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**INTERSPORT ANNOUNCES FULL FIELD OF PLAYERS TO COMPETE IN
'THE JOHN SHIPPEN NATIONAL GOLF INVITATIONAL'**

**THE JOHN SHIPPEN NATIONAL GOLF INVITATIONAL INVITES THE NATION'S
TOP BLACK MALE AND FEMALE PROFESSIONAL & AMATEUR GOLFERS TO
COMPETE ON JUNE 27-28 AT DETROIT GOLF CLUB**

*THE MEN'S FIELD WILL COMPETE FOR AN EXEMPTION INTO THE PGA TOUR'S ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC
THE WOMEN'S FIELD WILL PLAY FOR EXEMPTIONS INTO THE LPGA'S DOW GREAT LAKES BAY INVITATIONAL*

**PANELS AND PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR
'THE JOHN SHIPPEN SPORTS BUSINESS SUMMIT'**

**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW FOR VIRTUAL SUMMIT JUNE 29-30 TO CREATE
NATIONAL AWARENESS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE
STUDENTS OF COLOR IN THE BUSINESS OF SPORTS**

20 SCHOLARSHIPS AND SEVERAL PAID INTERNSHIPS TO BE AWARDED TO PARTICIPANTS

**'THE JOHN SHIPPEN SHOOT-OUT PRESENTED BY COGNIZANT' TO PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL LPGA EXEMPTION FOR COMPETITORS**

*PLAYERS FROM THE SECOND- AND THIRD-PLACING WOMEN'S TEAMS
FROM THE JOHN SHIPPEN NATIONAL GOLF INVITATIONAL WILL FACE OFF
TO WIN A SPONSOR EXEMPTION TO THE LPGA'S 'COGNIZANT FOUNDERS CUP'*

*THE JOHN SHIPPEN Event, Including the National Invitational for Black Golfers and the Sports Business Summit
for Students of Color was Established by Intersport to Identify Historical Barriers to, and
Expand Upon Black Representation in Golf and to Create Awareness, Access and Opportunities
for Persons of Color in the Business of Sports*

THE JOHN SHIPPEN CBS Special to Air in Advance of the PGA TOUR's

Rocket Mortgage Classic Television Coverage on July 4

THE JOHN SHIPPEN Event Named in Honor of John Shippen, Jr., the FIRST AMERICAN-BORN Golf Professional AND the FIRST BLACK Golf Professional Shippen, the Original Trailblazer for Blacks in Golf, Played in Five U.S. Opens from 1896-1913 and was Bestowed PGA of America Membership Posthumously in 2009

DETROIT (June 21, 2021) – Intersport announced today the full field of players committed to compete in **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational** presented by Rocket Mortgage. The nation's top amateur and professional Black golfers have been invited to play June 27-28, at the historic Detroit Golf Club in **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational**, designed specifically to showcase and provide heightened opportunities and recognition to Black golfers. A one-hour TV special about **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will air on CBS leading into final-round coverage of the Rocket Mortgage Classic on Sunday, July 4.

THE JOHN SHIPPEN is named after John Shippen, Jr., who was the first American-born golf professional and also the country's first Black golf professional. Shippen tied for fifth place in the second U.S. Open in 1896 and played in four additional U.S. Opens. He was bestowed PGA of America membership posthumously in 2009.

THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational Competition:

- The **Women's Division** will feature a 36-hole competition with a two-player team format. The winning duo will earn an exemption into the **LPGA's Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational** (July 14–17), which is also played as a team event.
- The **Men's Division** will compete in a 36-hole individual stroke play event, with the winner receiving an exemption into the **PGA TOUR's Rocket Mortgage Classic** (July 1-4).

THE JOHN SHIPPEN Shoot-Out Presented by Cognizant is a three-hole individual competition that will take place on the South Course (5th, 6th and 7th Holes) at Detroit Golf Club on Monday, June 28, directly following **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational** final round play. The Shoot-Out will feature the four players from the second- and third-place teams of the women's field with the individual winner being awarded a sponsor exemption into the **LPGA's Cognizant Founders Cup** (October 4-10).

