



## HAWDC e-HEADLINES

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### **HAWDC Hosts Member Luncheon with Chief Newsham:**

On Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, HAWDC hosted a member luncheon with special guest speaker, Chief Peter Newsham. Chief Newsham discussed various topics of interest to our members with the common goal of ensuring that visitors are safe when they travel to our city. In particular, Chief Newsham discussed terrorism prevention strategies, crowd control in public spaces, and working with the nightlife community to ensure that visitors are not only safe during the day, but also at night when they are out enjoying the various entertainment options that the District has to offer. Additionally, Chief Newsham discussed the Metropolitan Police Department's upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Crime Initiative, which has seen a reduction in crime of more than 35% over the last 5 years. HAWDC would like to thank Chief Newsham joining us and sharing his perspective on issues that impact our industry.



HAWDC would also like to thank Gail Smith-Howard and her team at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill for hosting a wonderful event!

*Pictured above from left to right: Peter Newsham, Chief of Police, Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia; Sheri Swain, General Manager, Holiday Inn Capitol, Chair, Hotel Association of Washington, DC; Solomon Keene, President & CEO, Hotel Association of Washington, DC.*

### **Students Granted HAWDC Chairman Award of Excellence Scholarships:**

Last week, HAWDC interviewed deserving students from the Woodrow Wilson, Columbia Heights Education Campus and Ballou High School NAF Hospitality and Tourism Academies as candidates for the HAWDC Chairman Award of Excellence scholarships. We were thrilled to see so many students engaged in our industry and eager to study hospitality at the collegiate level. Awarding over \$150,000 to over 15 students demonstrates HAWDC's continued commitment to ensuring the future of our industry. HAWDC thanks all of our members and supporters of the Washington Hospitality Foundation which funds our scholarship efforts.

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### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Thursday, May 17:**

**HAWDC Member Luncheon with Council member Vincent Gray will be held at the office of HAWDC, 1225 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 250, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please contact [Lisa Abrams](#) to RSVP.**

#### **Monday, June 18:**

**Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon will be held at The St. Gregory Hotel, 2033 M Street, NW, from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Please contact [Lisa Abrams](#) to RSVP.**

### **Staff Directory**

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Be on the lookout for future opportunities to support these deserving future leaders in our industry!

*Pictured above from left to right: Tre'Shore Proctor, Ballou High School and Mohamed Mohamed, Woodrow Wilson High School*



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## HAWDC to Host Member Luncheon with Councilmember Vincent Gray:



Please join us on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> for lunch with our special guest speaker, Councilmember Vincent Gray! Councilmember Gray has tirelessly advocated for the residents of the District of Columbia for more than 30 years and has always been a friend to the hospitality industry. Councilmember Gray is Chair of the Committee on Health, and also sits on the Committee on Business and Economic Development; Committee on Finance

and Revenue; and the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety. Councilmember Gray previously represented his home ward (Ward 7) on the Council of the District of Columbia (2004 - 2007), as well as served as Chairman of the Council (2007 - 2011). On January 11, 2011, he was sworn in as the sixth elected Mayor of the District of Columbia. He ran for office on a platform of restoring fiscal responsibility to city government, creating jobs and boosting economic development, providing a quality public education to all District children, and building safe communities. Throughout his four years in office, he aggressively moved the District forward towards his vision of a more prosperous, equitable, safe, and sustainable city for all. On November 8, 2016, Vincent C. Gray was again elected to represent Ward 7 on the Council of the District of Columbia.

During his time as an elected official, HAWDC has always had a collaborative relationship with Councilmember Gray as he works to balance the needs of District residents with the interests of District businesses. We invite Members to have an up close and personal conversation with Councilmember Gray as he discusses issues regarding the hospitality industry.

Space is limited and RSVPs will be on a first come, first serve basis. Please see Upcoming Events to RSVP.

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## 2018 Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon:





HAWDC's will hold its Annual Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon on:

**Monday, June 18, 2018**  
**12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
**The St. Gregory Hotel**  
**2033 M St, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20037**

Each year, the Stars of the Industry Awards showcase individuals and properties that have excelled throughout the hospitality and lodging industry. This year, we will be honoring 12 individuals and properties that have displayed outstanding accomplishments, service, and leadership in our industry!

Join us to celebrate the talent and performance of employees and properties who go that extra mile to provide extraordinary service to their hotel guests. Members and guests will mix-n-mingle during our reception, where you will feast on hor d'oeuvres and delicious food at various chef stations, all while listening to a 3-piece Jazz Band. The awards presentation will immediately follow the reception.

We are sure that you won't want to miss this event as we celebrate the best of the best!

Please see Upcoming Events to RSVP.

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### Allied Member Spotlight:

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Standard Textile is an innovative manufacturer of hospitality textile products. They offer sheets and terry that are Room Ready for you, pre-laundered with Tide that are ready to use as soon as they are delivered. Their newest mattress encasement protects your mattresses from bed bugs, allergens and moisture, while offering a 360° zip on/off top for easy maintenance. Their products reduce operating costs while enhancing the guest experience.

For decades Standard Textile has been the leader in the textile industry, and they continue to develop new products that will reduce cost per use. Standard Textile provides everything from sheets to drapery to napkins in a hotel setting.

For more information, please go to [www.standardtextile.com](http://www.standardtextile.com) and contact David Weisbrot at (202) 631-6361 or [dweisbrot@standardtextile.com](mailto:dweisbrot@standardtextile.com).

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