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**Texas HireAbility Employer Forum &**

**Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities**

**Lex Frieden Employment Awards**

Dallas College-Cedar Valley Campus

October 30, 2024

9:30am - 10:00am: **Check-In and Networking**

10:00am - 10:10am: **Opening remarks and Emcee, Bob Phillips (Texas Country Reporter Founder)**

10:10am - 10:30am**: Welcoming Remarks**

* Dallas College Chancellor Dr. Justin Lonon
* Video greeting from Governor Greg Abbott
* TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III
* TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza
* Lancaster Mayor Clyde Hairston

10:30am - 11:15am: **Disability Inclusion in the Workplace: Best Practices and Beyond**

**Employer Panel Moderated by Commissioner Joe Esparza**

Employers: Candice Nash - Toyota

 Danielle Meadows - JPMorgan Chase

 Jennifer Clouse - McLane Company Inc.

 Max Allen - StandardAero

11:15am - 11:45am: **ADA Essentials to Navigate a Path of Inclusivity and Compliance**

**Marina Guerra:** US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC)

Education and Outreach Coordinator

11:45am - 1:00pm: **Working Lunch and Awards**

 **Presentations by Annette Addo-Yobo, Miss Texas 2024 and GCPD Committee Members**

* 2024 Disability Employment Awareness Month Poster Winner, Artist name “kidhamm”
* Lex Frieden Employment Awards
	+ Large Employer: Toyotetsu, San Antonio
	+ Medium Employer: Rudy’s Country Store & Bar-B.Q., Pharr
	+ Small Employer: Global Data Technologies, San Angelo
	+ Nonprofit Employer: Morgans, San Antonio
	+ Entrepreneurship: Tiffani Martin, DeSoto
	+ Martha Arbuckle:
		- Houston-Harris County Disability Access & Functional Needs Committee, Houston
		- Dallas Regional Chamber – Disability Inclusion Toolkit, Dallas
	+ Governors Trophy: Rebecca Cagle, Denton

1:00pm - 1:45pm: **Specialty Court for Successful Treatment of Addiction Through Collaboration (STAC)**

**Judge Lela Lawrence Mays:** Dallas County Judge, 283rd Judicial Court

**Niki Prince:** Health and Human Services SME for Recovery Support Services and Youth Recovery Communities

1:45pm - 1:50pm: **Thank You to Supporters**

 **Ron Lucey:** Executive Director, Governor’s Committee on People with Disabilities

1:50pm – 2:00pm: **Closing**

 **Remarks from Lex Frieden**