

2002 Hall of Fame Inductee

Frank Jacobs

Class of 1950

Frank Jacobs is an entrepreneur with a keen eye for an opportunity and a big heart for serving his community.

In 1959, Jacobs founded Falcon Products with \$5,000 and one employee. The company has grown to 4,000 employees, produces \$340 million in sales, and has expanded to 3 million square feet of manufacturing space, with headquarters in St. Louis and facilities in Tennessee, Mississippi, New Jersey, California, Mexico, China, Czech Republic, and Denmark.



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During 1992, 1994, and 1995, Falcon Products was named by *Forbes Magazine* and *Business Week* as one of the top 200 small companies in the U.S. Falcon Products has also been named one of the leading top 50 companies in the St. Louis area. It's no wonder Jacobs was named, "Entrepreneur of the Year" by *Inc. Magazine*, Ernst & Young, and Merrill Lynch in 1992 and "International Business Person of the Year" in 2002 by the World Trade Center.

In addition to his business, Jacobs contributes to the St. Louis community through his involvement in organizations and service on boards representing area education institutions, such as Jewish Community Centers of St. Louis, Webster University, St. Louis Public School Foundation, Boy Scouts Council of Greater St. Louis, The OASIS Institute, Missouri Historical Society, Grand Center, Regional Business Council, and the Lewis & Clark Commission.