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Established in 1993 to honor the 100th anniversary of the Greater Omaha Chamber, the Omaha Business Hall of Fame recognizes the important role business leaders play in the growth and development of Omaha.

Youth, education, business and outstanding leaders make up the emblem of the Omaha Business Hall of Fame, designed by Omaha artist John Thein. The symbol incorporates the flame, representing energy; the circle, a sign of continuing life and the profile of a person, symbolizing individual initiative and enterprise.

The Omaha Business Hall of Fame exhibit is located at The Durham Museum.

◆◆◆ *Mission*

Preserve the role of individual business achievement in Omaha's history.

Recognize outstanding contributors to the business history of the Greater Omaha area who have advanced the excellence of the region, through either sustained superior performance or through a specific achievement.

Recognize the importance of business and free enterprise to the development, future growth and overall quality of life of this community.

Contribute to the overall business image of the Greater Omaha area.

Provide funding, through an annual gala, for projects that contribute to the economic development of Omaha and opportunities for young professionals.



MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

RECEPTION: Jazz Trio

Mark Haar, *bass* | Jennifer Novak Haar, *piano* | Doug Montera, *drums*

CEREMONY: Jennifer Novak Haar, *piano*

WELCOME & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

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HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Lance M. Fritz

The Landen Family

Clarence L. Landen, Jr., Clarence L. Landen, III
and James E. Landen, Sr.

Sid Meridith

Constance Ryan

Joan H. Squires



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Lance M. Fritz



Lance M. Fritz
Retired Chairman, President & CEO
Union Pacific

Lance M. Fritz served as Union Pacific's chairman, president, and chief executive officer from 2015 until his retirement in 2023, culminating a distinguished 23-year career with the railroad. Today, he continues to contribute to the company as a special advisor.

Lance began his journey with Union Pacific in July 2000 as vice president and general manager of Energy in the Marketing and Sales Department. His talent and dedication quickly propelled him through the ranks. He held key executive positions in the Operating and Labor Relations departments and eventually served as president and chief operating officer of Union Pacific Railroad. His leadership was instrumental in navigating the company through periods of significant growth and operational challenges, ensuring its position as a leader in the transportation industry.

In Feb. 2024, Lance joined the board of Fiserv, Inc. His expertise in corporate governance and strategic management is a valuable asset to the company.

Lance is a proud graduate of Bucknell University, where he laid the foundation for his career in business. He further honed his skills by earning a master's degree in management from the prestigious Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. His educational background has been pivotal in his approach to leadership and strategic decision-making.

Lance's commitment to service extends beyond his professional achievements. He is an active member of several boards, including Nebraska Medicine, the Omaha Zoological Society, the Kiewit Luminarium, Parker-Hannifin Corporation, and The Business Council. His involvement in these organizations reflects his dedication to enhancing community well-being and fostering innovation.

Lance and his wife, Julie, have two children and are deeply committed to their community. They focus on initiatives that support women and children at risk in the Omaha area, demonstrating their commitment to making a positive impact.



Lance Fritz

Retired Chairman, President and CEO
Union Pacific Railroad
and Fiserv Board Member

Creating a Lasting Impact

Lance, congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

Your legacy of strong leadership will influence generations to come.



Excellence & Legacy

Bridges Trust proudly supports the Omaha Business Hall of Fame, honoring the remarkable achievements and enduring legacy of its inductees, whose contributions continue to inspire and shape the next generation of leaders.

Congratulations to the 2024 inductees and past honorees of the Omaha Business Hall of Fame.



The Landen Family



Clarence L. "Mickey" Landen, Jr.
Founder (1924-2011)
Security National Bank



Clarence L. "C.L." Landen, III
CEO
Security National Bank



James E. "Jim" Landen, Sr.
Executive Chairman
Security National Bank

The Landen family has a storied legacy in the banking industry and their communities. Leading this legacy are Clarence L. "C.L." Landen, III, and James E. "Jim" Landen, Sr., at the helm of Security National Bank. Founded in 1964 by their father, Clarence L. "Mickey" Landen, Jr., the bank serves Omaha, Council Bluffs, Des Moines, and Dallas.

