

## **Ripon Printers Receives 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award from Marian University**

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Ripon Printers, a leading printer of catalogs, publications, manuals and soft-cover educational products, recently received the 2011 Entrepreneur of the Year Award as part of the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Marian University Business & Industry Awards. Ripon Printers' President, Andy Lyke, received the award at a November 1 dinner presentation held at Marian University. The Business & Industry Awards helps raise money for scholarships for students in the Marian University School of Business.

In presenting the Entrepreneur of the Year award, it was noted that beginning with just 12 employees, Ripon Printers has remained a family business and has grown to over 240 employees. The company has also embarked on the Lean journey, seeking ways to reduce waste, operate more efficiently and support environmental sustainability. Ripon Printers was recently awarded a total of 12 first place awards in the 2011 Web Offset Association Print Competition and the 2011 Graphic Excellence Awards.

"Ripon Printers was nominated by several people from the area," said Jeff Reed, dean of Marian University's school of business. "...They do good quality work and are very supportive of the community."

"I'm delighted that we received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award," said Andy Lyke, president of Ripon Printers. "It's recognition of the hard work our employees do to please our customers. An entrepreneurial spirit runs throughout the company and plays a major role in our ability to successfully compete in a rapidly evolving marketplace."

The Business & Industry Awards recognized four additional Wisconsin companies for their achievements. Those businesses included New Glarus Brewing Company (Business of the Year), Kondex Corporation (Economic Development) and C.D. Smith Construction and Hornung's Pro Golf (Special Achievement). Bob Fale, president and CEO of Agnesian HealthCare, Inc. received the George Becker Business Spirit Award.

**About Marian University**

Founded as Marian College in 1936 by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, Marian University is a coeducational, Catholic college providing a values-based applied liberal arts education. The university's core values are Community, Learning, Service, Social Justice, and Spiritual Traditions. The 104-acre campus is in a residential area of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

<http://www.marianuniversity.edu/homepage.aspx>

### **About Ripon Printers**

Ripon Printers serves small to mid-sized catalog marketers and publishers, producing catalogs and directories as well as manuals and soft-cover educational products. Founded in 1962 with just 13 employees, Ripon Printers is now more than 240 employees strong and equipped with the latest technologies from premedia through fulfillment and distribution. Linking the company's capabilities together is an obsessive devotion to customer delight that places client satisfaction above any other business goals.

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