

Announcement

Even before it officially opens its doors to the public, the Iowa Transportation Museum is taking flight online with the launch of its interactive, web-based Heroes Center. At www.TransportationHeroes.org, visitors can nominate heroes who have made a difference in the transportation industry.

By early next year an inaugural class of heroes will be inducted into the Heroes Center, and an expanded version of the site will be launched that will use a blend of personal interviews, videos, and written stories to shine a light on some of the heroes who have kept our country moving forward.

Nominations for the Heroes Center will be accepted year-round with no limit to the number of individuals who can be inducted each year. Visitors to the site will be asked to select one of three categories when nominating a hero:

- “Heroes by Example” – transportation workers who have accomplished their everyday job in an extraordinary way;
- “Heroes of Industry and Technology” – those individuals who have made significant breakthroughs or contributions in transportation-related industries or technologies; and
- “Heroes of Valor” – transportation workers who have placed their life at risk while on the job.

The Heroes Center will serve as the centerpiece of the Iowa Transportation Museum, currently in development in Grinnell at the former site of the historic Spaulding Manufacturing Co., where thousands of horse drawn vehicles and motorcars were once produced in the early 1900s.

The mission of the Iowa Transportation Museum is to explore the evolution of transportation, making it come alive to enhance our understanding of how transportation systems and workers contribute to the culture and quality of life we enjoy. For further information about the museum or its Heroes Center, visit www.IowaTransportationMuseum.org.

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