Honouring Excellence: INDA Celebrates Visionaries Driving the Future of Nonwovens



The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry (INDA) has announced the recipients of its prestigious 2026 Lifetime Service and Technical Achievement Awards, recognising four stalwarts—Tom Daugherty, Pricie Hanna, Carey Hobbs, and the late C.K. Wong—for their exceptional contributions to the global nonwovens sector.

These awards highlight decades of innovation, leadership, and commitment that have shaped the industry's technological and commercial evolution. Tom Daugherty and Carey Hobbs will be honoured at the World of Wipes® Conference, while Pricie Hanna will receive her award at Hygienix™. A posthumous tribute to C.K. Wong will be presented at a future INDA event.

From pioneering product innovations and advancing R&D to strengthening global trade and sustainability, each awardee has played a transformative role. Their work spans hygiene products, filtration, automotive applications, and environmentally responsible materials—areas critical to the industry's future.

INDA's recognition serves as a powerful reminder that visionary leadership and technical excellence are the backbone of industry progress. Their inspiring journeys will continue to motivate the next generation to innovate, collaborate, and elevate the nonwovens sector worldwide.