The sport of golf is an \$84 billion industry with more than two million golf-related jobs. However, **less than one percent of PGA of America club professionals are Black**, and **only four current PGA TOUR players are Black**. These statistics do not reflect a lack of talented Black golfers, but rather, they reflect limited access and resources.

*"We at Intersport believe **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will serve as a springboard from which to bolster accessibility to the sport of golf for young Black players and sports professionals," said Jason Langwell, Executive Vice President of Intersport and Executive Director of the Rocket Mortgage Classic. "As a national sports marketing firm, we are fully committed to the creation and expansion of opportunities and growth for Black athletes and professionals, now and in the future. Through **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit**, we will offer twenty scholarships and paid internships to several student participants and our corporate partners and sponsors have pledged their support in those areas."*

Historical barriers for Black golfers include affordable and consistent access to championship courses; quality golf equipment; top-rated swing coaches; sponsorship; and access to capital for housing and travel.

To ensure that any financial barriers are removed, **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** will cover all travel costs (airfare and hotel) for participating players of **THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Invitational**.

Intersport collaborated with Woods and Watts Effect to design **THE JOHN SHIPPEN** as a vehicle to fundamentally increase diversity in golf and to create opportunities for young men and women of color in sports on a national scale.

A National Invitational committee was formed to help lead the recruitment and evaluation of players. The committee consists of more than a dozen leaders who support the advancement of Black golfers and includes coaches from HBCU schools, leaders from golf governing bodies and from men's and women's national golf events. The National Invitational committee is

responsible for recruiting the top Black professional and amateur golfers and recommending that group to the Selection Committee, which includes representatives from Intersport, the PGA TOUR, the LPGA, Woods & Watts Effect, Rocket Mortgage and DOW.

“We are excited for the women and men who have been invited and have accepted our invitation, to participate in the inaugural THE JOHN SHIPPEN National Golf Invitational,” said Sommer Woods, Co-Founder of Woods and Watts Effect, Tournament Lead for THE JOHN SHIPPEN and Volunteer Vice Chair of the Rocket Mortgage Classic. “Our hope is that THE JOHN SHIPPEN provides them with an opportunity to advance their golf careers in a way that has previously not existed for them.”

THE JOHN SHIPPEN NATIONAL INVITATIONAL FINAL PLAYER FIELDS

Players Listed in Alphabetical Order / Subject to Change

WOMEN’S FIELD

Name / Age / Status / College

AMARI AVERY (17) – Amateur (Southern California)

- 2021 U.S. Women’s Open Qualifier
- 2021 Drive, Chip & Putt Qualifier
- 2019 California Women’s Amateur Winner
- USGA Girls Jr. Championship Runner-Up

CHRISTYN CARR (20) – Amateur (North Carolina A&T)

- 2021 Symetra Classic Exemption Winner
- 2019 Georgia Women’s Amateur Runner-Up
- SSU Tiger Invitational Women’s Individual Champion

BREANNE JONES (25) - Professional (UC Irvine)

- 2019 Symetra Tour player
- 2017 Fresno State Classic (9th Place)
- Played in every round in Junior and Senior years

AMBER KUYKENDALL (24) - Professional (Texas Southern)

- Led team to NCAA Regionals after Conference Championship win – first in school history
- 2020 Collegiate Golfer of the Year – AA Golfers HOF
- 2015 Won High School District 22 Girls Championship

ZOE SLAUGHTER (18) – Amateur (Houston)

- 2021 AAC Conference Freshman of the Year
- 2021 All-American Athletic Conference Team
- Rolex Junior All-American

ALLYN STEPHENS (16) - Amateur (High School Senior)

- Notah Begay National Championship winner
- Drive, Chip and Putt National Finalist
- Won 90+ tournaments

SHASTA AVERYHARDT (35) – Professional (Jackson State)

- Current LPGA Symetra Tour Player
- Five Professional Wins
- 2011, 2013 LPGA Player

BAILEY DAVIS (18) - Amateur (Tennessee)

- 2020 Maryland State Girls Amateur Champion
- 2020 North South Junior Girls Championship (3rd Place)
- Three-time State High School Champion

TIANA JONES (29) - Professional (S. Carolina St./MD Eastern Shore)

