



Congratulations 2023 Frank Award Winners

On Nov. 2, it was my privilege to attend The Cannata Report's 38th Annual Awards & Charities Gala at the Madison Hotel in Morristown, New Jersey. This was my 16th time attending this annual event as BTA's executive director. It is always a great opportunity to catch up with the dealers and vendors in attendance. Hats off to Frank, Carol and CJ Cannata — and the rest of the team at The Cannata Report — for their collective efforts in hosting this great industry event.



Congratulations to the 2023 Frank Award winners honored at this year's gala. Following are the winners:

- Best Production Print Manufacturer: Ricoh USA
- Best A4 Manufacturer: Kyocera Document Solutions America
- Best-in-Class: Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America
- Best Diversification Partner: Intermedia
- Best Print Management Software Provider: ACDI and PaperCut
- Best ECM/Document Management Provider: DocuWare
- Best Marketing Strategy: Ricoh USA
- Best Technical Service Provider: Kyocera Document Solutions America
- Best Leasing Company: GreatAmerica Financial Services
- Best IT and Security Services Provider: ConnectWise
- Best Female Executive: Jennie Fisher, GreatAmerica Financial Services
- Best Male Executive: Mike Marusic, Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America
- Best Manufacturer: Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America

In addition to the Frank Awards, two special awards were presented at the gala. Chris Johnson of Sharp Imaging and Information Company of America was presented The Cannata Report's Outstanding Veteran Award in recognition of his military service and dedication to helping promote the hiring of veterans like himself in the office technology industry. And the Frank G. Cannata Philanthropy Award was presented to Eric Auman, president of Hytec Dealer Services, in recognition of his support of a variety of national charities, including the American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity and Wounded Warrior Project, as well as regional and local Orlando, Florida, charitable organizations.

Through the years, the gala has served as a fundraising event. This year it raised \$232,000 to benefit the Mariano Rivera Foundation. Rivera, who played 19 seasons for the New York Yankees, was among the attendees. The funds raised will be used to benefit the foundation's initiative to educate young men and women for careers in the print technology industry.

"I am so thankful for the partnership we have created within the printing technology industry and for the support we are receiving from so many organizations," Rivera said. "It's a strong team of dedicated companies and individuals who have come together for the good of both. We are grateful to The Cannata Report for dedicating its gala to our foundation and the youth we serve."

Hytec, TD SYNnex, ConnectWise and Static Control were the gala's presenting sponsors. HP sponsored the event's Cocktail Reception, while Xerox and Polek & Polek sponsored the official After Party. The sponsors enabled The Cannata Report to donate 100% of the funds raised at the gala directly to the Mariano Rivera Foundation. ■

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