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**Superior Graphite to Receive Century Award**

**Illinois Family Business of the Year Awards Announced**

CHICAGO (November 14, 2017) – Superior Graphite has been designated to receive the Century Award from the Family Business Center at Loyola University Chicago’s Quinlan School of Business. The annual awards program recognizes Illinois-based family businesses that have demonstrated a strong commitment to family business, contributions to industry and community, and innovative business practices and strategies. The award categories include Small, Medium and Large Family Business Awards, Community Service Award, the Dean’s Award, and the Century Award.

"We are both honored and humbled to have been chosen by the esteemed panel to receive this prestigious Loyola Family Business Center Century award," commented Edward Carney, the company’s President & CEO.

Superior Graphite celebrates a century this year: 100 years of innovation and technical expertise in manufacturing graphite and carbon-based solutions for its global customer base. The company was founded in 1917 by William J. Carney and started with a graphite mine in Alabama. In 1925, Superior Flake Graphite Company moved to Chicago and opened its Bulk Graphite plant.

In 1977, third generation company leader Peter Carney, along with the team of gifted scientists, invented a high-temperature electro-thermal purification process which propelled the company forward. Now, led by Edward Carney, a fourth generation company executive, Superior Graphite has multiple locations globally and continues to carry on the tradition of innovation, ingenuity, and customer focus.

This year's award winners will be honored at an awards gala on Thursday, November 16, at The Four Seasons Hotel Chicago. The event attracts professionals from across the Chicagoland area.

**About Family Business Center at Loyola University Chicago's Quinlan School of Business**

The Loyola Family Business Center is an interdisciplinary Center of Excellence dedicated to serving multigenerational, mid- to large-sized family businesses. The center provides learning experiences aimed at increasing effectiveness in planning, problem solving, and preparing current and future generations of family-business owners and managers.

**About Superior Graphite**

An innovation leader since 1917, Superior Graphite provides continuous electro-thermal treatment/purification of graphite & carbons, advanced sizing, and custom-mix technologies for energy/thermal management, metallurgy, friction, drilling material additives, non-oxide ceramics, and polymers/CASE materials. The company's purpose-created solutions deliver outstanding quality, consistency, and performance across industries and around the globe. For more information, please visit [www.superiorgraphite.com](http://www.superiorgraphite.com) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

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