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## **MCEDC Recognized by the Washington Business Journal with 2022 Diversity in Business Award**

### ***President & CEO Ben Wu and Board Member Tien Wong Among 25 Honorees***

**Rockville, Md.** — In celebrating diversity and inclusion in the workforce to honor inspiring business leaders of color, the Washington Business Journal will present its 2022 Diversity in Business Awards in a ceremony held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C. on the evening of March 24. Among the awardees are two representatives from the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC): President & CEO, Benjamin H. Wu and MCEDC Board Member Tien Wong, CEO of Opus8.

“We’re very proud that MCEDC is one of the most diverse and well-represented economic development organizations across Maryland. Our MCEDC Board and staff reflects the significant diversity of our Montgomery County population and our business community,” said Board Chair Robert G. Brewer, Principal of Lerch, Early & Brewer. “The deserving recognition of two awardees from MCEDC acknowledges our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.”

“Montgomery County is known as one of the most diverse communities in the nation and its economic success is fueled by the participation of people of all races, ethnicities and nationalities,” said MCEDC Board Member, Dr. Sanjay Rai, Senior VP of Academic Affairs for Montgomery College. “Both Ben and Tien have a commitment to inclusive excellence that they impart upon the organization. Ben’s leadership of MCEDC has brought more business growth and workforce development opportunities that provide residents with access to good paying and family sustaining jobs.”

The Washington Business Journal selected the group of [25 awardees](#) based on entrepreneurial drive, creativity and success within their respective fields. We congratulate the other awardees representing Montgomery County businesses:

David Wellisch, CEO, The Collage Group (Bethesda)  
Nadia Subaran, Owner, Aidan Design LLC (Silver Spring)  
Gwen Muse-Evans, CEO, GME Enterprises (Chevy Chase)  
Jennie DeCarrier Benson, VP of Franchising, Marriott International (Bethesda)  
Matthew Goins, Owner, Puzzle Huddle (Potomac)  
Ken Bacon, Partner, Railfield Partners (Bethesda)

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### **About MCEDC**

The [Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation \(MCEDC\)](#) is the official public-private economic development organization representing Montgomery County, Maryland. Created in 2016, MCEDC is led by a Board of Directors of business executives. Its mission is to help businesses start, grow and relocate in Montgomery County by helping them gain access to top talent, business and market intelligence and prime locations. For more information, visit our [website](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).