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**NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR FPSA WOMEN'S ALLIANCE NETWORK RED CIRCLE HONOREES**

**CHICAGO, IL July 9, 2019** — The Food Processing Suppliers Association (FPSA) Women's Alliance Network has launched the Red Circle Honors program to recognize women and companies that have had a positive impact on women's careers and gender balance in the food and beverage industry. The honors will be presented at the FPSA Women's Alliance Network Breakfast during PROCESS EXPO on Thursday, October 10. For detailed information on the nomination requirements, click [here](#).

"It is truly amazing to see what the women of FPSA have accomplished in the past two years," said Mary George, Women's Alliance Network co-chair. "What started as an idea has grown into a network of more than 140 women who work in the food and beverage industry. This was the right time to launch the Women's Alliance Network Red Circle Honors."

Through the honors program, FPSA's Women's Alliance Network will recognize the achievements of women from the food and beverage industry, as well as an FPSA member company for its role in promoting workplace gender balance. Below are brief descriptions of the four categories with links to the nomination criteria. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, August 16, 2019.

- **Rising Star** recognizes a woman with less than five years of industry experience, who has made a noticeable impact via professional achievements and personal influence in the food and beverage industry. Click [here](#) to nominate a candidate.
- **Innovation and Inspiration** recognizes a woman who has brought game changing innovation or an inspiring idea in the last 18 months to her company and/or industry. Click [here](#) to nominate a candidate.
- **Career Excellence** recognizes a woman who is dedicated to the food and beverage industry and has taken a proactive approach to both personal and professional development. Click [here](#) to nominate a candidate.
- **Achievement in Developing & Promoting Women** recognizes an FPSA member company that actively supports and develops the careers of women in their employ and works toward professional gender balance. Click [here](#) to nominate a candidate.

"The official launch of the Women's Alliance Network was during the 2017 PROCESS EXPO, and we were overwhelmed by the turnout and enthusiasm at the kick-off breakfast," said Kate Rome, Women's Alliance Network co-chair. "The 2019 breakfast on October 10 during PROCESS EXPO with Suzanne Strassburger, aka Suzy Sirloin, as a speaker will be amazing. The addition of the Women's Alliance Network Red Circle Honors that spotlights women's careers and companies that put extra effort into supporting gender balance, takes the event to the next level."

“We are proud of our Women’s Alliance Network and the wonderful work they are doing to inspire women in the industry and are excited they have introduced this important honors program to recognize the great work that is being done,” said David Seckman, President and CEO of FPSA.

For questions regarding the FPSA Women’s Alliance Network Red Circle Honors program, please contact Christine Radke at [cradke@fpsa.org](mailto:cradke@fpsa.org).

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