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Webster Recognized as Platinum-Level Healthy Workplace Employer

WATERBURY, Conn., February 27, 2020 – The Business Council of Fairfield County recently recognized [Webster Bank](#) as a Platinum-level Healthy Workplace Employer, its highest level of distinction.

The Healthy Workplace Employer Recognition Program, an initiative of The Business Council’s Health, Wellbeing and Safety Roundtable, has become the premiere award in Connecticut recognizing the outstanding achievements of businesses and organizations in implementing employee health promotion and wellness programs and highlights the efforts of employers who understand the competitive advantage of a healthy workforce.

“We know that a healthy workplace leads to a greater level of engagement and contributes to healthier habits for our employees,” said Bernard Garrigues, executive vice president, Chief Human Resources Officer at Webster. “We are pleased to offer a robust wellness program that allows our employees to live healthy lives both in and out of the office.”

The awards were presented recently in Stamford, Connecticut to a total of 51 companies in four categories: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Innovation, awarded on the basis of program components and outcomes. Nominated programs are reviewed by a committee of experienced professionals in a formal process using detailed criteria and standardized application materials. This marks the Council’s twelfth year of recognizing employers from throughout the region for their wellness programs.

Webster, which was recognized at the Gold level in previous years, was honored for its robust wellness programs that offer employees on-site events, health savings account deposits for participation in various preventive care activities, and automated progress trackers that eliminate paperwork.



Anthony Aguanno, UnitedHealthCare senior account executive and co-chair of The Business Council’s Health, Wellbeing and Safety Roundtable, said, “Reflecting the advances in health and preventative care, we are excited to see this year’s honorees offering program incentives that tie directly back to wellness initiatives. As wellness programs continue to mature, and as wellness goals become more personalized, these companies are seeing health data trend positively. We applaud their efforts for creating opportunities for their employees to live happier, healthier, more productive lives.”

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Webster Bank was recognized with a Platinum Award for its healthy workplace initiatives by the Business Council of Fairfield County Healthy Workplace Recognition Program. On hand to accept the award are from left, Theresa Kozikowski, senior vice president, Human Resources and Employee Relations; Alison Skratt, vice president, internal communications, Community Banking; Kelly Prizio, vice president, Employee Benefits; Carole Hynes, senior vice president, Compensation, Benefits and HR Information Systems; Bernard Garrigues, executive vice president, Chief Human Resources Officer; Shari Miller, sales support specialist, Business Banking and Anthony Aguanno of United HealthCare, co-chair of The Business Council's Health, Wellbeing and Safety Roundtable.