

PIA MIDAMERICA GRAPHX AWARDS

# ***CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE***

**APRIL 21, 2022**  
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**HONORING EXCELLENCE IN GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION**

CELEBRATING, PRINT, PACKAGING, LABEL AND SIGN PROFESSIONALS

# 2022 PIA MidAmerica GraphEx Awards



**PIA MidAmerica** hosts the annual Graphic Excellence Awards (GraphEx) competition to recognize our industry's outstanding technical achievements in innovation and print production. Hundreds of entries are submitted each year in an array of categories including brochures, magazines, calendars, campaigns, packaging and much more. Our independent judges select the extraordinary pieces in the competition to be recognized for Best of Show, Best of Division, Specialty, Best of Category awards and Awards of Recognition.

In addition, we want to recognize businesses and technical professionals who make up one of the industry's largest regional trade associations in the United States. These professionals and award-winning companies demonstrate outstanding technical capabilities in print and finishing techniques. Distinguished industry leaders are recognized with Print Champion, Creative Print Champion and Executive of the Year honors. Join me in congratulating all the winners on their outstanding contributions that have made a positive impact on our region.



Best,

*Teresa G. Campbell*

Teresa Campbell, PIA MidAmerica President

## 2022 Professionals Of The Year



### **Executive of the Year** Darrell Moore Modern Litho

Darrell Moore is President of Modern Litho-Print Co. and has led the holding company, Modern Litho, Inc., through a multi-decade period of growth and technological advancement. Through both organic growth and strategic acquisitions, the company has grown to be recognized as one of the leading sheet-fed printing companies in the United States. Core to the company's success has been Darrell's formation of alliances with key suppliers, banking and equipment manufacturers and positioning the company to be nimble to respond to customer opportunities and market conditions. The privately held company, headquartered in Jefferson City, Missouri, has five production facilities including autonomously operating locations in Kansas City and St. Louis. Darrell has served as President of the Board of Managers for Graphic Arts Alliance and serves on the PIA MidAmerica KS/MO Advisory Committee.



### **EHS Professional of the Year** Ed Ciambrone Tulsa World

Ed Ciambrone is the Production Director at Tulsa World. He earned his bachelor's in Printing Management and Technology from Rochester Institute of Technology. His first job out of college was the Production Coordinator for the USA TODAY operation at the Lawrence Journal-World. Before joining the Tulsa operation, Ed was the Regional Vice President of Production of the Midwest Region for the McClatchy Company, based in Kansas City. Previous to that, he was the Production Director at the Lawrence Journal-World in Lawrence, Kansas. Ed also spent 11 years in the Point-of-Purchase Display industry in various technical and management roles.



### **Print Champion** Ryan Waggener Action Mailing & Print Solutions

Ryan Waggener is the heart and soul of Action Mailing & Printing Solutions. He is their go-to expert for designing of mail pieces and ensuring they meet all USPS regulations. He is also their liaison with all aspects of United State Postal Service Business and is a key member of the Postal Customer Council. As an industry expert, Ryan is continuously promoting to current customers and potential clients how print and direct mail can improve a company's overall profit margin and make a positive impact on potential new business. While accomplishing all of this, Ryan will never be seen without a smile on his face or helpful, can-do attitude — along with a small side of orneriness to boot. Fellow staffers call it a true privilege to work with Ryan. His impact on their organization and the community shines brightly.



## ***BEST OF SHOW***

### ***Platinum\****

## **Blanks Printing and Digital Solutions**

St. Jude's Hospital Pop-up Book

### ***Gold\****

## **ColorDynamics & Universal Bookbindery**

Razoo's Cajun Café Brand Book

### ***Silver***

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UMB Debit Card Carriers

Credit card carrier with insert produced on HP 12000 Indigo. Exterior is foiled, die cut, hand assembled with 100lb Classic Crest Epic Black Smooth cover. Insert card is 100lb Endurance Gloss cover.



### ***Bronze\****

## **Registermarks**

Flower Form Wedding Reception Menus



## ***BEST OF KS/MO***

### ***Platinum***

## **J&J Printing / Allied Litho**

Hand Painted Wall Coverings

Hand-folded, 40 x 56" brochure — finished size 10 x 14" — with wallpaper sample inside produce on Manroland UV using 70lb White Offset.

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## Gold Modern Litho

### St. Teresa's Academy Presentation Kit

Twenty-eight page + cover viewbook includes stickers, 11 x 11" mailing envelope and 8 x 9" trifold brochure produced on Heidelberg XL-105 using 120lb Lynx Opaque cover and 100lb Lynx Opaque text.

