

**13th Annual Chuck Tosovsky
Memorial Tribute Dinner, Honoring...**

**JIM
MARTIN**

Martin Associates
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**Tuesday, January 30, 2018
6:30P - 10:30P**

Abbington Banquet Hall
35002 IL Rte 53, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
*(Intersection of Butterfield Road
and Route 53, Glen Ellyn, IL)*





It's no surprise that this year's honoree -

JIM MARTIN

of James Martin Associates – places such emphasis on mentorship and education.

For Jim, the University of Illinois has played a major role in his life and his involvement continues today. After being a University of Illinois Scholarship recipient for all four of his years at U of I, Jim graduated with honors in 1972. Jim has been an Annual Fund Contributor to the Department of Landscape Architecture for 30 years. In 1992, Jim became a Member of the President's Council of the University of Illinois Foundation. Jim also served as a Visiting Professor during 1987. Upon Terence Harkness's retirement, Jim created the Terrence Harkness Lecture Endowment Fund for the Department of Landscape Architecture.

So, with education being such an important part of his life, it only makes sense that mentorship, education and the support of young people entering the industry have always been high priorities for Jim. Whether from Jim personally or with JMA's support, industry scholarships and JMA's internship and management training programs continue to leave an indelible mark on the future of our industry. For more than 30 years, James Martin Associates has trained and mentored more than 120 young industry professionals through its internship and management trainee programs.

And with this year's announcement of the JMA Family-Member Scholarship, 30 Scholarships will have been awarded during JMA's 40-year history. This commitment to awarding scholarships led Jim to be the first White Oak Contributor to the ILCA Scholarship fund.

**EXAMPLE IS NOT THE MAIN THING IN
INFLUENCING OTHERS.
IT IS THE ONLY THING.**

-Albert Schweitzer

His contributions to education are impressive (and continuing), and they may be a far greater reward than the myriad industry awards and accolades that Jim and JMA have garnered over the years. Whether it's because of everyone he has touched or his emphasis on training and continuing education or the investments he's made to industry instruction or his commitment to safety, JMA is one of the most recognized and awarded companies in the United States.

Of all of these accomplishments, Jim is most proud of the 21 associate stockholders he proudly refers to as his partners. However, he reserves his greatest praise, admiration and appreciation for his own family which includes his wife Linda, three world-class daughters, and four healthy, creative grandchildren.

WHY SUPPORT THE TRIBUTE DINNER?

Aside from saluting Jim Martin - this year's deserving honoree - your generous contributions will be used to fund legislative and public policy initiatives at the IGIA and to support advocacy efforts on behalf of the entire nursery and landscape industry.

The cost of the dinner is \$275 per person or \$500 per couple. Sponsorship opportunities are available as well that not only provide donors professional or personal recognition, but that also offer unique opportunities to honor Jim with personal notes and tributes in the special event program.

There also will be a live and silent auction at the event. Even if you can't attend the dinner, you still can make a donation in Jim's honor. Please see the enclosed invitation and return your RSVP/commitment card ASAP.

Thanks so much! We appreciate your generosity!

Please note: Checks for the Tribute Dinner must be made out to the **Illinois Green Industry Association**. Once the dinner is over, the net proceeds from the event (revenues minus expenses & administrative overhead) will be deposited in the GIPAC fund.

GIPAC

The Green Industry Political Action Committee (GIPAC) was created for the purposes of supporting a full-time lobbyist to protect and advance our industry's interests; soliciting and contributing voluntary funds to candidates for state and federal elective offices who are supportive of Illinois' nursery and landscape industry; and also for introducing or cultivating legislative initiatives, public policy programs and advocacy efforts.

Your generous support will help sustain the viability of the PAC and ensure that the Illinois Green Industry continues to have a strong voice in both Washington and Springfield on matters important to our industry.

Please complete and return the RSVP card by mail (with a check made out to the **Illinois Green Industry Association** or credit card info) or by fax/email (credit card only for payment) no later than **January 17, 2018**.

If you need more information, are interested in sponsoring the event or donating an auction item, please contact IGIA Executive Director Joe Khayyat at joe@illinoisgreen.net.