- Seventh Black female PGA Professional
- Five-time National Champion in college
- 2009 High School State Championship (Ohio)

SIERRA SIMS (25) – Professional (Wake Forest)

- 2019 Symetra Tour Championship (6th Place)
- 2019 Symetra Valley Forge Invitational (7th Place)
- 2015 & 2017 NCAA All-American

AMARI SMITH (20) – Amateur (Dallas Baptist)

- 2018 Won Lanny Wadkins Championship
- 2019 USGA U.S. Girls Junior Championship qualifier
- 2019 Top 5 finish at Collegiate Golfweek Invitational

ANITA UWADIA (23) – Professional (South Carolina)

- Symetra Tour Rookie
- Junior British Open African Trophy Winner representing Nigeria
- African Youth Games Gold Medal winner in Botswana

MEN’S FIELD

Name / Age / Status / College

RYAN ALFORD (24) - Professional (Louisiana Tech)

- APGA back-to-back winner
- 2016 CUSA conference champs

XAVIER BIGHAUS (18) - Amateur (Colorado Christian)

- 2019 Mackenzie Tour competitor

BARRY BABBITT (26) - Professional (Rollins College)

- 2019 and 2018 Mackenzie Tour Member
- 2017 Eastern Amateur Champion

MARCUS BYRD (23) - Professional (Middle Tennessee St)

- 2021 Mack Champ Invitational – T2

- 2017 All Ping West Coast
- Holds three collegiate wins and six school records

- 2020-21 All-Honor Team – N. Texas HS Golf Coaches Assn.

SEBASTIAN CRAMPTON (25) – Professional (UC Berkeley)

- 2020 US Amateur Championship
- 2020 Western Amateur Championship
- Eight Top 5 finishes in college

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- Three-Time All-PAC 12 Team selection
- 2019 Mackenzie Tour season made 8 of 10 cuts
- 16 Top-10 finishes in college tournaments

MULBE DILLARD (22) – Amateur (Florida A&M)

- Ranked #1 on APGA Tour Collegiate
- 2020 APGA Tour summer circuit
- Two collegiate wins in junior year

KEVIN HALL (38) - Professional (Ohio State)

- 2016 APGA Player of the Year
- First deaf golfer to earn Korn Ferry Tour card
- Competed in 7 PGA Tour and 11 Korn Ferry Tour events
- 2004 Big Ten Championship winner by 11 shots

MICHAEL HERRERA (23) - Professional (Riverside City College)

- 2021 APGA tour winner - The Crossings at Carlsbad
- 2020 Jamaica Open - 6th place
- Pro Cup Challenge at Classic Club - 1st place

JOSEPH HOOKS (28) - Professional (Wayne State)

- GAM Tournament of Champions champion
- APGA four-time top five finisher - seven-time top ten
- 2018 Michigan Players Tour three-time winner
- Detroit Golf Club three-time champion

KAMAIU JOHNSON (27) – Professional (N/A)

- Two-time winner – APGA Tour
- 11 Mini Tour wins
- PGA TOUR starts at Honda Classic and AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am

ETHAN MANGUM (22) - Amateur (Florida A&M)

- 2021 Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference Champion
- 2019 Florida A&M Invitational champion
- 2018 African American Hall of Fame
- 2017 William "Bill" Dickey champion

GREG ODOM (20) – Amateur (Howard)

- PGA Works tournament winner
- 2019 AAC All-Academic Team
- Played at Memphis University Prior to Howard

TIM O'NEAL (48) – Professional (Jackson State)

- Six-time APGA Tour winner
- Two-time PGA TOUR Latino America winner
- 2016 U.S. Open Qualifier (Chambers Bay)

CAMIKO SMITH (35) - Professional (N/A)

- 2020 Bermuda PGA Stroke Play Champ winner
- 2020 PGA TOUR Bermuda Champ qualifier
- US Open Sectionals two-time qualifier

TROY TAYLOR II (21) - Amateur (Michigan State)

- 2021 US Open qualifier medalist at Muskegon CC
- Git-R-Done Husker Invitational - T2
- 2018 Mr. Ohio Golf - ranked number 1 junior golfer

J.P. THORNTON (36) - Professional (Texas Southern)

- 2020 APGA at TPC Sugarloaf Champion
- 2020 APGA Lexus Cup Order of Men - third place

TREY VALENTINE (28) – Professional (South Florida)

- FSU Seminole Intercollegiate winner
- Two-year PGA TOUR Latino-America & Mackenzie Tour member
- 2011 AJGA Standout Ranked Top 50 in U.S.

