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**Lumber Person of the Year**

**Michael McDonough**

Jilco Window Corp.



Michael McDonough, a distinguished figure in the lumber and building material industry, embodies the dedication and excellence that the Lumber Person of the Year Award seeks to honor. Born in Carmel, N.Y., during the year of Ronald Reagan's inauguration, Michael's roots in the industry run deep, beginning with his father, John McDonough, who started Jilco in 1982 from their home ga-

rage. Michael's journey into the industry began in middle school, where he started by cleaning and organizing stock, eventually taking on roles that included full office and warehousing managerial duties.

After earning a double major in Accounting and Entrepreneurship from Syracuse University, Michael joined Jilco full-time in 2004, immersing himself in the world of windows, doors, and cabinetry. His commitment and expertise have led to numerous professional milestones, including achieving Omega Cabinetry Platinum status for 19 consecutive years and securing Andersen Window Diamond Dealer status. Michael's dedication to the industry and his clients is further exemplified by his favorite aspect of the business—assisting clients in realizing their vision for their homes and witnessing the transformation of what is often their largest life investment.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Michael is a committed member of his community. He has been recognized with the Lions Club Distinguished Service Award and actively supports the construction committee at St. John the Evangelist Church in Mahopac, N.Y. His civic engagement reflects his guiding principles of

leadership and community service. Michael believes that effective leaders are great listeners, a philosophy that informs his approach to both business and community involvement. Michael's personal life is equally enriching. He met his wife, Amanda, an art teacher in Chappaqua, NY, at Syracuse University, and they married in Cape Cod in 2008. Together, they are proud parents of Ryan, 12, and Avery, 9. Michael takes pride in his children's work ethic and friendly personalities and enjoys coaching them in various sports, including lacrosse, football, and girls flag football.

In his free time, Michael is an avid boater, jet skier, and salt-water fisherman. His love for sports extends beyond coaching his children to a general passion for athletic activities. This enthusiasm for sports and community involvement mirrors his professional philosophy: the fundamentals of running a business remain constant even as the world evolves. Michael's favorite quote, "Treat people the way you want to be treated," encapsulates his approach to both business and personal interactions, reinforcing his belief in the power of empathy and respect.

Michael McDonough's exemplary contributions to the lumber and building material industry, coupled with his dedication to his community and family, make him a deserving recipient of the Lumber Person of the Year Award. His career is a testament to the values of hard work, integrity, and service, inspiring others in the industry and beyond.