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Immigrant Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Launched January 25, 2012

Website honors 61 immigrants who made significant contributions to the U.S. Economy

MALDEN, Mass, January 25, 2012 / The Immigrant Entrepreneur Hall of Fame was launched online today by The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) to pay tribute to 61 immigrants who made significant contributions to the U.S. economy and to highlight the importance of immigrant entrepreneurs to the prosperity of the country. The announcement was made during a tele-briefing hosted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Immigration Policy Center of the American Immigration Council about the newly released paper “Immigrant Entrepreneurs: Creating Jobs and Strengthening the Economy.”

The Hall of Fame can be viewed at

<http://www.ilctr.org/promoting-immigrants/immigrant-entrepreneur-hof>.

Diane Portnoy, president and CEO of The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc., said about the launch, “We created the Immigrant Entrepreneur Hall of Fame to shine a light on the contribution immigrants have made to America. Many Americans do not realize that the products and services they rely on every day would not exist without the hard work and ingenuity of immigrants.”

Immigrants have always been more likely than the native-born to be self-employed, as documented in every economic census since 1880. Today, immigrant-founded businesses are represented in every industry and size of business throughout the United States. They create jobs, generate tax revenue and provide valuable goods and services.

The 61 entrepreneurs honored as part of the launch of the Immigrant Entrepreneur Hall of Fame founded companies that range in size from *Fortune* 500 to mid-size companies in industries including biotechnology, consumer goods, financial services, information technology, manufacturing and retail businesses. Collectively, these companies generate revenues of more than \$900 billion and employ more than 2 million people. A complete list of honorees is attached.

About The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc.

The Immigrant Learning Center, Inc. (ILC) of Malden, Mass, is a not-for-profit organization that helps immigrants and refugees become successful workers, parents and community members through direct service programs and public education. Our direct service program provides free, year-round English classes to immigrant and refugee adults in Greater Boston. The ILC further supports immigrants through the Public Education Institute, which informs Americans about the economic and social contributions of immigrants in our society. For more information, visit the website <http://www.ilctr.org> and Facebook page <http://www.fb.com/ImmigrantLearningCenter>.

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The Immigrant Entrepreneur Hall of Fame January 2012 Honorees:
<http://www.ilctr.org/promoting-immigrants/immigrant-entrepreneur-hof>

Name	Country of Origin	Company	Headquarters
Daniel Aaron	Germany	Comcast Corporation	Philadelphia, Pa.
Bahram Akradi	Iran	Life Time Fitness, Inc.	Chanhassen, Minn.
Andreas Bechtolsheim	Germany	Sun Microsystems, Inc.	Redwood Shores, Calif (Oracle)
Hernand & Sosthenes Behn	St. Thomas	ITT	White Plains, N.Y.
Alexander Gramh Bell	Scotland	AT&T, Verizon	Dallas, Texas (AT&T)
Sabeer Bhatia	India	Hotmail	Redmond, Wash. (Microsoft)
Walter Bowes	England	Pitney Bowes	Stamford, Conn.
Sergey Brin	Russia	Google, Inc.	Mountain View, Calif.
Adolphus Busch	Germany	Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.	St. Louis, Mo.
Albert Butz	Switzerland	Honeywell International	Morristown, N.J.
Andrew Carnegie	Scotland	United States Steel , TIAA-CREF	Pittsburgh, Pa. (USS) Charlotte, N.C. (TIAA-CREF)
Steve Chen	Taiwan	YouTube	San Bruno, Calif.
Hugh Chisholm	Canada	International Paper	Memphis, Tenn.
Marcelo Claure	Guatemala	Brightstar Corp.	Miami, Fla.
William and Rafael Cruz	Cuba	TradeStation Group Inc.	Miami, Fla.
Nathan Cummings	Canada	Sara Lee	Downers Grove, Ill.
Alex d'Arbeloff	France	Teradyne	North Reading, Mass.
Desh Deshpande	India	Sycamore Networks	Chelmsford, Mass.
Theodore Deutschmann	England	RadioShack	Fort Worth, Texas
E. I. du Pont	France	DuPont	Wilmington, Del.
Tariq Farid	Pakistan	Edible Arrangements	Wallingford, Conn.
Max and Morris Feldberg	Russia	TJX , BJ's Wholesale Club	Framingham, Mass. (TJX) Westborough, Mass. (BJ's)
James Gamble	Ireland	Procter & Gamble	Cincinnati, Ohio
Helen Greiner	England	iRobot	Bedford, Mass.
Dr. John N. Hatsopoulos	Greece	Thermo Fischer Scientific	Waltham, Mass.
Jen-Hsun Huang	Taiwan	NVIDIA Corporation	Santa Clara, Calif.
Subrah S. Iyar	India	WebEx Communications, Inc.	San Jose, Calif. (Cisco)
Menelaos Kaloyanides	Turkey	New England Coffee Company	Malden, Mass.
Min Kao	Taiwan	Garmin	Olathe, Kan.
Vinod Khosla	India	Sun Microsystems, Inc.	Redwood Shores, Calif. (Oracle)
Maxwell Kohl	Poland	Kohl's	Menomonee Falls, Wis.
James L. Kraft	Canada	Kraft Foods	Northfield, Ill.
Max Rafael Levchin	Ukraine	PayPal	San Jose, Calif. (eBay)
Judge Thomas Mellon	Ireland	BNY Mellon Group	New York, N.Y.
Alexander and Charles Meston	Scotland	Emerson Electric	St. Louis, Mo.
Nigel Morris	England	Capital One Financial	McLean, Va.
Elon Musk	South Africa	PayPal, SpaceX and Tesla Motors	Palo Alto, Calif. (Tesla)
José Navarro, Sr.	Cuba	Navarro Discount Pharmacies	Miami, Fla.
John W. Nordstrom	Sweden	Nordstrom	Seattle, Wash.
Pierre Omidyar	France	eBay	San Jose, Calif.

The Immigrant Entrepreneur Hall of Fame January 2012 Honorees, continued:

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Name	Country of Origin	Company	Headquarters
Kiran Patel	Zambia	WellCare Health Plans	Tampa, Fla.
Jorge M. Perez	Argentina	Related Group of Florida	Miami, Fla.
Charles Pfizer	Germany	Pfizer, Inc.	New York, N.Y.
John Pitcairn, Jr.	Scotland	PPG Industries	Pittsburgh, Pa.
William Procter	England	Procter & Gamble	Cincinnati, Ohio
Ivor Royston	England	Biogen Idec	Weston, Mass.
Sol Shenk	Russia	Big Lots Inc.	Columbus, Ohio
Roy and Bertrand Sosa	Mexico	NetSpend Corporation	Austin, Texas
Levi Strauss	Germany	Levi Strauss & Co.	San Francisco, Calif.
Prudencio Unanue	Spain	Goya Foods	Secaucus, N.J.
Jean-Luc Vaillant	France	LinkedIn	Mountain View, Calif.
Charles Wang	China	CA Technologies	Islandia, N.Y.
Charles Weissman	Switzerland	Biogen Idec	Weston, Mass.
Frederick Weyerhäuser	Germany	Weyerhaeuser Company	Federal Way, Wash.
Mei Xu	China	Chesapeak Candle Co.	Rockville, Md.
Jerry Yang	Taiwan	Yahoo! Inc	Sunnyvale, Calif.

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