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The Manufacturers Association of Central New York (MACNY) has selected Jim Beckman as a 2016 inductee for their Manufacturers Wall of Fame. This prestigious honor is bestowed on a community manufacturing leader who has demonstrated long term dedication to manufacturing in Upstate New York.





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### MACNY ANNOUNCES JIM BECKMAN & HAMDI ULUKAYA AS 2016 MANUFACTURERS WALL OF FAME INDUCTEES *Winners to Be Inducted to Wall of Fame at MACNY's 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner*

**Syracuse, New York-** MACNY, The Manufacturers Association, announced today the 2016 inductees for the *Manufacturers Wall of Fame*. Jim Beckman of Crucible Industries and Hamdi Ulukaya of Chobani will accept their awards at MACNY's 103rd Annual Dinner on May 19th, 2016. Their accomplishments will be celebrated by over five hundred business and community leaders and they will be commemorated with a plaque on the *Manufacturers Wall of Fame* at MACNY headquarters.

"The Wall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to honor Jim and Hamdi with induction into the *Manufacturers Wall of Fame*," stated Randy Wolken, MACNY President. "Manufacturing has long been a cornerstone of Central New York, and the leadership of Jim and Hamdi has strengthened the health of our regional sector. I would like to congratulate both Jim and Hamdi on their induction, and I look forward to honoring their achievements and commitment alongside members of the manufacturing community."

Beckman is the president of Crucible Industries LLC, a position he has held since 2009. He was instrumental in guiding the company to financial health during and following the economic recession. Ulukaya is the founder and CEO of Chobani. Since purchasing a yogurt plant in 2005, he has led Chobani to become the top-selling Greek yogurt brand in the United States.

Beckman and Ulukaya will represent the sixteenth class of members inducted into the *Manufacturers Wall of Fame*, joining a prestigious group of manufacturing leaders who have been honored since the Wall of Fame's inception in 2001. The *Manufacturers Wall of Fame* celebrates individuals who have demonstrated long-term dedication to manufacturing in Upstate New York. Previous inductees will also attend and be recognized for their lifetime achievements at MACNY's Annual Dinner. The evening's Key Note Speaker will be Aminy Audi, Chairman and CEO of L. & J.G. Stickley, who will present on the history of the company, the struggles and challenges it overcame and what brought the company to where it is today.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Syracuse OnCenter on May 19th, 2016. For tickets or additional information, please contact Debbie Sindone at 315-474-4201 ext. 24 or [dsindone@macny.org](mailto:dsindone@macny.org).

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MACNY, the Manufacturers Association, represents over 300 companies in a twenty-six county region in Central Upstate New York. The 103-year-old organization provides human resource services, training, purchasing solutions, networking opportunities and advocacy support for its members. For more information, please visit [www.macny.org](http://www.macny.org).