



This year, in memory of our founder, David DePaolo, WorkCompCentral declares the Summa Comp Laude™ Award, with highest honor, shall be renamed the David J. DePaolo Award.

After practicing workers' compensation law for nearly 18 years, DePaolo founded and grew WorkCompCentral into the most respected news and education service in the workers' compensation industry.

A regular public speaker on workers' compensation to industry trade shows, educational seminars, radio and television, DePaolo has also been cited in general media publications such as Fortune Magazine, the LA Times and Wall Street Journal. He has been published in leading industry journals and scholarly publications on topics ranging from the underlying financial issues that led to an historic makeover of the California workers compensation system, to the new paradigm in work injury protection and national trends in workers' compensation industry.

David's daughter Nichole comments, "It is amazing and truly heartwarming to know my Dad has been so highly regarded in this industry he worked so hard to contribute positively to. I am happy others found him inspiring and a joy to be around, to talk with, to listen to, just as I and my family have. I hope people remember him and keep being inspired by him to live life fully, do their job well, and actively help others."