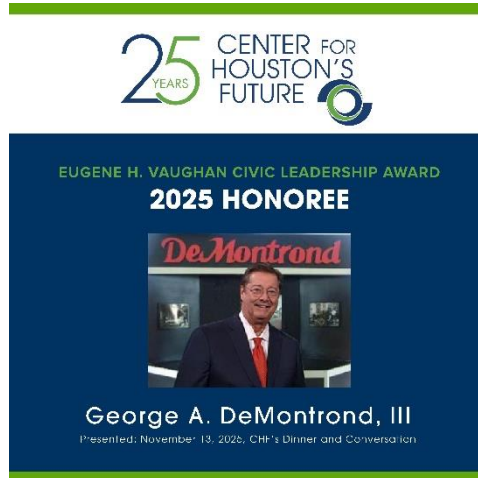


Center for Houston's Future Announces George DeMontrond to receive the Vaughan Civic Leadership Award



June 11, 2005 – Center for Houston's Future is thrilled to announce that George A. DeMontrond, III will receive the Eugene H. Vaughan Civic Leadership Award at our signature event, Dinner & Conversation, on November 13.

The Vaughan Award is the Center's highest honor, recognizing individuals whose lifetime of work has significantly shaped our city and region.

The Vaughan award is named after the Center's founder and was first presented to Gene Vaughan in 2004 to mark his efforts as our founding chairman. Over the years, the award has been presented to many notable Houstonians such as Barbara Bush, Mayor Bill White and Andrea White, Reverend Bill Lawson, Dr. Stephen Klineberg, Mayor Sylvester Turner and Stan Marek.

"It's impossible to say too much about George's impact on our region's business, civic and philanthropic landscapes," said David Gow, the Center's CEO and president. "He embodies the essence and the spirit of the Gene Vaughan award. I look forward to honoring and celebrating him in November at Dinner and Conversation."

DeMontrond is president and CEO of DeMontrond Automotive Group, Inc., an automotive and recreational vehicle retailer founded in 1953 with annual sales in excess of \$600,000,000, employing 800 employees in ten Houston area locations. He also owns DeMontrond Allstate Insurance Agency.

He has served on or is currently serving on numerous boards, including: The Harris County Protective Services Foundation, Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (Lifetime Vice President), the Houston Area Boy Scouts of America, and others.

He also has deep and ongoing ties to the Center, having served on our Board, including as chairman. He is also a graduate of the Center's Business/Civic Leadership Forum.

He has been instrumental in ensuring the success of the Center's mission as well as the numerous other civic organizations he has worked with and supported.

“We hope you can join us in November to celebrate George's remarkable contributions to Houston,” Gow said. “Stay tuned for more details about Dinner and Conversation.”

In the meantime, you can reserve your spot by clicking [here](#).