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Indiana Realtor® Wins National Rookie of the Year Award **Joseph Pokraka Earns Prestigious Award From Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.**

SCHERERVILLE, Ind. / March 15, 2019 – Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. is honored to announce that Joseph Pokraka has been named its National Rookie of the Year for 2018. Pokraka is a licensed real estate agent at Weichert, Realtors® - Wold Group in Schererville.

The first-year agent was also awarded the prestigious Ambassador Club award from the national franchise organization for his 2018 sales production.

“Being named the National Rookie of the Year by the Weichert franchise system is a tremendous honor,” said Pokraka. “You always want to be the best you can be and taking that approach paid off big time for me during my first year in real estate.”

That winning mentality also made Pokraka the perfect fit for the talented team of agents at Weichert, Realtors® - Wold Group.

“When I first met Joe I could tell he had that ‘it’ factor that’s needed to succeed in this industry,” said Tom Wold, the co-owner/co-broker of Weichert, Realtors® - Wold Group. “This national award proves that Joe has what it takes to excel in real estate and we’re honored to have him on our team.”

Pokraka joined the Weichert® affiliate in February 2018 and quickly began utilizing the resources provided by Weichert to deliver the best real estate service in the industry. He also began thinking long-term about a real estate career.

“I definitely want to keep growing my business, maybe even open my own brokerage one day,” added Pokraka. “The sky is the limit for me in real estate.”

Weichert, Realtors® - Wold Group is an independently owned and operated Weichert® affiliate. The office serves Northwest Indiana and South Suburban Chicago.

For more information about Weichert, Realtors® - Wold Group, located at 746 E. Lincoln Highway (Cline Commons) in Schererville, contact Tom Wold at 219-864-8440 or visit woldrealty.com.

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About Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc.: Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. has grown steadily since Jim Weichert, president, chairman and CEO of Weichert Companies, launched the company’s franchise division in 2001. The affiliate division was created to offer a business model for franchisee ownership candidates described as “a clearly defined operating system for marketing and managing a real estate business.” Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. announced its first affiliate in 2002, was ranked as one of the top traditional residential real estate franchises in *Entrepreneur’s* 2019 Franchise 500 and was identified in 2019 by *Franchise Business Review* as one of the top U.S. franchises for owner satisfaction. Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. has offices serving over 350 markets in 38 states. For more information about Weichert, visit Weichert.com or for information on franchise opportunities visit WeichertFranchise.com.

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