ANDREW WALKER (22) – Amateur (Michigan State)

- 2021 U.S. Open Sectionals Qualifier
- Srixon/Cleveland College Golf All-America Scholar
- Mackenzie Tour card earned through Q-School

WYATT WORTHINGTON II (34) - Professional (Methodist U.)

- 2019 Korn Ferry Q-School - second stage
- 2016 PGA Champ qualifier
- PGA Tournament series event winner

ROVONTA YOUNG (26) - Professional (Alabama A&M)

- 2021 APGA St. Augustine winner
- 2018 Alabama State University Spring Invitational winner
- 2018 Morehouse Classic winner

THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit was created by Intersport to address the lack of people of color in business and leadership roles in golf and across professional sports. To create an avenue for awareness and opportunities, **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit** will provide students with exposure to powerful and leading voices across sports and business, and those individuals will share their experiences and offer advice about how to pursue and secure a career within the business of sports.

Registration for **THE JOHN SHIPPEN Sports Business Summit** is now open for all high school and college students of color. The **Sports Business Summit** will be held virtually June 29-30 to create national awareness and opportunities for students of color interested in pursuing careers in the business of sports. Registration is free, and available now at www.TheJohnShippen.com.

THE JOHN SHIPPEN SPORTS BUSINESS SUMMIT

Tuesday, June 29 and Wednesday, June 30

11am - 5pm ET

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

LISA BORDERS Founder & CEO, Golden Glow Media; Former President, WNBA

EARL COOPER PGA Professional; Entrepreneur, Eastside Golf

ASHTON HENDERSON Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Detroit Pistons

KEVIN IRWIN II Game Arena Host, Detroit Pistons

RASHAAD LAMBERT Founder, For(bes) The Culture

SESSIONS & SPEAKERS

Session Schedule Available at www.TheJohnShippen.com / Subject to Change

BEYOND THE GREEN: CAREERS IN THE GOLF INDUSTRY

- **Tari Cash** Founder & CEO, CitySwing
- **Demarkis Cooper** PGA Professional
- **Jasmin Cunningham** Assoc. Account Rep., Acushnet Company
- **Will Lowery** Podcast Host, Beyond the Fairway
- **Rachel Melendez-Mabee** Program Lead, PGA WORKS, PGA of America

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION IMPACT IN SPORTS

- **Dr. Ashley Baker** Chief Diversity Officer, Michigan State Athletics
Michigan State University Athletics
- **Kevin Clayton** VP, Diversity, Inclusion & Community,
Cleveland Cavaliers
- **Trina Scott** Chief Diversity Officer, Rocket Companies
- **Marsha Oliver** VP, Community & Inclusion, PGA TOUR

ESPORTS x GAMING

- **Walter Padilla** Director of Esports, Intersport
- **Zach Wigal** Founder, Gamers Outreach

HOW TO LAND YOUR FIRST SPORTS INTERNSHIP

- **Tracy Ellis-Ward** Chief Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Officer and
Senior Associate Commissioner, Big East Conference
- **Bruce Speight** Manager, Social Engagement & Alumni Affairs,
Carolina Panthers

SO YOU WANT TO WORK IN SPORTS? PART I

- **Tahira Bellot** Former Director, Ticket Sales & Operations
Dover Motorsports/Nashville Superspeedway

CATERING & HOSPITALITY: HEART OF CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **Courtney Alexander** Director of Guest Services,
Detroit Lions
- **Monique Boyd** Director, Catering & Special Events,
Legends Hospitality at SoFi Stadium
- **Darian Bryan** Executive Chef & Owner, The Plating Society
- **Harriet Carter** VP, Customer & Partner Services,
Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau (DMCVB)
- **Karl Crudup** Dir., Special Events & Sales, Sacramento Kings

ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN SPORTS

- **Patrick "Fresh" Henry** CEO, Richfresh
- **Larry Lundy** President, Lundy Marketing Group
- **Gina Rizzi** President, Radius Sports Group
- **DeAngelo Simmons** CEO, CORE4/BDS Sports
- **April Taylor** CEO, The SVE Firm
- **Terrance Turner** Founder, Turner Sports Training
- **Bonner Upshaw III** CEO & Co-Founder, Trion Solutions

BECOME AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR x SPORTS COMMISSIONER

- **Portia Hoeg** Executive Director, Centennial Conference
- **Mark Hollis** VP of Business Development, Rock Ventures
- **Martin Jarmond** Athletic Director, UCLA
- **Robert C. Vowels, Jr.** Athletic Director, Detroit Mercy
- **Andrea Williams** COO, College Football Playoff (CFP)
- **Regina Williams** Athletic Director, Withrow University HS

IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS

- **Charlie Batch** Former NFL QB; Founder, Batch Foundation
- **Larry Burns** President & CEO, The Children's Foundation
- **Lauren Clayborne** Director of Community Relations,
Golden State Warriors
- **Ken Mathies** VP & Chief Diversity Officer, AAA
- **H. Keith Mobley** Assistant VP, Corporate, Social
Responsibility & Social Justice, AAA

SO YOU WANT TO WORK IN SPORTS? PART II

- **John Cieccko III** Head Athletic Trainer, Bloomfield
Hills Schools

- **Akilah Laster** Former Media Relations Director, College Athletics
- **Alexandria Price** Director of Operations & Community Affairs, Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation
- **Chris Sharkoski** Director of Event Operations, Philadelphia Eagles
- **Matthew Smith** Business Manager, MEAC
- **Dr. Stephany Coakley** Founder & Director, Maximum Mental Training Associates
- **James Hammond** Director of IT, Carolina Panthers
- **Stu Jackson** Exec. Assoc. Commissioner, Men's Basketball, Big East Conference
- **DeAngelo Simmons** CEO, CORE4/BDS Sports
- **Shavannia Williams** Marketing Manager, Atlanta Falcons

SPORTS JOURNALISM x SPORTS BROADCASTING

- **Len Elmore** Former NBA Player; Senior Lecturer, Columbia University
- **Gus Johnson** Broadcaster, FOX Sports
- **Monica McNutt** Broadcaster, ESPN/ACC Network

THE BUSINESS OF SNEAKERS

- **D'Wayne Edwards** Founder, Pensole Design Academy
- **Allison Giorgio** VP of Marketing, PUMA North America
- **Gentry Humphrey** VP of Jordan Footwear
- **Kevin Irwin II** Game Arena Host, Detroit Pistons
- **Chris Kaufman** Co-Founder & Chief Design Officer, StockX

THE POWER OF SPORTS MARKETING & SOCIAL MEDIA

- **Van Adams** President, VanAdams Sports Group
- **Alexia Grievous** Director, Marketing & Communications Magic Johnson Enterprises
- **Nicole Smart** Principal Consultant, Smart EDI Solutions
- **Amir Zonozi** Co-Founder & President, Zoomph

THE WORLD OF GLOBAL SPONSORSHIP

- **Chris Chandler** Executive Director, Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational & Sports Solutions, Dow
- **Michael Goldstein** VP, Head of Sponsorships, Mastercard
- **Allen Hermeling Sr.** VP of Sponsorships & Growth, Optum
- **Kojo Mensah-Bonsu** Global Director, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, CDW
- **David Stone** President, Trion Solutions
- **Ebony Walls** Manager of Philanthropy & Partnerships, Intersport

SPORTS DIPLOMACY / INTERNATIONAL OLYMPICS COMMITTEE / YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMMING

- **Kalisha Holmes** Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State
- **Wayne Moss** Executive Director, National Council of Youth Sports
- **Lisa Delpy Neirotti** Professor, George Washington University
- **Delise O'Meally** CEO, Institute for Sport & Social Justice
- **Karinda Washington** Principal Consultant, Dash Worthy

Rocket Mortgage is the presenting partner of **THE JOHN SHIPPEN**. National partners include: **Trion Solutions**, the nation's largest minority-owned professional employer organization; **DOW**; **The Children's Foundation**; **Cooper Tires**; **CDW**; **Optum** and **MasterCard**.

