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Wilmington, DE – The Delaware History Makers Award & Celebration

*A Delaware Tradition: Local Brewing, Dogfish Head,
and the Nation's Best Craft Beer*

April 19, 2018

The **Delaware History Makers Award** recognizes individuals who have made extraordinary and lasting contributions to the quality of life in Delaware, our nation, or the world. The theme for the 2018 program is *A Delaware Tradition: Local Brewing, Dogfish Head, and the Nation's Best Craft Beer*.

Delaware enjoyed a longstanding beer-brewing tradition dating back to the early Swedes until Prohibition closed local breweries in 1920. Recently, the production of locally-brewed craft beer has become an increasingly important component of Delaware's economy, a tourist attraction, and a point of pride. With the rise of craft brewing in the 1990s, the industry has launched Delaware toward the top of per-capita national rankings in craft-beer production, consumption, and economic impact, according to the U.S. Brewers Association. Leading the way in what has been called Delaware's "Second Golden Age of Brewing," is Dogfish Head Craft Brewery, founded in Milton in 1995.

The 11th Annual Delaware History Makers Award event honoring Sam and Mariah Calagione of Dogfish Head Craft Brewery on Thursday, April 19th will begin with a short Award Ceremony at The Queen Theater on North Market Street in Wilmington, followed by a celebration next door at the Delaware History Museum and Old Town Hall. A variety of Dogfish Head beers and specialty food pairings will be served. The evening will include live entertainment, a buffet, and a mini-exhibit of photos from Delaware's Golden Age of Brewing and the repeal of Prohibition. All proceeds support the Delaware Historical Society's educational programs and exhibitions. Please join us for a classic *Off-Centered* event!

Sam and Mariah Calagione

Sam and Mariah Calagione, are the honorees of the 2018 Delaware History Maker's Award in recognition of their work building Dogfish Head Craft Brewery into one of the nation's best craft beer producers and for their commitment to the environment as leaders in The Nature Conservancy. In addition, the philanthropic branch of the company, *Beer & Benevolence*, has generously supported nonprofit organizations throughout Delaware by supplying products for fundraising events. Sam Calagione is the founder and president of the company, one of the nation's fastest growing independent breweries. In 2017, Calagione won the prestigious James Beard Foundation's award for [Outstanding Beer Professional of the Year](#). [Mariah Draper Calagione](#) is Vice President of the company and a trustee of the Draper Holdings Charitable Foundation and The Nature Conservancy

The Delaware History Makers Award began in 2007 and supports the Delaware Historical Society's award-winning education programs. Past honorees include Ed and Peggy Woolard, Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Toni Young, The Hon. Pete Du Pont, Ken Burns, Harold R. "Tubby" Raymond, Dr. Carol Hoffecker, Rev. Roberto Balducelli, Rev. Canon Lloyd Casson, Ellen Kullman, The Hon. Michael N. Castle, Bryan Stevenson, Rod Ward III, and The Hon. Andre Bouchard.

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