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## DRONE INDUSTRY OF PENNSYLVANIA TO BE CELEBRATED WITH INAUGURAL “ELLIE” AWARDS AND NETWORKING EVENT AT THE THINK CENTER IN WILKES-BARRE

**Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania (22 November 2022)**—The PA Drone Association will host its inaugural “Ellie” Awards night and ElevatePA networking event at the Wilkes-Barre THINK Center on 7 South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The President of the PA Drone Association, and native son of Courtdale and Wilkes University, Dr. John G. Duesler, Jr. is coordinating this event with the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. “Frankly, I have been waiting quite a while for The Valley to show this kind of initiative, entrepreneurship, and collaboration where we can harness the incredible human, economic, and environmental resources that our NEPA region possesses. Bringing the drone industry to northeastern Pennsylvania is just the first step in making our local leaders, and the entire commonwealth, better understand the incredible potential the drone industry can play in Wilkes-Barre’s and in the state’s economic future,” Duesler beamed.

In addition to the networking component of the evening, the PA Drone Association will also be announcing its inaugural “Ellie” Award Winners to recognize the accomplishments of the drone industry in our commonwealth; there will be an individual award and a corporate award.

Executive Director of the PA Drone Association, David Heath, explains, “Drones are now used in at least 28 different industries throughout our commonwealth. These Ellie Awards will recognize just two of the many leaders who are moving Pennsylvania’s technological future forward. Like northeastern Pennsylvania was once the national leader in the coal, rail, and garment industries, we believe this region, and its people, can participate in our technological future with drone advancements.”

“The THINK Center is a perfect venue for bringing John and the PA Drone Association back to Wilkes-Barre,” shares Ahmad Ali, Director of Memberships and Community Engagement for the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce. “The energy the drone community brings to our region will be on full display December 13<sup>th</sup>, and I’m confident it will elevate all our industries in the area.”

ElevatePA is a series of outreach events organized by the PA Drone Association throughout Pennsylvania. The mission of ElevatePA is to create awareness of the potency of drone technologies, bridge leaders throughout the drone industry, and create opportunities for drone enthusiasts to grow their businesses and foster professional connections. To register for this event or find out more about the PA Drone Association, visit <https://elevatePA.net>.

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