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2025

Good evening and welcome to St. Louis

*W*e are delighted that you are joining us for the 10th
Pit & Quarry Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Tonight, we are pleased to celebrate four men – Gerry Bauer, Ron DeDiemar, Tom Hill and Edgar B. Symons – who each moved the aggregate industry forward over the course of a lengthy career. Through their dedication, drive, ingenuity and leadership, our 2025 class “moved the needle” in a positive direction for the aggregate industry.

Tonight’s black-tie gala is held in their honor, and it is made possible through the generous support of our Hall of Fame partners.

In addition to thanking our partners, we’d like to extend a special thank you to our friends at the National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum, who showcase every member of the *Pit & Quarry* Hall of Fame on the walls of their historic venue in Leadville, Colorado.

Congratulations to our 2025 inductees. Welcome to the Hall of Fame.



Rob Fulop
Group Publisher



Kevin Yanik
Editor-in-Chief

HALL OF FAME AGENDA

7:00 p.m. **Cocktail Reception**

8:00 p.m. **Dinner Service**

8:45 p.m. **Induction Ceremony**

Introduction

Rob Fulop, *Pit & Quarry*

Hall of Fame Address

Kevin Yanik, *Pit & Quarry*

Partner Address

Michele Stanley, NSSGA

Inductions

Gerald F. Bauer, EccoFab

Edgar B. Symons, Symons Brothers Co.

Ronald B. DeDiemar

J. Thomas Hill, Vulcan Materials

10:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

Rob Fulop, *Pit & Quarry*

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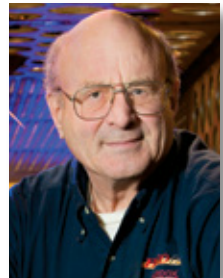
Gerald F. Bauer

A thirst for innovation and collaboration are at the heart of a nearly 50-year career for the wear parts expert

Gerry Bauer has spent the last half-century innovating and advancing the world of wear parts. Bauer joined EccoFab in 1978, just four years after the company was founded. Twenty years later, he was named president of the company.

Bauer's fearlessness to try something new led him to his career-defining moment. In 2000, under Bauer's guidance, EccoFab joined the Hardox Wearparts Network as a founding member and began incorporating Hardox into its wear parts. Bauer's advocacy for Hardox earned him the first-ever SSAB North American Hardox Wearparts Network Lifetime Achievement Award in 2023.

As notable as Bauer's wear parts achievements are, those who know him best say he is most well-known for his humility, problem-solving and collaborative efforts. Regardless of experience or status, Bauer treats everyone he meets and works with as a peer.





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Ronald B. DeDiemar

With a career path like no other, the industry pioneer made his imprint on crushing and screening equipment

*A*n engineer by trade, Ron DeDiemar also has a business acumen that isn't typically found with today's mechanical minds. Throughout his journey, DeDiemar applied himself in ways that not only led to equipment design improvements, but production gains for aggregate producers.



DeDiemar is the holder or coholder of 13 U.S. patents covering products such as jaw crushers, cone crushers, gravel scrubbers and apron feeders. His career included stops at several prominent equipment manufacturing companies, including Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co., the Smith Engineering Works/Telsmith Division of Barber Greene Co., Protech and W.S. Tyler.

Additionally, DeDiemar served as a consultant during stretches of his career, including at Cal-Mar Technology, which he established in 1995. DeDiemar also served California Screen & Conveyor, a processing equipment distributor, as a sales consultant and principal throughout most of the 2000s.

Currently, DeDiemar is a member of the board of directors at McLanahan Corp.



Congratulations, Ron DeDiemar

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J. Thomas Hill

Going from operations trainee to chairman and CEO of the nation's largest crushed stone producer didn't happen overnight

*L*om Hill is a man of the people. Even as chairman and CEO of Vulcan Materials, Hill is more comfortable walking around a quarry than in a corner office. Those who know Hill best say he appreciates every employee – from the lowest hourly worker to C-suite executives.

Hill joined Vulcan in 1979 as an operations trainee. He spent 11 years with the company before joining Redlands Stone Products in 1990. Hill remained there until 1996, when he rejoined Vulcan as vice president and general manager of the company's Southwest division.

Over the next 18 years, Hill held several leadership positions in the company. In 2014, he was named president and CEO of Vulcan and was later elected as chairman of the board.

Under Hill's guidance, Vulcan has continued as the nation's top producer of crushed stone.



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Edgar B. Symons

The inventor of the Symons cone crusher cemented his legacy in aggregates more than a century ago

Edgar B. Symons played a significant role in evolving the modern-day crushing market with several innovations a century ago — including the cone crusher.

Symons designed the pillar shaft gyratory crusher in the early 20th century. The horizontal disc crusher was also an early invention of Symons, who started his own company along with his brothers called Symons Brothers Co.

Perhaps most importantly, Symons designed the Symons cone crusher in 1923. The design rights for the crusher were sold to Nordberg Manufacturing Co. just a few years later, with the Symons cone making a lasting imprint on aggregate processing.

Symons ultimately secured a patent for the work that defines his industry legacy. But whether he understood the lasting impact of his invention – one that continues to perform at operations around the world – is unknown.





