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2020 AACATX

*10th Anniversary*  
AWARDS GALA & EXPO



NOVEMBER 5, 2020

## PROGRAM

AACATX Program

Welcome

National Anthem, Ner de Leon

Featured Speaker, Fred Perpall

Featured Speaker, Peter Saddington

Music Dedication, Ner de Leon

Awards Presentation

Expo & Prize Drawings

Special thanks to

Ner de Leon, Saxophonist

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Thank you for your attendance and support of our 2020 AACATX 10 th Anniversary Awards Gala and Expo honoring our outstanding award recipients.

I especially want to thank all our partners and sponsors for helping make this gala and many other programs possible, providing training and opportunities, giving us encouragement, and your partnership and support over the past 10 years. We at AACATX would not be where we are today without you!

Although this has been an unusual and challenging year due to the Covid- 19 pandemic, we have seen our members, partners, sponsors, and communities come together to help and care for one another to the best of our abilities. When our communities get stronger – so do our businesses!

Also, thank you to our Frontline, First Responders, and Healthcare Heroes for your sacrifice and dedication in serving our communities.

Our organization will continue to grow, work together, and serve together with our partners and members in Capacity Building, Networking, and Diversity and Inclusion to make a bigger difference within our communities.

Remember – we are all in this Together and we will get stronger!

Regards,



Ken M. Tse, AIA

## 2020 AACATX AWARDS GALA

**Peter Saddington**  
Founder & Author - Agile For All

### FEATURED SPEAKER



Peter Saddington is a lifelong entrepreneur over two decades with a focus on building companies from zero to acquisition. He has founded four successful startups from bootstrapped to venture funded with several being acquired.

He has published 3 books, one that was Amazon top 100 business books in 2012, and has 3 graduate degrees in the social sciences, counseling, education, and theology.

His current startup is in the cryptocurrency space solving the problems of universal basic income worldwide, providing financial inclusion, and empowering entrepreneurs across the globe to build their dreams.

**Fred Perpall**  
CEO - The Beck Group

### FEATURED SPEAKER



Fred Perpall presides over one of the world's largest integrated design-build firms in the world, with award-winning building projects spanning across the globe. A registered architect, Fred leads the 108-year-old firm's domestic and international design, planning, and construction business. He is also a member of the prestigious American Institute of Architects College of Fellows, an alumnus of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program and a former Americas Fellow at The Baker Institute at Rice University.

An active member of the Dallas community, Fred is Chairman of the Dallas Citizens Council and a Director for Triumph Bancorp. He also serves on the Board of Councilors for The Carter Center, a member of the United States Golf Association Executive Committee, and, most recently, co-chair of Dallas' COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force.

## 2020 AACATX AWARDS GALA

**Ner De Leon**  
Saxophonist

### PERFORMANCE BY



Ner De Leon is a master musician, recording artist, and independent record producer, who has been playing the saxophone since he was 8 years old and hails from a long line of musical pioneers in the Philippine music industry.

An alumnus of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, Ner has developed a fresh new sound that reflects his eagerness to push boundaries and to make music that challenges the mind as it rewards the soul. One only has to listen to a few bars of the artist playing to be awed by the unique and rich timbre that enhances the overall musical experience of his followers.

Ner has played in Las Vegas, several other U.S. cities, and other countries as well. Through his independent record label, NDL Entertainment, Ner has successfully released eight albums and shows no sign of slowing down.

## 2020 AACATX AWARDS

**OUTSTANDING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

**OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR**

**OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE YEAR**

**OUTSTANDING PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

# 2020 AACATX AWARDS GALA

## OUTSTANDING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

### CAFÉ MOMENTUM



Café Momentum, a Dallas-based restaurant and culinary training facility, transforms young lives by equipping our community's most at-risk youth with life skills, education and employment opportunities to help them achieve their full potential.

In collaboration with the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Department, they strive to teach young adolescent men and women that it is possible to break the cycle of violence and crime that many of these teens have faced. They focus on creating environments for these youth

where they can gain self-confidence and learn marketable skills for a more successful future.

#### Recognition Highlights:

- Nonprofit business focuses on helping at-risk youths
- Development of social and life skills
- 62% of Interns are homeless
- Provide hope, confidence, and motivation
- Nearly 1,000 interns since 2012

## OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

### DALLAS CITIZENS COUNCIL



Founded in 1937, Dallas Citizens Council has a long legacy of furthering the visionary initiatives that have led to significant progress for Dallas. The organization helped lead the way for the development of Central Expressway, establish Southwestern Medical School, and advocate for desegregation. In more recent years, Dallas Citizens Council supported the

entertainment arena now known as the American Airlines Center, created the committee that would develop the downtown Arts District, and formed a coalition that led to the successful stabilization of the Dallas Police and Fire Pension System.

#### Recognition Highlights:

- Provides leadership on issues that move Dallas Forward, to lead & serve in the moments
- Powerful group of 170 CEO's and top business leaders
- Promote Inclusive Growth – Education, Mobility, Housing, Quality of Life
- Donated over 400,000 mask to DallasForward initiative to help small businesses and communities

# 2020 AACATX AWARDS GALA

## OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE YEAR

### OPERATION CARE INTERNATIONAL



Operation Care International is a nonprofit ministry dedicated to caring for the homeless in Dallas and impoverished children around the world. They partner with many different organizations, ranging from worldwide

nonprofits to local businesses and churches, to bring vital services and resources to those in need. With the help of financial donors, volunteers, and their community partners they help those in Dallas, Texas, the United States and around the world.

#### Recognition Highlights:

- Bridge the gap – reuniting the homeless through community
- Provided multiple PPE's and food donations to over 20 homeless shelters monthly since the pandemic
- Annual Christmas event for over 9,000 homeless and impoverished at the Dallas Convention Center

## OUTSTANDING PARTNER OF THE YEAR

### DFW AIRPORT



Dallas Fort Worth International Airport creates innovative, varied, and efficient experiences that open horizons. They embody the local culture of hospitality for their customers and add to that a global, business-first attitude with their partners and the airlines.

They create and sustain a business environment that enables disadvantaged, small, minority and women-owned business enterprises (D/SM/WBEs) to compete equitably for business opportunities and achieve economic success, contributing to DFW's overall mission of expanding economic benefits.

#### Recognition Highlights:

- One of AACATX's first & most supportive Partners since our beginning
- Committed to helping communities & growing partnership even during challenging times
- One of the most important economic engines in North Texas
- Becomes the busiest airport in the world during COVID-19

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# Congratulations!

The City of Dallas Office of Business & Workforce Inclusion proudly supports the AACATX's 10th Anniversary and Awards Gala

*We would like to extend our congratulations to tonight's award winners and nominees.*



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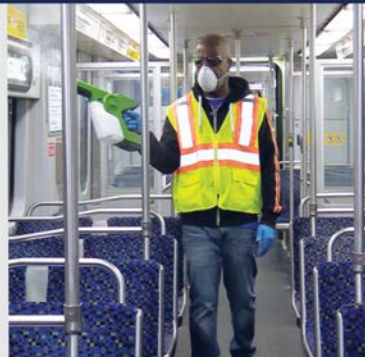
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In order to best serve Parkland's mission – dedicated to the health and well-being of the individuals and communities entrusted to our care – our organization must be a reflection of those we serve. We are committed to working with minority and women-owned businesses in our community.



## AWARD WINNERS CONTACT INFO



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