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## **LEAN LEARNING CENTER PARTNER RECOGNIZED FOR BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS**

***Jamie Flinchbaugh Selected for Crain's Detroit Business 40 Under 40, Class 2006***

**Novi, Mich., September 26, 2006** – In recognition for his business achievements, Lean Learning Center co-founder and partner Jamie Flinchbaugh has been honored as a *40 Under 40, Class 2006* recipient by *Crain's Detroit Business*, the premiere Detroit-area business publication. The *40 Under 40* program, which began 16 years ago, identifies men and women in the business and non-profit communities who have achieved solid business success before the age of 40. Flinchbaugh was recognized for helping to train over 2,500 executives worldwide in lean principles thereby building the five-year-old Center into a leading provider of lean curriculum and consulting. Additionally, Flinchbaugh recently co-authored a book with Center co-founder Andy Carlino, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Lean*, which is available at Amazon.com and through the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Despite starting in a difficult economy in 2001, the Center has managed to thrive and teach its message of “lean” to diverse industries and high level companies such as Intel, DTE Energy, Northrop Grumman, DaimlerChrysler, Glanbia Foods, Harley Davidson and Land O'Lakes, to name a few.

Flinchbaugh's career in lean began during his work at Harley-Davidson Motors. After that, he moved on to help direct lean manufacturing processes at DaimlerChrysler and DTE Energy before co-founding the Center. Flinchbaugh is a graduate fellow of the highly-regarded Leaders for Manufacturing Program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

where he received an MBA from the Sloan School of Management and a Masters of Engineering degree. Flinchbaugh is a frequent conference and seminar speaker and has authored numerous articles and white papers on the principles of lean.

Flinchbaugh commented, "I am pleased to be recognized by *Crain's* and in the company of such highly successful business people that make up the *40 under 40*. I am proud of the work we accomplish at the Center and believe that we are helping companies learn how to be competitive in today's global economy by teaching them how to build lean cultures and capabilities for transformation."

In conjunction with its corporate partner Achievement Dynamics, a provider of management consulting, the Lean Learning Center provides a full complement of lean transformation services and products including customized instructional design capability. The Center has been designed specifically for adult learning and is the only facility in the nation dedicated to teaching lean principles. Industries served include manufacturing, healthcare, public utilities, retail, aerospace, communications, technology, investment equity, service and more. For more information visit [www.leanlearningcenter.com](http://www.leanlearningcenter.com).

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For more information on *Crain's* 40 under 40, visit:  
<http://www.craindetroit.com/files/40u40/index.html>

Photo caption: Lean Learning Center partner and co-founder Jamie Flinchbaugh has been recognized for his business achievements by *Crain's Detroit Business* magazine.