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- Wynne Briscoe, Forever Eden Organics, Awarded Governor's Citation Recognizing Small, Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

left Deputy Secretary Herb Jordan, Governor's Office of Minority Affairs *center* Wynne Briscoe, *right* Small Business Outreach Manager, Eduardo D. Hayden, Governor's Office of Minority Affairs

CALIFORNIA, MD (Mar 7, 2017) Wynne was one of five Honorees that were awarded the Governor's Citation recognizing small, minority and women-owned businesses at the February 28, 2017, Governor's Office of Minority Affairs (GOMA) workshop entitled Ready, Set, GROW!



Nomination Submitted by: St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development

Wynne pictured here with Robin Finnacom, Deputy Director of St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development

Wynne Briscoe, co-founder of Forever Eden Organics, is a savvy and successful business woman who is dedicated to the Southern Maryland community. Her manufacturing business launched from her kitchen table in 2008 and has grown to include 55 products sold nationally and internationally.

Forever Eden Organics is the second personal care and skincare company in Maryland to be certified organic by the Maryland Department of Agriculture Organic Program. This certification ensures that all of the ingredients used to produce Forever Eden's products are developed using 100% organic processes. The company purchases and blends ingredients from around the world according to their exclusive formulas and places the goods into Eco-Friendly packaging for sale.

Through Ms. Briscoe's leadership, Forever Eden Organics is a primary sponsor of the annual Southern Maryland STEM-ING event that has allowed over 130 middle school girls to experience all things Science, Technology, Engineering and Math during a day-long, interactive workshop. Forever Eden also contributes routinely to the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Oasis - a retreat for people living with cancer, and to various women's and children's shelters.

Ms. Briscoe also celebrated her 10 Year anniversary this past January as a Realtor with Century 21 New Millennium.

Ms. Briscoe was instrumental in growing the St. Mary's Business Partners (SMBP) from an initial 6 companies to over 60 member companies within its first year and half of operation. SMBP is a referral-based networking group which meets weekly to help businesses grow through qualified hot referrals.

When she's not busy with community events or running a growing manufacturing company, Ms. Briscoe serves as an appointed member (Vice Chairman) of St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission and is the Southern Maryland Small Business Development Center's newest Business Consultant.

Ms. Briscoe's enthusiasm and drive for small business growth is infectious. Always ready to lend a hand and genuinely deserving of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development's nomination for the Governor's Citation recognizing small, minority and women-owned businesses.

Congratulations Wynne! from your co-workers at The Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Southern Region.

Proudly SBDC has been a trusted advisor to Wynne and Forever Eden since 2014 - Wynne is now a Business Consultant for SBDC.

SBDC provides Training and Counseling services to new and existing businesses.

Designed for all stages of business development, themed workshops range from business planning, to how to comply with legal and tax issues.

Mission: To provide proven, expert advice and training to current and aspiring small businesses in Maryland. We do this with integrity, one business at a time, through a network of knowledgeable, professional staff and engaged stakeholders. We provide guidance in the areas of money, management, and marketing. Our efforts result in successful businesses that create economic impact and a better quality of life in our communities.

Vision: To be the preferred resource partner for small businesses' success.

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