## Silver Boelte-Hall

### American Soybean Association Brochure

In-house design for 6 x 4.25" brochure produced using 6-color Komori on 80lb gloss cover with double hit of soft-touch aqueous and dry-trap spot varnish. Die cut, double-gate fold, hand assembled with transfer tape to seal together.



## Silver TRABON

### Iron Hill Beverage Menu

Ten-page + cover, 11.5 x 5" menu produced on an HP 7900 Indigo with HP Electro Ink using 12pt C2S for text pages and laminated with 1.7 matte. Pages scored and cut to various lengths for stair-step effect. Cover on 18pt C2S and also laminated. Drilled and fastened with two screw-post fasteners.

## Bronze J&J Printing

### Zero to Three Annual Report

Six-panel, accordion cover with three books stitched between three folds. Produced on a Ryobi 750G LED UV using 100lb Cougar Smooth cover and 100lb Cougar Smooth text.



***Platinum\******MetroVCS**

West Ranch Wedding Invitation & Folder

***Gold*****AlphaGraphics Kansas City**

Clark Enersen Anniversary Casebound Book

Leatherette 260-page, 12 x 9.75" casebound book with blind deboss on cover and foil stamp on front and spine. Produced on Ricoh 7210SX with clear and white toner on Blazer 100lb Gloss cover, Blazer 100lb Gloss text, 80lb Classic Crest Epic Black Smooth cover and 80lb Classic Crest Epic Black Techweave cover.

***Silver\******Optigraphics**

Taylor Swift RED POP Large Lenticular Poster

***Bronze*****J&J Printing**

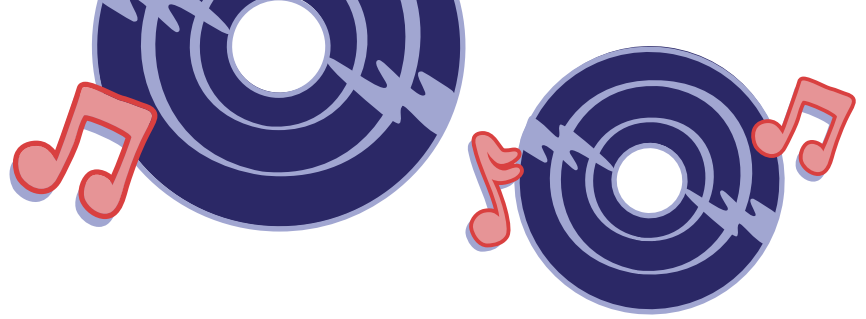
Killswitch Engage Poster

Silver metallic board poster produced on Ryobi 750G LED UV with opaque white and gloss aqueous on 12pt C1S Bright Silver Metallic Board by Mainline Holographics.

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## ***DIVISION II***



### ***Platinum\****

**Impact Stamping /  
Graphic Converting /  
Xpressdocs**

Debutante Ball Invite

### ***Gold\****

**Dimaco / Performance  
Specialty Service**

City of Carrollton 2021-2022 Goals Brochure

### ***Silver\****

**Miller Imaging  
& Digital Solutions**

'Tetris Austin' Art Reproduction

### ***Bronze\****

**Brodnax 21C Printers**

Agape Care Group

Presentation Folder

### ***Bronze***

**Alpine Litho-  
Graphics**

Crescendo 2021

Invitation and program produced on HP Indigo 7800 using 120lb Mohawk Superfine Eggshell White cover and 80lb Mohawk Everyday Digital cover and text. Table numbers on 105lb Aspire Digital Pure Silver cover. Outer and reply envelopes produced on Canon 700 using Aspire Petallics Pure Silver. Foil throughout is Infiniti Holographic Foil 90-10



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***Platinum\******ColorDynamics**

Perennials & Sutherland Yachting Book

***Gold***  
**Walsworth**

Van Richten's Guide to Ravenloft

Hardboard spine, 256-page hobby book depicting color-rich illustrations includes scuff-free matte laminate with 80lb black SCS-COC Rainbow Antique ESH FSC.

***Silver\****  
**ColorDynamics**

Dallas Zoo TO DO Invitation

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Mahomes Oakley Poster

Poster, designed to highlight the art and energy of Patrick Mahomes, produced on HP Indigo 12000 using 12pt Rainbow Mirri C1S cover.