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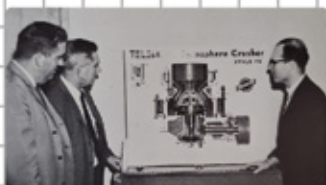
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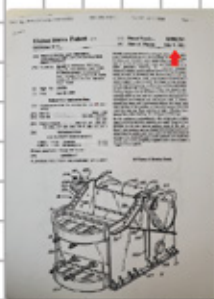
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CONGRATULATIONS TO A MASTER OF UPTIME!

Through Gerry's knowledge, insights and love of this industry, his contributions have impacted an entire generation.

His commitment to the Hardox® Wearparts network and the Hardox® wear plate brand spans 40 years.

We applaud his innovative accomplishments advancing wear parts applications into North America's aggregate operations.

CONGRATULATIONS from all your friends in the Hardox® Wearparts network.





Gerry Bauer: Honoring a Leader, Innovator, and a Friend

From the Culvers & McDonald's executive boardroom to the Hall of Fame, we're extremely proud of everything you've done in between. Congrats on being inducted into the Pit & Quarry Hall of Fame.

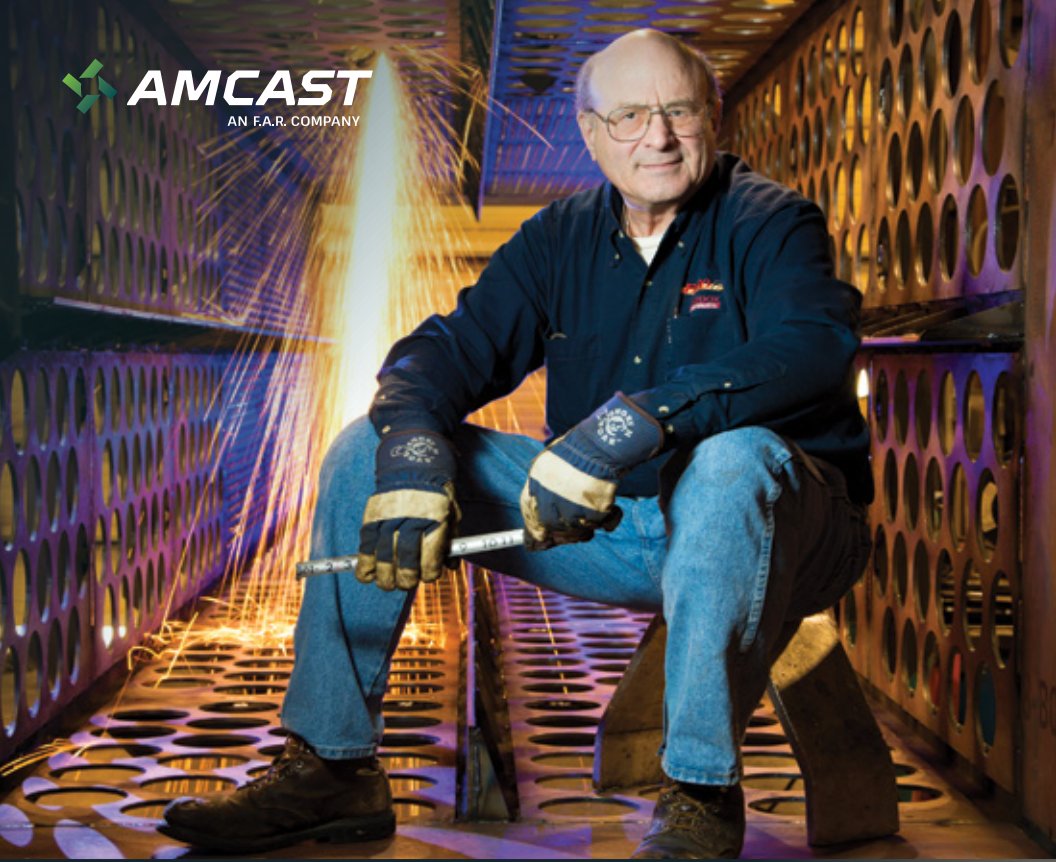
Lynda, Bruce, Brian, Rex, Tony, Ray and all your friends & partners at EccoFab.

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Congrats Gerry Bauer, we are so proud of you!

With love, Christine, Brian, Jennifer & William,
Jerome & Bonnie, Judy & Russ, Mike & Margaret,
Patrick & Christine, Mary, Melissa, Susan & Dick,
and all your nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.



CONGRATULATIONS, GERRY BAUER!

We are honored to celebrate your well-deserved induction into the **Pit & Quarry Hall of Fame 2025**. Your dedication and impact on the industry continue to inspire.

Thank you for over 15 years of partnership—it's been a privilege. Wishing you continued success from all your friends at AMCAST.

Submit a Nomination for the 2027 **PIT&QUARRY Hall of Fame**



**Know a
deserving
candidate?**

Nominate someone for the *Pit & Quarry* Hall of Fame who has contributed significantly to the aggregate industry. Aggregate producers, equipment manufacturers, dealers and association representatives are all eligible for nomination. Posthumous nominations will be accepted, as well, and a selection committee will review all nominations and determine who will be inducted into the hall.

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