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## Abby Selby honored as the 2022 Recipient of the Dr. Elizabeth Curtis Young Professional Award

**Grand Haven, Michigan** – Meghan Heritage, past recipient of the Dr. Elizabeth Curtis Young Professional Award presented Abby Selby with the 2022 Award at The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg Annual Celebration at Spring Lake Country Club. The award recognizes a young professional between the ages of 21 and 40 who embodies the business, community and volunteer philosophy of the late Dr. Curtis, one who had an unwavering responsibility to community through the philosophy of always “paying it forward” though involvement with local organizations that elevate the overall quality of life in Northwest Ottawa County.

Abby is a homegrown entrepreneur who grew up in Grand Haven, graduated from Grand Haven High School, attended Ferris State University receiving a dual Bachelors in Accountancy and Health Care Systems Administration. She immediately followed up receiving her degree by receiving her CPA license and went to work in the private sector. After spending a few years in the private sector, her entrepreneurial and accounting skills led her to open Selby Tax and Accounting as a home-based business. Over the next twelve years she slowly grew her business from a leased office space to buying her current location and having to expand it just a few years later to accommodate her growth in customers and employees.

Abby's business is currently comprised of all women. Through her mentorship of women who have returned to college to pursue accounting after having been stay at home Moms, women exploring new career opportunities, or facing personal challenges, Abby has provided guidance and career advice that has led to long term employment. Abby also provides advice and financial counseling to women who are exploring starting their own businesses. To her staff or new entrepreneur, Abby always encourages employees and entrepreneurs to not be afraid to step out of their comfort zone by joining networking meetings and professional and personal growth events. She credits her success in her journey to relationships that have been built over the years. With that goal in mind, she joined a Chamber Leads Group, served as Chair & Secretary and graduated from the Chamber's Leadership Connect Class. She is active in Grand Haven Rotary, having served and chaired the D'Vine Event Committee and is an active member of Tri Cities Women Who Care.

Growing a business, building relationships through volunteering and engagement are all important, but as all young entrepreneurs know, balancing work, family, friends and fitness create challenges along the way. Abby has strategically focused her current community involvement on her children. She is a coach on a Total Trek Quest team and served on the Reimagine Station Committee to rebuild the playground at Mulligans Hollow. She volunteers her whole family to help at charitable events from ringing bells at Christmas for the Salvation Army to handing out water bottles at 5k runs.

Abby is a member of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and has been recognized as the “Best Tax Preparer” in the Grand Haven Tribune beginning in 2018 through 2021. In 2020 she was presented the Chamber Ambassador's Brick Award for the expansion of her business and was honored as the Lakeshore Athena Young Professional recipient of 2019.

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