



AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME TO LIVE BROADCAST ITS 2024 INDUCTION & AWARDS CEREMONY

DEARBORN, MICH. – September, 2024 – For the first time in its 84-year history, the Automotive Hall of Fame will be live broadcasting its Induction & Awards Ceremony taking place on September 19. The event celebrates global mobility pioneers whose efforts helped shape the automotive and mobility marketplace.

The global broadcast, sponsored by The Vella Group, will air live from 6-10 p.m. and can be viewed via [this link](#) or you can [register](#) via the Automotive Hall of Fame’s website. Hosted by WDIV Channel 4 News Anchor Ronda Walker and reporter Kim DeGiulio, the program will include interviews, videos and insights from event attendees, sponsors, awardees and inductees, as well as visuals from the iconic Michigan Central Station, which is the event venue.

“Once again, this year’s event is sold out. We are expecting more than 800 guests to join us at Michigan Central Station to celebrate our honorees,” said Sarah Cook, president of the Automotive Hall of Fame. “We are excited to offer a live broadcast of the ceremony to a global audience and those who have been inspired by the individuals we will be celebrating. This is something we have been working on for a while and it is amazing to see it become a reality.”

2024 Automotive Hall of Fame Honorees

The inductees of this year’s class include:

Dr. Betsy Ancker-Johnson - Johnson was a barrier breaker as the first woman VP in the automotive industry, hired in 1972 at General Motors. Johnson oversaw two of the industry’s most controversial areas at the time: environmental compliance and vehicle safety. Johnson was an acclaimed plasma physicist that was known for her research, numerous patents and impact on automotive environmental and safety issues.

Vic Edelbrock, Sr. & Vic Edelbrock, Jr. - Vic Edelbrock Sr.’s pioneering spirit and innovative engineering defined the aftermarket sector, introducing high-performance components that revolutionized vehicle performance. Vic Edelbrock Jr.’s seamless continuation of this legacy and commitment to quality, innovation and global expansion solidified the Edelbrock name as an enduring symbol of excellence, earning them both a place among the industry’s most esteemed leaders.

William “Bill” Ford - Bill Ford has played a pivotal role advancing the industry while positioning an iconic, global 120-year-old family company for the future. Since becoming executive chair 25 years ago, he has led Ford Motor Company through periods of change and uncertainty with a values-driven approach that demonstrates corporate responsibility and success can go hand in hand. He was an early

and influential advocate for sustainability and environmental responsibility, a driving force behind mobility innovation, and continues to champion the revitalization of the Motor City.

John A. James - James opened the commercial trucking industry to minorities who had previously been excluded. After court battles and relentless advocacy, James was the first African American given the ability to transport goods within Michigan and across state lines. Today, James Group International is an award-winning logistics and automotive services leader.

Vivek Sehgal - As the visionary founder of Motherson Group, Sehgal's entrepreneurial spirit propelled the company from its inception to a global powerhouse, shaping the industry's landscape. His commitment to innovation, sustainable practices and global collaboration has elevated his company and left an indelible mark on the automotive world.

Wendell Oliver Scott, Sr. - As the first African American to win a NASCAR Grand National (now Cup Series) race, Scott's triumph shattered racial barriers and opened doors for greater diversity in racing. His legacy of perseverance, innovative mechanical skills, and pioneering spirit serves as an inspiration to future generations and underscores his significant role in shaping the narrative of inclusion and progress within the automotive world.

Additionally, Julie Fream, retired President and CEO, MEMA Original Equipment Suppliers will receive the Distinguished Service Citation and Chris Urmson, CEO and co-founder of Aurora will be recognized as Mobility Innovator.

Broadcast Details

For more information about the AHF 2024 Induction and Award Ceremony broadcast please visit https://www.automotivehalloffame.org/2024_induction_broadcast/.

About the Automotive Hall of Fame

Automotive Hall of Fame (AHF) is a non-profit organization that honors and celebrates the automotive/mobility industry's leaders and innovators through awards and programs that challenge young and old alike to higher levels of personal achievement. Founded in 1939, the Automotive Hall of Fame has honored 755 awardees from around the world, who have impacted and influenced the automotive and mobility industries.

The Automotive Hall of Fame is located at 21400 Oakwood Blvd in Dearborn, Michigan and is open to the public Thursdays – Sundays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You can also visit the Automotive Hall of Fame online at automotivehalloffame.org or on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

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