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elite | studio e Congratulates Annual Award Recipients

Today, elite | studio e announced the recipients of its 2022 annual awards, including the company's highest honor, Team Member of the Year. The award winners, which are named at the annual holiday party, represent individuals who have gone above and beyond in their role, leadership, dedication, and willingness to succeed.

"You believe in each other, trust each other, and support each other day in and day out. These are the things that define elite, and I thank you and applaud you for all you do," said Ivan J. Weiss, President & COO, in his address to the entire company.

This year's winners include:

Project Director **Zach Einhorn**, Team Member of the Year Award

This prestigious award is presented to an individual who has gone above and beyond through growth, performance, and dedication. Zach, who began at elite | studio e as a college intern, will be celebrating his fifth anniversary with the company later this month.

Chair, Founder, CEO **Eric D. Weiss**, Ruth Weiss Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

Behind every small business is a family and this award was conceptualized in tribute to that. The next generation of elite | studio e leadership – Ivan, Raquel and Aaron Weiss – presented Eric with this award for his vision to open the business in 2000. Named for Eric's late mother, Ruth, the award is given in celebration of her desire for success and spirit to succeed.

Senior Project Designer **David Crismali**, Circle of Excellence Award

Project Accountant **Mike Stenos**, Circle of Excellence Award

The Circle of Excellence Awards are new this year and will be presented annually to individuals based on any of their achievements, dedication, deserving traits, or actions. David and Mike were recognized for their hard work and commitment to the company, as well as their all-around positive attitudes. Their contributions to elite | studio e are very much appreciated.

Project Designer **Rabab Zia**, Jim Williams Learning Excellence Award

Named for one of company's earliest studio design members, Jim Williams, this award is presented to someone who exudes a similar passion for learning to push him or herself and the company forward. Rabab has certainly embraced that through her desire to attend factory trainings, participate in White Board Wednesdays, and address future architects and designers at her alma mater, Farmingdale State College.

Project Manager **Nicholas P. Formica**, Rookie of the Year Award

This award is given to someone that has joined Elite this calendar year, has demonstrated the ability to make a difference out of the gate, demonstrates great attitude, and someone we believe will continue to do great things in the future.

This is the first year Ivan Weiss has had the privilege of presenting elite | studio e's annual awards. "When Eric asked me to take over the award ceremony tonight, I was honored to celebrate your individual successes and put people in the spotlight."

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