Clarence Louis "Mickey" Landen, Jr. laid the foundation for the bank's success. Born in Omaha's Minne Lusa neighborhood, Mickey served in the Army Air Corps during WWII, earning three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. In 1964, he established Security National Bank. He married Mary Shirley in 1955, and they were known for their quiet philanthropy. Mickey cherished his time at Lake Okoboji, working to preserve the area and creating lasting family memories.

Clarence L. "C.L." Landen, III, CEO, began his career with the bank in 1980, holding various key positions, including president. He serves on the boards of Methodist Hospital and Nebraska Methodist Health System and is a Westside School Foundation board member. With his wife, Patty, he co-chairs the Heart Ministry Center Holy Smokes fundraiser and is active in the Suburban Rotary of Omaha. C.L. holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Denver.

James E. "Jim" Landen, Sr., executive chairman, started with the bank in 1987, serving as president and CEO. He is deeply involved in the Omaha and Dallas communities, serving as board chair of Clarkson Regional Health Service and on the Executive Board of Southern Methodist University (SMU) Cox School of Business. Jim also serves on the board of Canopy South and the Omaha Salvation Army Advisory Board. He has been involved with the American Bankers Association, Nebraska Bankers Association, Children's Hospital, and the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Jim and his wife, Diny, co-chaired the 2011 United Way of the Midlands campaign and were named Citizens of the Year in 2021.

Sid Meridith



Sid Meridith

Founder & Chairman of the Board
Security Equipment Inc. (SEi)

Sid Meridith is from Boone, Nebraska, where his parents owned a small general merchandise store. From a young age, he learned the importance of customer satisfaction in a small business. After starting his education in a one-room schoolhouse and finishing high school in St. Edward, Sid earned a Business degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Following graduation, Sid served as a Navy officer for seven years during the Vietnam War. His military experience honed his leadership skills. After his service, Sid settled in Omaha and founded Security Equipment Inc. (SEi) in October 1969.

As his business grew, Sid purchased his first office building in West Omaha in the late 1970s. By the mid-1980s, he opened a UL-listed 24/7 monitoring center, propelling SEi's growth. Today, SEi has offices in Lincoln, Des Moines, Iowa City, and Kansas City, with over 220 employees and a fleet of service vehicles. The company serves over 18,000 customers across 44 states, including many of Omaha's top companies, financial institutions, universities, schools, hospitals and churches.

Sid remains active in the business but has handed day-to-day operations to his son, Mike, who has been with SEi for over 30 years. The third generation of the Meridith family is also getting involved, ensuring SEi's legacy continues.

Sid and his wife, Sara, are deeply involved in the Omaha community. They stay active with their family and work with organizations like the American Legion, Nebraska Community Foundation, Autism Action Partnership, and the Boys & Girls Clubs. They are also involved with Nebraska Wesleyan University and are lifetime members of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever, reflecting Sid's passion for wildlife conservation.

Sid Meridith's life is a testament to his dedication to business, community service, and family. His legacy of integrity, resilience, and community involvement continues to inspire those who know him.

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Security Company with a local
UL listed 24/7/365 monitoring
center!*



**CONGRATULATIONS
SID MERIDITH
FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN
ON YOUR 2024 OMAHA
BUSINESS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION!**



Constance Ryan



Constance Ryan
CEO
Streck

Constance Ryan's journey is a testament to the power of passion, innovation, and community impact. Armed with a medical technology degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Connie embarked on a remarkable career that would lead her to the pinnacle of success.

In 1982, Connie made a bold decision to join the family business, Streck, Inc., igniting a spark of entrepreneurial spirit that would define her future. Over the years, she immersed herself in the dynamic world of medical technology, driven by a relentless pursuit of excellence. In 1992, Connie ascended to the role of president, propelling Streck into a new era of growth and innovation. By 2013, her visionary leadership had elevated her to the position of CEO, solidifying her reputation as a trailblazer in the industry.

