

# AMY HITCHINSON SELECTED AS TOP FOUNDER & CEO OF THE YEAR BY IAOTP

*Amy Hutchinson will be honored at the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) at their annual awards gala in Las Vegas*

NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, July 13, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Amy Hutchinson was recently selected as Top Founder & CEO Of the Year 2025 by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for her outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the industry.

Inclusion with the International Association of Top Professionals is an honor in itself; only a few members in each discipline are chosen for this distinction. These special honorees are distinguished based on their professional accomplishments, academic achievements, leadership abilities, longevity in the field, other affiliations, and contributions to their communities. All honorees are invited to attend the IAOTP annual award gala at the end of this year for a night to honor their achievements.

[www.iaotp.com/award-gala](http://www.iaotp.com/award-gala)



With more than three decades of experience in the childcare and early learning industry, Amy Hutchinson, Founder and CEO of The Ivy Academy of Early Learning has proven herself a respected leader and expert in the field. As a dynamic, results-driven professional, Amy is recognized for her straightforward, solution-focused approach to collaborating with families, staff, government agencies, and industry peers. Her unwavering focus on what's best for children and families has positioned her at the forefront of early education in Illinois.

At the heart of Amy's mission is The Ivy Academy, a nonprofit early learning center serving children from six weeks to 12 years of age. The Ivy Academy fosters a love for learning and encourages holistic development intellectual, emotional, and social through creative exploration

and play-based education. With a team of passionate and qualified educators, The Ivy Academy provides a safe and nurturing environment where children thrive. Programs include infant care that supports early developmental milestones, toddler classes designed to build curiosity and independence, and a dynamic preschool and pre-K curriculum that promotes creativity and school readiness. Kindergarten programs, both full- and half-day, lay a strong academic foundation, while before- and after-school care offers enrichment and homework support. During the summer, children can enjoy themed adventures through Ivy Academy's engaging summer camp experience. Her work is especially meaningful as a mother to a daughter living with a disability, an experience that has profoundly shaped her approach to advocacy and inclusive education.



Amy's current and previous roles include Founder and CEO of The Ivy Academy of Early Learning in Elgin, Illinois, a position she has held since 2011, and Founder and CEO of The Ivy Academy of Early Learning II, Inc. in Geneva since 2018. Amy also founded the North End Youth Center in 2020, a hub for youth support and enrichment in Elgin. She has served as President of Harrington Builders Inc. since 2013, using her experience to help local families access affordable housing. Previously, she held leadership positions, including Area Director for PROaupair, a national agency specializing in professional au pairs for children with special needs, and Center Director at Betty's Daycare in Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg for over two decades.

Her areas of expertise span early childhood development, childcare management, nonprofit leadership, child and youth advocacy, organizational leadership, and parenting skills training. She is primarily known for her work in special education collaboration and her deep commitment to supporting inclusive and accessible learning environments.

Before embarking on her professional journey, Amy built a strong academic foundation. She earned a Master's Degree in Sociology from National Louis University. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Humanistic Sociology from Western Illinois University, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and an Associate's Degree in Child Development from William Rainey Harper College. Her academic achievements also include a Certificate in Child Development and multiple recognitions for early childhood literacy and child advocacy.

Throughout her illustrious career, Amy Hutchinson has received many awards and accolades and has been recognized worldwide for her accomplishments. This year she will be considered for the Empowered Woman Award and to be featured in TIP (Top Industry Professionals) Magazine. She will be honored at IAOTP's annual awards gala at the magnificent Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas this December for her selection as Top Founder & CEO Of The Year 2025.

In addition to her successful career, Amy is deeply involved in her community. She served on a task force for the Illinois State Board of Education and co-authored "Parent's Rights for Disabled Children," a publication that informs families about the educational rights of children receiving special education services. She is a founding member of the Illinois Daycare Owners Association and a regular contributor to the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. Amy is actively engaged with numerous community organizations and initiatives across Kane County, Illinois. With three thriving centers currently in operation, Amy Aceto-Hitchinson's vision continues with plans to expand internationally. Collaborating with Italian officials, Amy Aceto-Hitchinson and her team are poised to introduce groundbreaking programs focusing on adults with developmental disabilities in Italy. This initiative will transform unused properties into vibrant community centers, intertwining local resources and international cooperation.

The President of the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP), Stephanie Cirami, stated: "Choosing Amy Hutchinson for this honor was an easy decision for our panel to make. Amy is inspirational, influential, and a true visionary and thought leader. We cannot wait to meet her and celebrate her accomplishments at this year's gala."

Looking back, Amy attributes her success to her perseverance, work ethic, and the mentors she has had along the way. When not working, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. In the future, Amy Hutchinson hopes to continue to make a lasting impact in her community and beyond.

For more information, please visit: [www.theivyacademy.org/](http://www.theivyacademy.org/)

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IAOTP's experts have given thousands of top, prestigious professionals worldwide the recognition and credibility they deserve, helping to build their branding empires. IAOTP prides itself on being a one-of-a-kind boutique networking organization that handpicks only the best of the best, creating a networking platform that connects and brings these top professionals

together in one place.

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