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### **North Carolina Family Business of the Year Awards to be presented on April 28, 2011**

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – The Wake Forest University Schools of Business Family Business Center and *Business North Carolina* will recognize the community contributions and achievements of family-owned businesses during a special event on **Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Reynolda House in Winston-Salem.**

Baker Roofing of Raleigh will be honored with the Generations Award for exceptional longevity in family ownership. The company was founded in 1915 by W. Prentiss Baker, Sr. and specializes in roofing, sheet metal, renewable energy, coatings, maintenance and repairs, restoration, siding and windows. Baker Roofing is now the third largest roofing company in the United States. Eight family members actively work in this business which employs 750 people in ten locations.

Stephenson Millwork Company of Wilson will receive the Family Business of the Year Award in the large category (100+ employees). Stephenson Millwork is a third generation architectural millwork family business founded in 1946 by Russell Stephenson. It is the largest millwork company in North Carolina and one of the largest in the Southeast, employing 120 people in two locations.

Winston-Salem based Salem Printing will be awarded in the medium-sized business category (50-100 employees). Salem Printing was founded in 1987 by Philip and Janette Kelley along with family friend and partner Don Whitaker. The company provides complete commercial, packaging and flexographic printing service solutions. Salem Printing has four family members among more than 80 employees in the Triad.

Ruff Housing of Winston-Salem is family business specializing doggie daycare and boarding. It will receive the Family Business of the Year award in the small business category (less than 50 employees). Kim and Roger Vaughn bought Ruff Housing in 2008 and have three family members among 40 employees. The business has grown sevenfold over the past two years.

Judging criteria for the Family Business Awards include: innovative business strategies and practices, business growth and new development, contributions to community and industry, involvement by different family members and generations, and commitment to family well-being.

To be nominated, a business must have its headquarters in North Carolina. The nomination process runs from July through November each year. Nominations and competed applications can be submitted online at ([business.wfu.edu/fbc/awards](http://business.wfu.edu/fbc/awards)).

Tickets to the awards event on April 28 are \$125 each or (8 for \$800).

The Family Business Center at Wake Forest University Schools of Business was established in 1999 to address the unique issues faced by closely held and family-owned firms. Utilizing the capabilities and educational resources available at Wake Forest, in our community and nationally, the Family Business Center provides closely held and family firms the assistance they need to grow and succeed from generation to generation.

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The Wake Forest University Schools of Business offer undergraduate programs in finance, accounting, mathematical business, and business and enterprise management, and graduate programs including a Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Accountancy and Master of Arts in Management. Our programs are consistently ranked among the world's best in surveys by U.S. News & World Report, Business Week, the Economist, Forbes, and the Financial Times. Wake Forest graduates have earned the highest passing rate on the CPA exam for five of the past six years.