Under Connie's guidance, Streck experienced an extraordinary evolution, marked by consistent and steady growth. Through strategic acquisitions and the introduction of 45 groundbreaking products, Streck cemented its position as a leader in the medical technology sector. In fiscal 2023 alone, the company achieved record-breaking revenue exceeding \$225 million, a testament to Connie's visionary leadership and unwavering dedication.

In a bold move indicative of her strategic prowess, Connie orchestrated the successful sale of Streck to Madison Industries, marking a new chapter in the company's storied history.

Beyond her remarkable achievements in the business world, Connie is a passionate advocate for community empowerment and social change. Her philanthropic endeavors are as diverse as they are impactful. From serving as a Habitat Omaha Board Member and co-founding the transformative Women Build: Belvedere-Miller Park Project, to her current roles on the Luminarium Board, Omaha Symphony Board, and iEXCEL Advisory Board, Connie's commitment to driving positive change knows no bounds.

As a member of esteemed organizations such as YPO Gold and the Chief Executives Organization, Connie continues to inspire and empower leaders around the world.

“ *I couldn't be prouder of your executive accomplishments and the job you have done, not just at Streck, but in the entire community.* ”

- **Joe Moglia**

(2010 BHOF Inductee)

Congratulations!



The recognition is well deserved.

Joan H. Squires



Joan H. Squires
President
Omaha Performing Arts

Joan H. Squires is the President of Omaha Performing Arts (O-pa), an organization she started over 20 years ago. Today, O-pa is the largest arts organization in Nebraska, managing the Orpheum Theater, Holland Performing Arts Center, Steelhouse Omaha, and the upcoming Tenaska Center for Arts Engagement, set to open in early 2026. O-pa showcases a diverse range of performances, from touring Broadway shows to dance, jazz, popular music, and family shows. Additionally, O-pa is deeply committed to education and community engagement, reaching over 550,000 people annually and generating an impressive \$61 million economic impact each year.

Joan is a voting member for Broadway's Tony Awards and serves as an ex-officio member of the Broadway League Executive Committee and Board of Governors. She also co-chairs the national Jimmy Awards Advisory Committee. Her influence extends nationally through her past presidency of the Performing Arts Centers Consortium and her active involvement in various professional organizations.

Her leadership and dedication to the arts have earned her numerous accolades. Joan has received the Governor's Arts Award and was named to the Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor for her contributions to the arts. Musical America recognized her as one of their 30 "Movers and Shapers." She has also been honored with the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Presenter Management from the Broadway League, named "Midlander of the Year" by the Omaha World-Herald, and recognized as "Woman of Distinction" by the Midlands Business Journal.

In addition to her professional achievements, Joan serves as a trustee for Lebanon Valley College in Pennsylvania and the Greater Omaha Chamber and is a past director of Nebraska Cures.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Joan holds master's degrees in both Music and Business Administration from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in music education from Lebanon Valley College. She and her husband, Dan Hamann, reside in Omaha.

congratulations, joan squires!

We're so proud of your hard
work and visionary leadership.

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Joan Squires
President of Omaha Performing Arts

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1993

Rose Blumkin
Warren Buffett
John A. Creighton
Robert Daugherty
Peter Kiewit
V.J. Skutt

1994

Charles W. Durham
Samuel M. Greenberg
Charles M. "Mike" Harper
Herman Kountze
Allan G. Lozier

1995

Abe Baker
Leo A. Daly Jr.
Joseph Hopkins Millard
John J. Mulhall
Walter Scott Jr.

