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CRAVE Named Restaurant of the Year

THE MINNESOTA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION (MRA) recently selected CRAVE as its Restaurant of the Year, citing CRAVE's fresh, seasonal

and contemporary take on gourmet food and its impact on the restaurant industry.

Composed of local restaurant owners, the MRA bases its Restaurant of the

Year selection on outstanding customer service, continuously exceeding customer expectations and distinguishing itself as a leader in the restaurant industry and in

the community, among other criteria.

CRAVE was also named Best New Restaurant in Orlando, Fla., by *Florida Trend Magazine*.

Real Estate Hall of Fame CLASS OF 2010

ON OCTOBER 27, the Shenehon Center for Real Estate at the University of St. Thomas Opus College of Business presented lifetime achievement awards to the inaugural class of the Minnesota Real Estate Hall of Fame. Created by the Shenehon Center for Real Estate, the awards recognize Minnesotans who have been innovators and leaders in real estate.

THE 2010 INDUCTEES ARE:

Tony Bernardi

Lloyd Engelsma
(1913-1997)

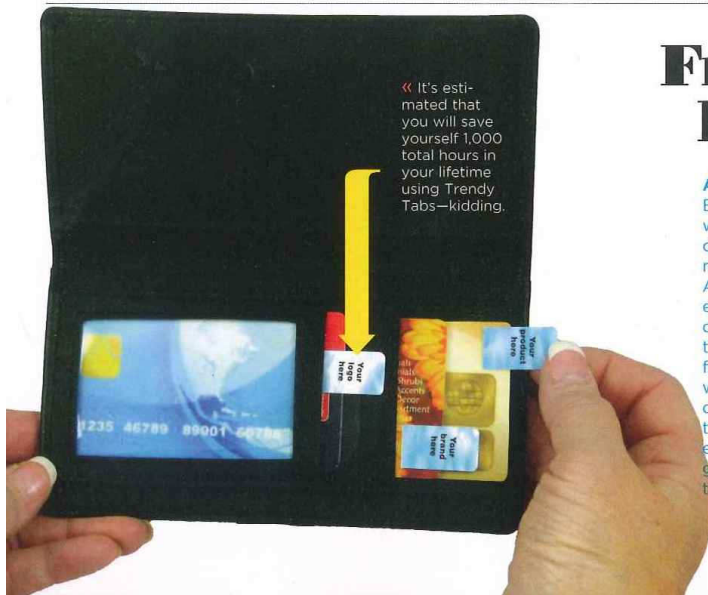
Gerald Rauchenhorst

William Reiling

James Ryan
(1942-2009)

Sam Thorpe Sr.
(1864-1936)

For more information on the hall of fame and for in-depth bios, visit stthomas.edu/business/RealEstateHallofFame.



From Banker to Entrepreneur

AMBER LEMNA WAS a TCF Bank teller for 10 years and would likely have continued down said path had she not noticed a frustrating trend. Almost without fail, customers would struggle to pull credit and ID cards out of their wallets. Perhaps more for her sake than theirs, she would often attach a piece of tape to the card to help them pull it out. The inevitable response? It was a great idea that she needed to market.

After doing research, some serious patent filing and spending countless hours in her basement perfecting the product, market her product is precisely what Lemna did. Originally in only a couple of Twin Cities boutiques, Lemna's Trendy Tabs are now available for wider distribution, and the technology has also been modified into a branding tool called Grabbit Tabs by local technology integration company MetaConn.