ABOUT 'THE JOHN SHIPPEN'

Intersport, in partnership with Rocket Mortgage and in collaboration with Woods and Watts Effect, announced earlier this year the launch of a new national golf event: **'THE JOHN SHIPPEN'** to identify historical barriers and expand Black representation in golf. The event was also created to address the lack of Black representation in business and leadership roles in golf and across professional sports.

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Students can apply for paid internships and scholarships from partners, organizations and foundations within and beyond the sports industry. **Scholarship applications are currently being accepted at www.thejohnshippen.com.**

ABOUT JOHN SHIPPEN, JR.

As a teenager, John Shippen, Jr. worked as a caddie at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York. He played in the second U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills in 1896 and finished the tournament in 5th place. He was awarded \$10.00 in prize money, which officially secured his place in history as the 1st U.S.-born golf professional and the 1st Black golf professional.

Shippen played in four additional U.S. Opens and was hired as the golf professional at the Maidstone Club in East Hampton, New York. He later worked as a golf professional at Aronimink Golf Club near Philadelphia, then spent the majority of his working life at Shady Rest Golf Course in Scotch Plains, New Jersey - the first African-American owned and operated golf club in the United States - where he worked from 1924-1960.

The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation was founded in 1995 by Thurman and Ruby Simmons in Scotch Plains. They began studying his legacy in 1988 and have spent more than 30 years elevating Shippen's name and recognizing his place in American history. In addition to funding paid internship and scholarship opportunities, a portion of the proceeds from THE JOHN SHIPPEN will be donated to The John Shippen Memorial Golf Foundation.

ABOUT INTERSPORT

Since 1985, Intersport has been an award-winning innovator and leader in the creation of sports, lifestyle, culinary and entertainment-based marketing platforms. With expertise in Sponsorship Consulting, Experiential Marketing, Hospitality, Customer Engagement, Content Marketing, Productions and Sports Properties, this Chicago-based Marketing & Media Solutions Company helps their clients to create ideas, content and experiences that attract and engage passionate audiences. To learn more about Intersport, visit www.intersport.global, like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

ABOUT WOODS & WATTS EFFECT

Woods & Watts Effect is an equity and inclusion consulting firm of transformation engineers, co-founded by Sommer Woods and Michele Lewis Watts, Ph.D. They are a solutions-driven team that adeptly designs programs that assess a company's strengths and areas for improvement relative to inclusion and social equity. Woods & Watts Effect is innovative in their thinking, their engagement and their execution. Through a bold, non-traditional and engaging approach, they produce viable and actionable solutions for sustainable change. More information is available at WoodsWattsEffect.com.

ABOUT ROCKET MORTGAGE

Detroit-based Rocket Mortgage, the nation's largest home mortgage lender, enables the American Dream of homeownership and financial freedom through its obsession with an industry-leading, digital-driven client experience. Rocket Mortgage closed \$320 billion dollars of mortgage volume across all 50 states in 2020. In late 2015, it introduced the first fully digital, completely online mortgage experience. Currently, 99% of all home loans originated by the company utilize Rocket Mortgage technology.

Rocket Mortgage moved its headquarters to downtown Detroit in 2010. Today, Rocket Mortgage and Rocket Companies employ 24,000 full-time team members nationwide. The company generates loan production from web centers located in Detroit, Cleveland and Phoenix and operates a centralized loan processing facility in Detroit. Rocket Mortgage ranked highest in the country for customer satisfaction for primary mortgage origination by J.D. Power for the past 11 consecutive years, 2010 – 2020 and also ranked highest in the country for customer satisfaction among all mortgage servicers the past seven straight years, 2014 – 2020.

Rocket Companies, Rocket Mortgage's parent company, ranked #5 on Fortune's list of the "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2021 and has placed in the top third of the list for 18 consecutive years. For more information and company news visit QuickenLoans.com/PressRoom.

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