1996

Mildred Brown
Ike Friedman
John R. Lauritzen
Joseph Cullen Root
Willis A. Strauss

1997

Harold W. Andersen
George Brandeis
William F. Fitzgerald
Harry G. Watanabe
Clarence L. Werner

1998

N.P. "Phil" Dodge
Vinod Gupta
George Joslyn
Lester Simon
Roy A. Smith

1999

Milton R. Abrahams
Dr. C.C. and Mabel Criss
Fred H. Hawkins
William A. Paxton Sr.
Charles D. Peebler Jr.
Michael B. Yanney

2000

Eugene C. Eppley
John C. Kenefick
Byron Reed
J. Joe Ricketts
Phillip G. Schrager
Harley D. Schrager

2001

Perry E. "Bill" Esping
John Gottschalk
Wayne L. Ryan, Ph.D.
Maurice M. "Maury" Udes
John A. Wiebe

2002

John D. Diesing
Howard L. Hawks
Joseph Kirshenbaum
Harlan J. Noddle
Amos T. and Alberta F. Pearl
John W. Weekly

2003

C.R. "Bob" Bell
Father Edward Flanagan
Stanley J. How
Kenneth E. Stinson
J. Wendell Thomas
Benjamin Wiesman

2004

Hal Daub
Bruce R. Lauritzen
Lee G. Simmons
David L. Sokol
Robert H. Storz

2005

Jack W. Baker
Charles F. Heider
Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock
Harry A. Koch Jr.
Robert J. Kutak
John P. Nelson

2006

Edward Creighton
Richard K. Davidson
William A. Fitzgerald
Michael R. McCarthy
Alan D. Simon
Frederick J. Simon
Stephen H. Simon
Gilbert C. Swanson
W. Clarke Swanson

2007

Chip Davis
Kathleen C. Dodge
N.P. Dodge Jr.
Henry Doorly
Richard D. Holland
A.F. Jacobson

2008

Tal Anderson
Clifton B. Batchelder
Anne Stuart Batchelder
Edward H. Harriman
William McBain Kizer
Edward Fred Owen
Arthur B. Pittman, D.V.M.

2009

Robert D. Bates
Deryl F. Hamann
Frank L. Hayes
Clarence L. Landen
Harold M. Maurer, M.D.
Michael Simmonds
Pamela Watanabe-Gerdes

2010

Erastus A. Benson
Pennie Z. Davis
Samuel D. Mercer
Joseph H. Moglia
Theodore "Ted" M. Seldin
Janice D. Stoney

2011

Richard R. Bell
Dan Gordman
George F. Haddix
John P. Schlegel S.J.
Wallace Roger Weitz
Lyn Wallin Ziegenbein

2012

Michael G. Fahey
Robert Gregg "Bob" Hoig
Paul and Lori Hogan
Jun and Ree Kaneko
Linda Hoepfner Lovgren
D.J. Witherspoon

2013

Mogens C. Bay
Marshall E. Faith
Susan M. Jacques, G.G., F.G.A.
William M. "Willy" Thelsen
James R. Young

2014

Irvin Blumkin
Louis Blumkin
Ronald Blumkin
John K. Boyer
Paul C. Jessen
Aldo J. Tesi

2017

William A. Cutler
John S. Dinsdale
Stan Olsen
Robert A. Reed
Lee H. Sapp
William D. Sapp

2018

Irving R. Dana Jr.
Gary Gates
Fred Hopka Hawkins Jr.
Kenneth Michael Hawkins
John J. Koraleski
Steven S. Martin

2017

Todd A. Becker
Leo Bozell
Edson L. Bridges II
Jim Clifton
Morris Jacobs
Jane Miller
PJ Morgan

2018

Larry Courtnage
Bruce E. Grewcock
Dianne Seeman Lozier
Dan O'Neill
Dr. Maryanne Stevens, RSM

2019

Daniel J. Bishop
Gail DeBoer
John W. Estabrook
Jeff Kavich
Larry Kavich
Lazier Kavich
Gale L. Wickersham
Amee Zetzman

2021

Ronald B. Gartlan
James Linder, MD
Karen A. Linder
Rodrigo Lopez
Robert G. Lueder (1922 - 2013)
Paul Smith

2022

Don Eckles
Linda Eckles
John F. Lund
Jay Noddle
Carmen Tapio

2023

Ron Carson
Gregory S. Cutchall (1952 - 2022)
David Karnes (1948 - 2020)
Beverly Kracher, Ph.D.
Mary Ann O'Brien

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