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Brevard Achievement Center Recognizes Business Community via New E²A Awards

Rockledge, Fla. – [Brevard Achievement Center](#) (BAC) will present its inaugural E²A (Employ, Empower: Achieve) community awards on Wednesday, October 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the Hilton Rialto as part of the agency’s National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) activities. The E²A awards identify those individuals and organizations across Brevard that have created opportunities to help persons with disabilities achieve personal success. In addition to the breakfast award ceremony, the event will feature motivational funny man Brett Leake.

“Our inaugural award winners have truly shown that there’s no limit to what individuals with disabilities can achieve when given the chance,” said BAC President and CEO, Amar Patel. “Because October is the month we recognize the achievements individuals with disabilities and their employers make in our workforce every day, we felt that it was the perfect time to initiate the E²A Awards.”

BAC’s first E²A awards will be presented to:

- **Brevard County Clerk of the Court: Employ, Empower Award**
Recognizes organizations that create work opportunities in the community for people with disabilities.
- **Brevard Zoo: Moving Forward Award**
Recognizes individuals and/or organizations that have made special efforts to assist people with disabilities in gaining new skills or improving access to employment opportunities.
- **Karen Kirkland – Carr, Riggs & Ingram: Believe and Achieve Award**
Recognizes individuals with disabilities who have made significant personal strides in achieving success in work and/or life.

Leake is a “sit-down” stand-up comic with muscular dystrophy who uses humor as a problem-solving device. He was the first comedian with a physical disability to appear on NBC’s *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* and is a National Humor Treasure Award winner.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$160 for a corporate table of eight. Go to [bacbrevard.com](#) to purchase tickets or contact Susan McGrath at smcgrath@bacbrevard.com or 321-632-8610, ext. 204 for more information.

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