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## **FONA International Honored as one of the Nation's Best and Brightest in Wellness for the 8<sup>th</sup> Year**



**Geneva, IL, December 10, 2021** - FONA International, a McCormick & Company creator and manufacturer of complete flavor solutions, has been recognized as a 2021 National Best and Brightest in Wellness winner by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR). This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year FONA has received this honor. View the full list of winners [here](#).

“Now more than ever, health and wellness are crucial to FONA and our employees. The past almost two years of the pandemic has placed an even greater importance on this, and we’ve been committed to providing resources that will allow employees to feel safe and be the healthiest versions of themselves,” said Total Rewards Manager Lindsey Clark. “This award reflects our dedication to promoting employee well-being and a healthy work environment for the FONA family. We are so honored!”

The Best and Brightest in Wellness® celebrates excellence in health awareness by recognizing organizations that promote a culture of wellness to make their business and community a healthier place to live and work. FONA was evaluated by an assessment created and administered by SynBella, the nation’s leading wellness systems firm. Entries were examined statistically for quantitative and qualitative data. Each survey was scored on a point system based upon criteria to benchmark and improve wellness program effectiveness. They include outcomes, analysis, tracking, participation & incentives, benefits and programs, leadership, employee input, culture and environment. FONA is among one of over 60 organizations across the country that are being honored as winners from this year’s fall applicants.

“The Best and Brightest is a powerful community of elite leaders who share ideas and practices and have proven they are employers of choice. Best and Brightest winning companies have also been a voice for important action in creating a sustainable culture that works and ensuring the wellbeing of their employees come first,” said Jennifer Kluge, President and CEO, NABR and the Best and Brightest Programs.

This award follows several others including FONA’s most recent recognition as the #2 Small and Medium Workplace in Manufacturing and Production by Fortune magazine and Great Place to Work. It also follows FONA’s recognition as a Best & Bright Elite Winner in Work-Life Balance, one of Chicago’s Best & Brightest Companies to Work For and a Great Place to Work Best Workplace in Chicago. In addition, FONA was named a National Best & Brightest Company to Work For. Check out more about FONA’s awards at [www.fona.com/awards](http://www.fona.com/awards).

### **ABOUT FONA INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

FONA is owned and operated by McCormick & Company, a global leader in flavor. Founded more than 30 years ago, FONA International creates and produces flavors for many of the largest food, beverage, and nutritional companies in the world. It offers flavor solutions for the confection, grain, beverage, performance



nutrition, OTC and emerging markets from its state-of-the-art, 33-acre campus in Geneva, IL. FONA's seven core values drive it to pursue excellence and foster incredible partnerships. More than just great flavors — FONA provides exceptional service and complete market solutions. FONA is one of McCormick & Company's Flavor Solutions brands. Every day, no matter where or what you eat or drink, you can enjoy food flavored by McCormick. Founded in 1889, McCormick envisions A World United by Flavor where healthy, sustainable, and delicious go hand in hand. To learn more, visit [www.mccormickcorporation.com](http://www.mccormickcorporation.com).

#### **ABOUT THE BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN WELLNESS® PROGRAM**

The Best and Brightest in Wellness®, a program of the National Association for Business Resources, celebrates those companies that are making their businesses flourish, the lives of their employees better and the community a healthier place to live. The Best and Brightest program provides year-long education, benchmarking, assessment tools and interaction amongst the best employers. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 programs. Visit [www.thebestandbrightest.com](http://www.thebestandbrightest.com) for more information.