri LaPlant, Aurora Health Care (Consultant, Appleton)
- Haleigh Kaiser, Moraine Park Technical College (Education, Fond du Lac)
- Julie Ortman, Verve, a credit union (Financial, Oshkosh)
- Sherri Samuels-Fuerst, Sargento (Manufacturing, Sheboygan)
- Julie Lyons, Kohler Co. (Manufacturing, Kohler)
- Debra Lafler, WI Dept of Health Services (Public Government, Madison)
- Julie Hoyt, Hoffmaster Group (Service, Oshkosh)

Learn more about each Champion at:

<https://www.wellnesscouncilwi.org/WCWI/Recognition/WCWILeaderboard>.

Nominations for our 2020 Champions are open and will close sometime February/March of 2020 with more details to follow.

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