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**AUTOMOTIVE STEEL INDUSTRY EXPERTS HONORED
BY AUTO/STEEL PARTNERSHIP**

Award Recipients Recognized for Helping to Find Industrial Solutions

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (Nov. 13, 2019) – 25 individuals representing steel producing companies and automakers were recognized November 5 at an awards ceremony sponsored by [Auto/Steel Partnership \(A/SP\)](#). Representatives from the automotive and steel industries attended the *Award of Excellence* 2019 Winners' Breakfast at the Skyline Club in Southfield. Direct company supervisors of the winners, A/SP project team leads and industry peers were all in attendance.

“The *Excellence* awards acknowledge those from our consortium who have demonstrated innovation through collaboration,” said John K. Catterall, Executive Director, Auto/Steel Partnership. “The award winners are leaders in their fields, and their contributions to the automotive and steel industry partnership have been outstanding. This recognition is much deserved.”

Award selections were based on A/SP project work conducted in 2018 and voted on by the Joint Policy Council of the Partnership. Criteria included demonstrating technical expertise necessary to execute or significantly contribute to project results with excellence and on time.

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Certificates and trophies were awarded to:

Individual Category

- 1) Adam Kotlarek, General Motors Company
- 2) Yu-Wei Wang, AK Steel Corporation
- 3) D.J. Zhou, FCA US LLC

Most Valuable Player Category

- 1) Mai Huang, ArcelorMittal
- 2) Dean Kanelos, Nucor Corporation
- 3) Michael Karagoulis, General Motors Company

Project Team Category

Stamping Team, Project Team Members:

- 1) Jason Bigelow, Gestamp
- 2) Mai Huang, ArcelorMittal
- 3) Haoling Jia, AK Steel Corporation
- 4) Rick Johnson, FCA US LLC
- 5) Hokook Lee, POSCO America - Detroit Office
- 6) Evangelos Liasi, Ford Motor Company
- 7) Paul McKune, Martinrea International
- 8) Vincent Millioto, Gestamp
- 9) Dillon (Zhi-Guo) Qin, General Motors Company
- 10) Stuart Quinn, Ford Motor Company
- 11) Feng Ren, Ford Motor Company
- 12) Chris Roman, General Motors Company
- 13) Yinong Shen, Ford Motor Company
- 14) J.P. Singh, General Motors Company
- 15) Thomas Stoughton, General Motors Company
- 16) Weiping Sun, Nucor Corporation
- 17) Yu-Wei Wang, AK Steel Corporation
- 18) Hong Yao, ArcelorMittal
- 19) D.J. Zhou, FCA US LLC
- 20) Yongjun Zhou, FCA US LLC
- 21) Hong Zhu, ArcelorMittal

Key Collaborator Category

Daniel Schaeffler, Engineering Quality Solutions, Inc.

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Auto/Steel Partnership is an automotive material consortium comprised of North American automotive Original Manufacturing Equipment (OEM) companies and steel producers from the [American Iron and Steel Institute's](#) Automotive Applications Council. Members of the Partnership leverage shared research in a pre-competitive environment as they work together to identify industrial solutions. Project teams within the Partnership conduct real-time studies in vehicle design applications using steel, the material.

Auto/Steel Partnership member companies include: AK Steel Corporation, Algoma Steel, Inc., ArcelorMittal, FCA US LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Gestamp, Martinrea International, Nucor Corporation, POSCO America, and Ternium. For more information, visit www.a-sp.org.