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

*Award Recipients Recognized for Helping to Find Industrial Solutions*

**SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (Oct. 27, 2020)** – Thirty-six individuals representing steel producing companies and automakers were recognized today during the *Award of Excellence* presentation as part of the Tech Day 2020 event sponsored by [Auto/Steel Partnership \(A/SP\)](#).

“The Auto/Steel Partnership succeeds because of innovation through collaboration. The Excellence awards acknowledge those from the consortium who have demonstrated this skill and the winners were chosen by their peers in the automotive and steel industries as leaders in their field,” said Michael Davenport, Executive Director, Auto/Steel Partnership. “Their outstanding contributions continue to move A/SP and the industry forward.”

Award selections were based on A/SP project work conducted over the past year 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) Hassan Ghassemi-Armaki, ArcelorMittal
- 2) Evangelos Liasi, Ford Motor Company
- 3) Joseph Polewarczyk, General Motors Company

**Most Valuable Player Category**

- 1) J.P. Singh, General Motors Company
- 2) Thomas Stoughton, General Motors Company
- 3) Dajun Zhou, FCA US LLC

**Project Team Category**

Joining Team, Project Team Members:

- 1) Hassan Ghassemi-Armaki, ArcelorMittal, Team Lead
- 2) Sheshadri Anantharam, FCA US LLC
- 3) Adam Ballard, General Motors Company
- 4) Constantin Chiriac, Ford Motor Company
- 5) Steven Cipriano, General Motors Company
- 6) Ted Coon, Ford Motor Company
- 7) Mark Fistler, FCA US LLC
- 8) Dean Kanelos, Nucor Corporation
- 9) Hamid Keshtkar, FCA US LLC
- 10) Qaiser Khan, ArcelorMittal
- 11) Srinath Kistampally, Martinrea International
- 12) Shawn Kruczyk, Martinrea International
- 13) Hokook Lee, POSCO America
- 14) Bryan Macek, FCA US LLC
- 15) Narayan Menon, FCA US LLC
- 16) Vincent Millioto, Martinrea International
- 17) Andrea Orr, Ford Motor Company
- 18) Michael Palko, Ford Motor Company
- 19) Juan Pablo Pedraza, Ternium
- 20) Robert Ruokolainen, FCA US LLC
- 21) Michael Shaw, FCA US LLC
- 22) J.P. Singh, General Motors Company
- 23) Mohan Subramanian, AK Steel, A Cleveland-Cliffs Company
- 24) Weiping Sun, Nucor Corporation
- 25) Zhenke Teng, General Motors Company

- 26) Bill Trojanowski, FCA US LLC
- 27) Zhifen Wang, ArcelorMittal
- 28) Tingting Zhang, General Motors Company
- 29) Eduardo Zuniga, Ford Motor Company

**Key Collaborator Category**

- 1) Michael Worswick, University of Waterloo

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