For Immediate Release:  
March 29, 2019

The National Candle Association’s 2019 Conference & Expo to Gather Industry Leaders in Florida June 3-6

WASHINGTON, DC, March 29, 2019 – “A Light in the Gulf”, the National Candle Association’s (NCA) Annual Conference & Expo, takes place June 3-6 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort in Naples, FL. This premier industry event will host hundreds of candle industry manufacturers and suppliers.

Since its first gathering in 1974, the National Candle Association has committed to providing an educational and collaborative forum for attendees to enhance their industry knowledge.

“A Light in the Gulf” will feature a range of educational presentations, centered on propelling organizational growth and improving candle product performance. Experts will offer actionable strategies for leveraging the latest consumer trends, navigating technical claims, and mastering the employee recruitment process.

“Business success requires readily assessing the impact of industry developments,” says Kathy LaVanier, NCA President. “Acclimating to our ever-changing landscape can be challenging, and NCA’s Annual Conference provides the practical resources to get started.”

This year’s featured speakers include: Bruce Campbell, Founder and President, Wicks Unlimited; Janis Guadelli, Director of Trend Insights and Social Listening, Takasago; Mel Kleiman, Founder and President, Humetrics; Tyler McIntyre, Commercial Technology Manager, Sonneborn LLC; and Bonnie Schmidt, Director, ScentsAbility.

Along with educational resources, NCA is thrilled to present attendees with multiple opportunities to network with their industry peers. Offerings include NCA’s 10th Annual Golf Tournament and the Expo, the candle industry’s longest-running supplier show. This year’s nearly sold-out Expo floor will showcase over 50 suppliers of wax, fragrance, wicks, colors, and packaging.
Additional information about NCA's 2019 Conference & Expo, including registration and exhibitor details, can be found by visiting NCA's Registration Page. To learn more about NCA's work and membership opportunities, please visit candles.org.

NCA is pleased to recognize the following sponsors of this year's event: AAK USA, Inc.; The Anchor Hocking Company; Arylesence, Inc.; Atkins & Pearce, Inc.; BASF Corporation; Belle-Aire Fragrances, Inc.; Cargill; Custom Essence; E-Pak Machinery, Inc.; The International Group, Inc.; Mane USA; Precision Wicking, Inc.; SEA Limited; Sozio, Inc.; Symrise; Takasago International Corp; and Ungerer & Company.

###

**About the National Candle Association**

The National Candle Association (NCA), founded in 1974, is the trade association representing U.S. candle manufacturers and their suppliers. NCA is widely recognized as the world's leading technical authority on candles and candle manufacturing. Its members are dedicated to quality formulations, testing, and prudent manufacturing processes, and to upholding consumer confidence through a commitment to candle quality, safety and science.