

HAWDC Announces Winners of the Stars of the Industry Awards:



On Monday, June 18th, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC (HAWDC) hosted its Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon at the St. Gregory Hotel. The Stars of the Industry Awards recognizes outstanding accomplishments in the lodging industry and are HAWDC's opportunity to celebrate the best and brightest stars in Washington, DC. The winners of HAWDC's city-wide competition are forwarded to the American Hotel and Lodging Association to be judged against hotels and lodging employees across the country in the national Stars of the Industry competition.

HAWDC would like to thank Robert Clark, General Manager at the St. Gregory, and his team for hosting a wonderful event! We are thrilled to announce this year's Stars of our Industry:

Community Service: Hyatt Regency Washington

Technology Innovator of the Year: Washington Marriott Georgetown
Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Small Property): Erwing Olivares - Westin Georgetown

Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Medium Property): Them Nyamunongo - Four Seasons Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Large Property): Luis Galofre - W Washington DC

Outstanding Manager of the Year (Medium Property): Jean-Francois DuPont - The St. Regis Washington, D.C.

Outstanding Manager of the Year (Large Property): Tesha Bailey - Washington Marriott Georgetown

Stevan Porter Emerging Hospitality Leader of the Year: Carmen Hughes - Mandarin Oriental, Washington, DC

Women in Leadership Connect Leader of the Year: Gail Smith-Howard - Hyatt Regency Washington

Skip Hartman General Manager of the Year: Deidra Davis - Residence Inn by Marriott Washington DC/Capitol

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday,
September 26:

HAWDC Member Luncheon will be held from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., place TBD. Please contact [Ejigayehu Diriba](#) to RSVP.

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HAWDC to Host Member Luncheon with Councilmember David Grosso:



On Wednesday, September 26th, HAWDC will host a Member luncheon with keynote speaker Councilmember David Grosso, Chair of the District Council's Committee on Education. As September is the start of the new school year, we will have a "Back to School" theme and will be highlighting the DCPS NAF Hospitality Academies and

all of the work that our members do with the students attending the academies to introduce them to and employ them in the hospitality industry. Join us to hear Councilmember Grosso's thoughts on the hospitality community and how we can work in collaboration with the District government to train and employ students interested in careers in hospitality! Please see Upcoming Events for more information.

Pictured above: District Councilmember David Gross (l; At-Large).



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AHLA to Host Inaugural Safety Summit:

The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) will be hosting its inaugural Safety Summit on July 11th in Washington, D.C. The Safety Summit will include a cross-section of industry executives, issue experts and key elected officials to discuss the hotel industry's long-standing commitment to workplace safety, and present industry best practices and protocols. They will commence the program with one of leading voices in the Time's Up Movement and a preeminent figure on these topics,



Tina Tchen. Tina will provide an overview of employee safety challenges in a modern workplace and set the stage for a robust discussion. Tchen is currently a partner at Buckley Sandler, LLP and formerly served as Chief of Staff to First Lady Michelle Obama.

In addition, the program will feature several of AHLA's national partners, including the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV) and End Child Prostitution and Trafficking (ECPAT) to highlight the hotel industry's public and private partnerships in developing tools and trainings to combat assault and human trafficking. There will be a discussion with AHLA member companies on evolving initiatives based on their long-standing commitment to provide human resource tools and trainings to effectively address sexual harassment in the workplace.

Lastly, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) will host a panel focused on emerging security technologies and solutions currently under development, and the benefits these new technologies will provide to a diverse hospitality industry. The Safety Summit will provide an opportunity for timely dialogue, exchange of ideas, and invaluable resources to AHLA members, all of whom are dedicated to continuing to address harassment and assault issues in the workplace. The summit will be held on:

Wednesday, July 11
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill
Washington, D.C.

For more information or to register for this event, click [HERE](#). Please note that the Safety Summit is invitation only and will be closed to the

press.

Pictured above: Tina Tchen, Partner, Buckley Sandler, LLP.

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