



JUNE 2020

# FOUNDATIONS

## Welcome the 2020 Honorees for the Hall of Fame

On Saturday, October 17, these five extraordinary leaders will join the ranks of the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame. Please join us in congratulating them.



**Irv Blumkin**  
Nebraska Furniture Mart



**Robert G. Culp, III**  
Culp, Inc.



**Robert J. Maricich**  
International Market Centers



**Allan H. Palecek**  
PALECEK



**Todd Wanek**  
Ashley Furniture Industries, Inc.

“Now more than ever, the industry wants to hear from our leaders. We want to be inspired by their resilience. We especially need to be reminded of their stories of innovation and enduring excellence, of what each inductee has done to impact the industry and why each is worthy of the industry’s highest honor,” says Martin Ploy, president of the Hall of Fame Foundation board of directors. “The 2020 class of inductees is sure to provide new direction for each of us and their achievements will help to refocus us on what makes this industry great.”

 [READ MORE ABOUT EACH OF OUR 2020 HONOREES](#)

## Fortune’s Businessman of the Year, John Mackey, Headlines 2020 Induction Celebration

Co-founder and CEO of Whole Foods Market, John Mackey, will be the Hall of Fame’s headline speaker at our 2020 Induction Celebration on Saturday, October 17 at the Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro.

His skillful leadership and focus on building a more conscious way of doing business helped Mackey, a strong believer in free market principles, grow Whole Foods from one store in Austin, Texas, in 1978 into a Fortune 500 company with more than 510 stores and 100,000 team members across the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.



**WHOLE FOODS MARKET**  
Co-founder and CEO  
John Mackey

Mackey has been recognized as one of *Fortune’s* World’s 50 Greatest Leaders, Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year Overall Winner for the United States, *Institutional Investor’s* Best CEO in America, *Barron’s* World’s Best CEO, *MarketWatch’s* CEO of the Year, and *Esquire’s* Most Inspiring CEO.

During this time when thoughtful leadership can help reimagine industry and community, we look forward to his insights on disruption and leading through change.

Tickets are available now for our October 17th Induction Celebration. To purchase, and to learn more about our 2020 Induction Celebration, click below.

 [2020 INDUCTION CELEBRATION INFO & TICKETS](#)

## Roto and HOF Reimagine Telling Home Furnishings Story to the World

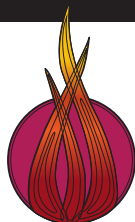
Throughout the last several months, the Hall of Fame Foundation staff, board, and our exhibit design firm, Roto, have been working together to bring to life the exhibits and displays that will be the heart of the museum-quality gallery spaces in our new permanent home at 311 South Hamilton Street in downtown High Point.

Utilizing the latest in immersive theater, interactivity, embedded technology and social participation, Roto has developed the creative concept for the visitor experience and is overseeing the design of the flexible gallery spaces.

Designed by Freeman Kennett Architects, the new building will be unveiled in 2021. Follow along with its progress on our website at [homefurnishingshalloffame.com](http://homefurnishingshalloffame.com)

# SEIZE... THIS MOMENT

THE INDUCTION CELEBRATION  
Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons



SATURDAY  
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