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Discover Newport's Christopher Siravo Receives Industry Honors

Groups Today magazine recognizes Siravo as one of the publication's "Top 10 Next Gens."

Newport (R.I.) December 19, 2018 – Christopher Siravo, CTP, a sales manager at Discover Newport, has been recognized by Groups Today magazine as one of the publication's 2019 "Top 10 Next Gens." The award, selected among nominees nationwide, spotlights ten individuals under age 40 who are making a mark in the industry with their creative ideas, progressive perspective, entrepreneurial spirit and other traits and actions that set them apart.

"We are elated Christopher has been recognized by Groups Today and feel this honor is well deserved," said Tim Walsh, CMP, Vice President Sales at Discover Newport. "From the beginning, Christopher's enthusiasm, innovation and eagerness to learn and grow in his role at Discover Newport has been evident internally, to our industry peers and to the countless tour operators and travel agents he's met with coast to coast. I offer him my heartfelt congratulations and look forward to watching him continue to impress."

Groups Today, launched in 2002, is a leading group travel magazine that focuses on industry insights ranging from best practices, business management tips and insightful destination news to the latest travel industry trends.

"I'm thrilled with this year's class of Next Gens and having the opportunity to put these up-and-comers in the spotlight," said Kasie Smith, President and Publisher of Groups Today. "Each person on this list was nominated by their peers and deserves this great honor."

Siravo, a graduate of Rhode Island College, joined Discover Newport in March of this year and concentrates on generating business from the group market. In early November, Siravo earned

the Certified Tour Professional (CTP) designation, the hallmark of professional competency and excellence in the packaged travel industry issued by the National Tour Association.

The 2019 Next Gens will be featured in the January/February issue of Groups Today magazine. To see the article, <u>click here</u>.

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