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Wounded Warrior Dan Nevins to Speak at New Fox Cities Gala Event

Fox Cities Chamber to present "Celebrate Fox Cities" Annual Dinner Oct. 14 in Appleton

FOX CITIES, Wis. (May 25, 2021) – The Fox Cities Chamber will host its first-ever Celebrate Fox Cities Annual Dinner Oct. 14 in Appleton.

This new Chamber event at the Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel, sponsored by The Boldt Company, will recognize and connect the Fox Cities business community. The black-tie-optional affair will also feature a keynote address, sponsored by ThedaCare.

Dan Nevins will be the evening's featured keynote speaker. The 2008 recipient of the Wounded Warrior Project's George C. Lang Award for Courage will share not only his personal story of losing two legs in combat in 2004, but words of encouragement and hope he has gleaned since through his veterans' advocacy work and his study of mindfulness, meditation, and yoga.

"There was a lot of will and enthusiasm for making a new event happen, and we're enthusiastic about a return to the in-person social scene," said Fox Cities Chamber President and CEO Becky Bartoszek. "We expect that the Celebrate Fox Cities Annual Dinner will become a 'must-attend' annual event in the Fox Cities business community, with memorable moments and experiences like we know Dan Nevins' presentation will be. Save the date!"

In recognition of Nevins' U.S. military service, the evening will include special recognition of veterans in our community.

"We know many of the leaders in our business community started their leadership careers with military service, so this will be a great opportunity to recognize the intersection of these experiences," Bartoszek said.

"This event will be a momentous occasion to celebrate high performers and change-makers in the Fox Cities business community after one of the most challenging times in our history," said Ben Bruns, executive vice president and general manager at The Boldt Company. "Boldt is proud to help build our community, and the Chamber is providing an incredible opportunity to celebrate the face-to-face renewal of our collective journey."

Four of the Chamber's 2021 business awardees will also be recognized on stage during the event, including the recipients of the Athena Leadership Award, Small Business of the Year Award, and Large Business of the Year Award, as well as this year's inductee into the Fox Cities Business Hall of Fame. Nominations for all business awards, including these honors, will be available starting June 14 on the Fox Cities Chamber website at www.foxcitieschamber.com.



Tickets (\$125) for this new signature event will be available this summer via the Fox Cities Chamber. Sponsorship opportunities remain available. Contact Fox Cities Chamber Vice President Sharla Jens at sjens@foxcitieschamber.com for more information about partnering on this exciting new event, including the opportunity to sponsor veterans' attendance.

For the latest event information, stay tuned to the Fox Cities Chamber website at <https://foxcitieschamber.com/community/celebrate-fox-cities-annual-dinner/>.

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About Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce

The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce captures the energy of one of Wisconsin's most dynamic regions and transforms it into innovative programs and services that promote employers, economic development, and quality of life in the Fox Cities region. The Fox Cities Chamber serves all of the Fox Cities communities within the counties of Outagamie, Calumet, and the northern portion of Winnebago. For more information, visit www.foxcitieschamber.com.

About Dan Nevins

Dan Nevins is a professional speaker who has been inspiring audiences around the world with his message of perseverance, resiliency and hope for more than a decade. A highly decorated soldier, Dan was severely injured during combat in Iraq in 2004 after an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated beneath his vehicle. He lost both legs below the knee, and lives with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and the emotional wounds of war. Dan credits Wounded Warrior Project with his successful rehabilitation, which instilled a "can-do" attitude, positive outlook and passion for helping his fellow wounded warriors in him. He quickly became an advocate for the organization, inspiring both his peers and the public to create positive change for themselves and those around them, simply by sharing his powerful story. For more information, visit www.dannevins.com.