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### JAK Creative Design honored with Annual Award for Business Excellence

Darien, Ill. (March 15, 2017) — JAK Creative Design, a marketing and design agency based in the western suburbs of Chicago, was honored Wednesday as an outstanding small company at the *Daily Herald Business Ledger's* Annual Awards for Business Excellence celebration.

The AABEs recognize business achievement, growth, and community involvement. JAK was among 20 suburban Chicago companies honored at an evening reception in Addison, Ill.

“In the past year, our entire team has surpassed my high expectations and set a new standard for growth and excellence,” said Jill Kerrigan, JAK’s president and owner. “To be honored with the AABE for that hard work just adds to how proud I am of what we have achieved together.”

This award is the latest honor JAK has received for its marketing and design work. In recent months, the agency also has won a Silver Davey Award for promotional design by a small company, and two Silver awards from visual arts journal *Graphis* for logo design and report design.

Kerrigan started her 100-percent-woman-owned business in 1995. She is affiliated with the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), and she is certified through the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). In 2016, Kerrigan completed the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program. She previously was named one of the *Business Ledger's* Influential Women in Business.

**ABOUT JAK CREATIVE DESIGN:** JAK Creative Design (formerly JAK Graphic Design), located in Darien, Ill., is a marketing and design agency that creates innovative graphic design solutions to help its clients achieve their marketing goals. JAK’s team of designers, copywriters, and account executives has become an integral part of the marketing initiatives of clients such as American Express, ComEd, and Principal Financial Group. [www.jakcd.com](http://www.jakcd.com)

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