Massachusetts Lodging Association Recognizes 2017 Stars of the Industry

BOSTON, MA (June 12, 2018): The Massachusetts Lodging Association gathered on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency Boston to honor exemplary employees and unique programs in the hospitality industry, at the 2017 Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon.

"We had over 100 nominees throughout the various categories, and this event is an opportunity to recognize them and celebrate all of their hard work," said Paul J. Sacco, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Lodging Industry. "These nominees are cherished by their properties, as well as within the hospitality industry in Massachusetts. Their dedication day in and day out is remarkable and we are proud to dedicate this event to them."

The Massachusetts Lodging Association would like to congratulate all of the Stars of the Industry nominees and award winners. This year's recipients of the Stars of the Industry Awards are:

Employee of the Year

- Charlie Grant, Boston Common Hotel (up to 250 Rooms)
- Anthony Evelyn, Hyatt Regency Boston (over 250 Rooms)

Manager of the Year

- Antonio Arias, The Inn at Longwood Medical (up to 250 Rooms)
- Dee Gonzalez, The Colonnade Hotel (over 250 Rooms)

Stevan Porter Emerging Hospitality Leader

- Corey Lens, Hotel Commonwealth (up to 250 Rooms)
- Brianna Fries, The Langham, Boston (over 250 Rooms)

General Manager of the Year

- Carlos Bueno, Taj Boston (up to 250 Rooms)
- Raymond Hammer, The Westin Copley Place (over 250 Rooms)

Industry Partner of the Year
• Suzanne Taylor, Freedom Trail Foundation

**Community Service**

• Chatham Bars Inn, Multiple Community Service Initiatives *(up to 250 Rooms)*
• The Charles Hotel, Community Service at The Charles Hotel *(over 250 Rooms)*

**Employee Relations**

• Kimpton Hotels of Boston, Multiple Employee Relations Initiatives *(up to 250 Rooms)*
• InterContinental Boston, Multiple Employee Relations Initiatives *(over 250 Rooms)*

**Innovation Award**

• Chatham Bars Inn, Expanding the Boundaries of the Traditional Farm to Table *(up to 250 Rooms)*

• The Langham, Boston, The Reserve Gin *(over 250 Rooms)*

*Specific award photos available upon request, click here to view all photos.*

**About the Massachusetts Lodging Association:**
The Massachusetts Lodging Association is a trade association representing and promoting the lodging industry in Massachusetts. With a wide variety of members ranging from lodging properties and businesses and including industry partners that supply products and services to the lodging industry, the MLA is committed to creating and implementing an aggressive program to develop the business and leisure travel industry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. http://www.masslodging.com. MLA is the member state association partner with the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA), which represents the lodging industry on a national level.

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