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Sheryl Wohlford, Janelle King to be recognized at Chamber's 56th annual Honors Night

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Wichita, KS – Sheryl Wohlford, president and co-owner of Automation-Plus, Inc. (a manufacturing company founded in Wichita in 1987), is the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce's **2019 Uncommon Citizen**. The native Wichitan and community advocate will be recognized at the 56th annual Honors Night celebration on Thursday, April 25, presented by Metro Courier, Inc.

Established in 1974, the Uncommon Citizen is the Chamber's most prestigious individual award. It recognizes those who, by their individual efforts year after year, have made uncommon contributions to the people and institutions of Wichita and the surrounding area. Recipients are honored not only for their role in business but for their participation in cultural, civic, social and philanthropic activities.

A graduate of Wichita State University, Wohlford's career has also included the Unisys Corporation and Koch Industries. Civic engagement is a priority in Wohlford's life, which has led her to serve in leadership roles on numerous community boards including: American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, Fidelity Bank, Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition, Kansas Chamber of Commerce, Music Theatre of Wichita, Rotary Club of Wichita, Sedgwick County Zoo, Shocker Athletic Scholarship Organization, Surency Health and Life, Tallgrass Film Festival, Wichita Community Foundation, Wichita River Festival, and WSU Alumni Association. The Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce has also been the beneficiary of Wohlford's leadership in multiple facets. She served as Chair of the Chamber's Board of Directors in 2003, a trustee of the Leadership Wichita program, and a board member of the Young Professionals of Wichita.

Janelle King, owner of The Workroom, is the Chamber's **2019 Exceptional Young Leader**. Established in 2017, the award provides premiere recognition of extraordinary young talent who have a history of demonstrated leadership within their job and philanthropic involvement.

King is a community activist, art advocate, interior designer and entrepreneur who moved to Wichita in 1992 with her family. Her focus and passion for interior design led to her opening her own business, The Workroom, in 2013. The store offers interior design services, a custom home textile sewing workroom and serves as a retail outlet for more than 80 local artists. King is the chairperson for the Douglas Design District and serves on the City of Wichita Design Council and Wichita State University's Ulrich Museum Alliance Board. King has built a reputation for

activating community pride through events like Avenue Art Days, LevelUP, the 2nd Saturday Artisan Market and the Blackout ICT pledge campaign.

“Recognizing individual efforts and leadership in our community at Honors Night is what makes the event so rewarding and uplifting,” said Jackie Gearhart, Vice President of Treasury Management at UMB Bank and Chair of the 2019 Honors Night Committee. “We are excited to acknowledge Sheryl and Janelle for the tremendous impact they have had on the city, and I know those who join us to celebrate on April 25 will enjoy learning more about their inspiration and commitment to the future of Wichita.”

A tradition started in 1963, Honors Night celebrates an outstanding individual, an exceptional young professional, exemplary corporate citizens, exceptional commitment to the community, and a striking architectural achievement. All of the honors have special meaning because each contributes to the greater well-being of our community.

The announcement of the remaining Honors Night recipients are forthcoming. Reservations for Honors Night may be made online. For tickets and additional information, visit wichitachamber.org or call 316-268-1123.

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