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Media Release

Save-On-Foods names Leadership Excellence Award winners for 2016

(March 3, 2017 – Langley, B.C.) Save-On-Foods named Bulkley Valley Wholesale manager Mike Dandenault its 2016 Store Manager of the Year at its annual Leadership Excellence Awards on February 28, 2017.

Dandenault, who manages the Bulkley Valley Wholesale in Smithers, B.C., received the coveted award for increasing his store's strong financial performance, impressive jump in productivity and enthusiasm in leading his team to greatness.

Finance director Mona Kragh was named 2016 Business Leader of the Year for guiding the company's growth strategically, while maintaining her incredible business savvy and remarkable leadership strengths.

Save-On-Foods Winfield assistant store manager Geri Sanborn was given the 2016 Anne Kidd Inspire Award, named for the first female president of the company, and awarded to a female leader who exhibits the leadership principles Kidd embodied – including positive influence, leadership, and communication.

Leadership Excellence Awards were also given to Save-On-Foods Lakeshore store manager Don Gandy and Save-On-Foods Tillicum store manager Roger Junker for their dedication to operational excellence.

Three teams were also recognized with Special Achievement Awards for unique projects during the 2016 business year:

- **Regional director George Hendy, and store managers Stace Ransom, Cathy Weiss and Tim Styba**
The Fort McMurray operations team was given an award for their admirable handling of the wildfire threat to their stores, city and their team members' homes, and the aftermath of the largest evacuation of its kind in Canadian history.
- **General manager Craig Anderson, regional director Ben Harrack, and store managers Tim Styba, Greg Fair, Naomi McLeod and Christopher Drobot**
The Manitoba and Saskatchewan operations team went above and beyond to make the first Save-On-Foods store openings east of Alberta unprecedented successes in the company's history.
- **Fresh merchandising director John Paisley, restaurant and deli director John Chapman, ethnic manager Joe Ho, and meat merchandising director Bryan Gudjonson**
The Fresh merchandising team created the most expansive and innovative offering of any grocery store in North America for Winnipeg's Save-On-Foods International Northgate and in the new prairie stores.



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Store manager Michael Huhn accepted the 2016 Customer Service Excellence Award on behalf of his team at the Save-On-Foods Sapperton in New Westminster, B.C. for having the best customer service metrics in 2016.

The Leadership Excellence event celebrates leaders among the Langley-based company's nearly 18,000 team members for their outstanding contribution to the company's success in the award year.

The event is held during Save-On-Foods' Retail Excellence Summit, held this year in Richmond, B.C., with more than 200 members of the company's senior leadership.

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About Save-On-Foods

Save-On-Foods is committed to Going the Extra Mile for customers in every community served, every day. Known for its unique approach in customizing each store to best suit the needs of the neighbourhood by carrying more than 2,500 locally-made products from more than 2,000 local growers and producers, the company has been innovating and putting customers first for over 100 years.

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Bulkley Valley Wholesale store manager Mike Dandenault was named 2016 Store Manager of the Year by the store's parent company Save-On-Foods at Save-On-Foods' annual Leadership Excellence Awards in Richmond, B.C. on February 28, 2017.



Director of Finance for Save-On-Foods Mona Kragh was named the 2016 Business Leader of the Year at the company's annual awards event during the 2017 Retail Excellence Summit, held in Richmond, B.C. this year.



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The winners of Save-On-Foods' 2016 Leadership Excellence Awards celebrated their wins at the awards gala that took place during the company's annual leadership summit.
Back row, from left: Greg Fair, Roger Junker, John Paisley, Stace Ransom, Tim Styba, Naomi McLeod, Craig Anderson, Christopher Drobot, John Chapman, Ben Harrack, and Bryan Gudjonson.
Middle row, from left: Cathy Weiss, Save-On-Foods president Darrell Jones, and Geri Sanborn.
Front row, from left: Joe Ho, Mike Dandenault, Don Gandy, Michael Huhn, and George Hendy.