## ***BEST OF DIGITAL***

### ***Platinum\****

## **Blanks Printing and Digital Solutions**

Chinati Protect and Preserve

### ***Gold\****

## **ColorDynamics**

ACCELERATE Night at the Museum Invitation



### ***Silver***

## **TRABON**

Stephens & Associates Marketing Book

Perfect-bound, 8 x 10" 26 page + cover book produced on HP 7900 Indigo using 100lb Classic Crest Stipple Epic Black cover and 65lb Cougar Smooth White cover. Features emboss and foil.

### ***Bronze\****

## **Miller Imaging & Digital Solutions**

'Sara' Art Reproduction

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## ***SPECIALTY AWARDS***

### ***Judges' Choice***

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##### End of Year Mailer Package

Iron-cross self mailer produced on 8-Color Komori GL-840P HUV using 100 lb Endurance Gloss cover.



### ***Best Use of Paper***

#### **J&J Printing**

##### Porter Teleo Collection Guide

Square-back, 60-page + cover book produced on Ryobi 750G LED UV using 80lb Mohawk Eggshell Ultra White cover and 70lb text.

### ***Best Use of Ink***

#### **Raven Printing**

##### Magnus Comic Issue No. 3

Illustrated, 40-page + cover comic book produced on Canon C850 with in-line booklet maker using 100lb and 80lb Blazer Gloss text.



### ***Best Prepress***

#### **Allen Press**

##### Mineralogical Record — Mexico

Perfect-bound magazine produced on a Komori Lithrone S40P using 100lb FSC Flo Gloss No. 3 cover and 70lb FSC Flo Gloss No. 3 text. Inserts produced HP Indigo 7900 using Knight Digital C1S 93 Bright.

## SPECIALTY AWARDS



### *Best Use of Substrate* **Custom Color**

#### Savers Store Remodel

Complete store update with SEG frames and fabrics, up to 280 x 110" in size, using black back blackout fabric on a FabriVu 340.

### *Best of Finishing* **NextPage**

#### 2021 Holiday Pop-Up Mug Greeting Card

High-end employee engagement invitation produced on 8-color Komori GL-840P HUV using 100lb Starbrite cover and 80lb Starbrite text. Envelopes produced on W+D 320 envelope converter.



### *Best of Innovation* **Largeprinting.com**

#### Happy Holidays Ornament & Box

Custom box to mail 3-D printed ornaments, all designed and produced in-house. Produced using Modix Big 60 and Crealcity 3-D printers, Agfa JetiTauro and Kongsberg C-64. Ornament is white silk PLA, box and insert are e-flute using six colors plus white UV ink.

### *Best of Signage* **Custom Color**

#### T-Mobile Holiday Refresh

Back-lit fabric graphics — 20,000+ produced and kitted for 1,200+ locations — finished with silicone edging using AGFA Tauro 3300, Samba Back-lit Fabric and UV digital ink.



### *Best Collaboration* **The ALC Group**

#### MidAmerica 'Price is Right' Gala Centerpiece

Designed and produced to display "Print Is Right" theme with customized company names on arrow stickers. Wheel rotates freely using metal hardware. Produced on an Acuity Advance Select HS flatbed using brown corrugate with white ink.



## ***SPECIALTY AWARDS***



### ***Best of Packaging*** **Modern Litho**

Hugo Tea Boli Boxes

Set of two folding cartons produced on 6-color 40" Komori using 18 pt Tango C1S then die cut, scored and folded.

## ***STUDENT AWARDS***

### ***1st Place*** **Kaylea Robertson**

Write In Recipe Book

Coil-bound recipe book produced on a Xerox Versant 180 with extensive finishing.



### ***2nd Place*** **Jordan Quick**

Christmas Coloring Book

Coloring book with stickers produced on a Xerox.



### ***3rd Place*** **Matt Hendricks**

Snack Virgin

Film snack bag produced on a Roland Ink Jet using Jet Comp white film.



## ***2022 Professionals Of The Year***



### ***CUSTOMER SERVICE PROFESSIONAL***

**Angela Rose**  
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### ***OUTSTANDING TEAM***

**Changsook Harsch, Jason Kilmartin, Marty Rooney, Bethany Still, Jen Thomas & Melodie Woike**  
H&H Color Lab



### ***PRODUCTION PROFESSIONAL***

**Mike Leavey**  
MEDIaHEAD



### ***YOUNG PROFESSIONAL***

**Zach Fargo**  
Stouse

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