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Awards

Helen Delich Bentley, the former congresswoman and chair of the Federal Maritime Commission, was awarded the Governor's International Leadership Award Thursday by Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. for her years of service and advocacy for Maryland and the maritime industry.

The Maryland International Business Leadership Awards were presented to the following companies and executives: Cambridge International, Roger Crow, director of business development; Discovery Communications, Judith McHale, president and CEO; In Vitro Technologies, Paul M. Silber, president and CEO; Laureate Education, Augusto Failde Sr., vice president; Quantum Sail Design Group, Larry Leonard, founder, managing partner; Telenor Satellite Services Holdings, Britt Carina Horncastle, president and CEO; and TESSCO Technologies, Robert B. Barnhill Jr., president and CEO.

The Johns Hopkins University presented James W. Todd with the Edward St. John Department of Real Estate Leadership Award in recognition of professional and civic accomplishments.

Mullen/Ashley Associates Inc. won a bronze award and two merit awards in the annual Service Industry Advertising Awards competition.

Certifications

Charles G. McBee III of Sturn Wagner Lombardo & Co. LLC has been named a certified valuation analyst by the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

New contracts

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People signed Renegade, a Maryland-based advertising agency, to create a multifaceted membership and corporate sponsorship campaign. Length and terms were not disclosed.

The National Labor College, in Silver Spring, signed a pact with Bethesda-based Concept Foundry to launch a national capital campaign.

Group Health Inc., a New York-based health insurer, selected Rockville-based Amisys Synertech Inc. to partner in the development of a consumer-directed health care product for its 2.6 million subscribers.

Openings

MBC Precision Imaging announced the opening of IT Services, the Columbia company's new information technology division.

Annapolis Millwork & Store Fixtures is open for business at 1300 Mercedes Drive in Hanover and will have an open house from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday.

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