



# HAWDC e-HEADLINES

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## HAWDC Announces Winners of the 2019 Stars of the Industry Awards:



On Friday, November 22nd, the Hotel Association of Washington, DC (HAWDC) hosted its Stars of the Industry Awards Luncheon at the Conrad Washington DC. 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 District 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 Laura Schofield, General Manager at the Conrad Washington DC, and her team for hosting a wonderful event and Holly Miller, Senior Vice President and Regional Non-Profit Practice Leader of USI Insurance, for agreeing to sponsor this year's event! We are thrilled to announce this year's Stars of our Industry:

**Special Event - One Time:** W Washington D.C.  
**Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Medium Property):** Gedion Mesfin, Washington Court Hotel; and Patricia

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## Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, December 12th:**

HAWDC will host its Annual Holiday Party at Hotel Palomar from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm for its members. Please contact [Ejigayehu Diriba](#) to RSVP.

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**Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year (Large Property):** Rosa Romero, Hamilton Hotel; and Bobby Vasquez, Liaison Capitol Hill

**Outstanding Manager of the Year (Medium Property):** Monique Martinet, Washington Court Hotel

**Outstanding Manager of the Year (Large Property):** Kathy Koizumi, Liaison Capitol Hill; and Mitchell Guber, Marriott Marquis

**Stevan Porter Emerging Hospitality Leader of the Year:** Bozhena Bonchuk, Four Seasons D.C.

**Women in Leadership Connect Leader of the Year:** Jacquie Holder, Holiday Inn Capitol

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*Pictured above: Solomon Keene, HAWDC President & CEO, with 2019 Stars of the Industry Awards Winners and HAWDC Chairperson, Sheri Swain, General Manager, Holiday Inn Capitol.*

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## Allied Member Spotlight:



goDCgo is a District Department of Transportation (DDOT) initiative providing complimentary transportation resources and consulting services. Tailored to the specific needs of your hotel, goDCgo Hospitality and Tourism Services makes it easier for your guests to

navigate the District.

They provide a variety of transportation resources that enhance your guests' experience including Capital Bikeshare Bulk Passes, Brochure Ordering, Get Around Guides, In-Person Consultations, Capital Bikeshare 101 Workshops and, Two Wheel Valet.

Partner with goDCgo Hospitality and Tourism Services to support your guests' transportation needs. Contact them by calling 202-299-2186 or email them at [info@goDCgo.com](mailto:info@goDCgo.com) to schedule your complimentary consultation today.

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