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## MICHAELS ANNOUNCES VENDOR AND SUPPLY CHAIN PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Top partners recognized at Annual Partner Conference

(IRVING, Texas) – Michaels Stores, Inc. announced its Vendor and Supply Chain Partner of the Year Awards at the company's annual partner conference. The company hosted the event on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Twelve vendor and supply chain partners were recognized for their contributions to Michaels' success over the past year.

This year, Executive Vice President of Category Management Philo Pappas recognized **Plaid Enterprises** as Michaels' overall Vendor of the Year for product innovation, customer education and inspiration, quality products, and efficiency in supply chain. Aaron Brothers Senior Vice President, General Manager Jim King recognized **Faber-Castell USA** as Aaron Brothers' overall Vendor of the Year for their contribution to the growth of Aaron Brothers' kids department.

The following companies were also recognized for their partnership and contributions.

- **Product of the Year**
  - *Coats & Clark, Inc.*
- **Outstanding service**
  - *Elmer's Products, Inc.*
  - *VISTAR Corporation*
  - *Tru Vue, Inc.*
- **Innovation**
  - *Polygroup Limited*
- **Powerful Brands**
  - *American Crafts, LC*
  - *DecoArt, Inc.*

Michaels' supply chain continues to grow in both size and efficiency as the need for speed to market becomes more critical. The company is committed to supply chain partners who work to be an extension of its business and offer innovative solutions to optimize the supply chain. This year, Michaels Executive Vice President of Supply Chain Tom DeCaro honored the following Supply Chain partners for their commitment to Michaels' supply chain efficiency.

- **Supply Chain Partner of the Year**
  - *Keystone Freight Corporation*
  - *Marisol International*
  - *Intelligrated*

Michaels congratulates all of this year's winners who have shown a commitment to meeting its expectations and continually providing excellence in service, quality and innovation.

### About Michaels

Irving, Texas-based Michaels Stores, Inc. is North America's largest specialty retailer of arts, crafts, framing, floral, wall décor and seasonal merchandise for the hobbyist and do-it-yourself home decorator. The company currently owns and operates 1,113 Michaels stores in 49 states and Canada and 122 Aaron Brothers stores, and produces 11 exclusive private brands including Recollections®, Studio Decor®, Bead Landing®, Creatology®, Ashland®, Celebrate It®, Art Minds®, Artist's Loft®, Craft Smart®, Loops & Threads® and Imagin8®. For more information

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