

Alumni Association's Alumni of the Year Honorees

(presented in May in Chicago, Illinois)

2020 – Nomination postponed.

2019 – Nomination postponed.

2018 Alumna of the Year

Carol L. Campbell (BA '98)
Managing Director of Customer Experience
Insight & Analytics, Delta Airlines

2017 Alumni of the Year

John M. Duffey (BA '82) and Rebecca J. Duffey (BA '82)
President and Chief Executive Officer, Six Flags Entertainment

2016 Alumnus of the Year

Peter J. Weien (BA '81)
General Manager & Senior Vice President, Regional Operations
Gaylord Entertainment

2015 Alumnus of the Year

Billy Downs (BA '88)
Special Events Director, Team World Vision

2014 Alumnus of the Year

Stuart Wolff (BA '82)
Executive Vice President – Midwest, Acosta Sales & Marketing

2013 Alumnus of the Year

Steve Wagenheim (BA '77)
President & Founder, Granite City Food & Brewery

2012 Alumna of the Year

Judith Zehnder Keller (BA '67, MBA '73)
President/Owner, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn

2011 Alumnus of the Year

David C. George (BA '79)
President, Longhorn Steakhouse Restaurants/Darden Restaurants

2010 Alumnus of the Year

Ken Weber (BA '77)
President, Weber's Inn & Restaurant

2009 Alumnus of the Year

Dan E. Burdakin (BA '81)
President, Park Management Group

2008 Alumnus of the Year

Michael W. Murray (BA '81)
Senior Vice President of Operations, Sage Hospitality Resources

2007 Alumnus of the Year

Richard D. Farrar (BA '73)
Vice President, Owner & Franchise Services, Marriott International, Inc.

2006 Alumnus of the Year

Marc J. Gordon (MBA '73)
President & Chief Executive Officer, Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association

2005 Alumni of the Year

Jerry L. Fournier (BA '68)
Executive Vice President/Vice
Chairperson of the Board
HDS Services

Robert A. Wills (BA '70)
Executive Vice President of Operations
HDS Services

2004 Alumnus of the Year

H. Michael Rice (BA '76)
Director of Auxiliary Services, Housing & Food Services Division of MSU

2003 Alumnus of the Year

Paul A. Smith (BA '66)
Owner, The Hitching Post Inn Resort & Conference Center

2002

Distinguished 75th Anniversary Year Alumni in the Hospitality Industry, Food Service Industry,
Lodging Industry, Hospitality Education, and Club Industry

2001 Alumnus of the Year

William A. Zehnder (BA '71)
President, Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Restaurant

2000 Alumna of the Year

Dawn M. Brogan (BA '86)
Senior College Recruiter, Walt Disney World Company

1999 Alumnus of the Year

Dan W. Darrow, Jr. (MBA '61)
President, Palm Hospitality Company

1998 Alumnus of the Year

Lou Weckstein (BA '58)
Senior Vice President, Hotel Operations, Windsor Hospitality Group

1997 Alumnus of the Year

John A. Jordan (BA '60)
General Manager, Cherokee Town & Country Club

1996 Alumna of the Year

Christine M. Hackem (BA '77)
Regional Vice President, ARAMARK

1995 Alumnus of the Year

Michael H. Getto (BA '56)
Senior Vice President, Friden Hotel Company

1994 Alumnus of the Year

Jerry A. McVety (BA '67)
President, McVety & Associates

1993 Alumnus of the Year

Frank Arthur Banks (BA '61, MBA '62)
General Manager, RIHGA Royal Hotel

1992 Alumnus of the Year

Richard P. Kolasa (BA '66)
General Manager, Skyline Country Club

1991 Alumnus of the Year

John R. Weeman, Jr. (MBA '79)
Vice President of Development, Hilton Hotels Corporation

1990 Alumnus of the Year

Bennett (Ben) J. Schwartz (BA '72)
Vice President & Partner, Harper Associates

1989 Alumnus of the Year

Robert C. Underwood (BA '58)
Assistant Vice President, Housing and Food Services Division at MSU

1988 Alumnus of the Year

Paul Novak (BA '73)
Group Vice President of Lodging Development, Marriott Corporation

1987 Alumnus of the Year

William J. Horine (BA '51)
General Manager, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza

1986 Alumnus of the Year

Donald E. Jankura (BA '51)
Senior Vice President, American Hotel & Motel Association

1983 Alumnus of the Year

Martin A. Kreger (BA '58, MBA '68)
Executive Vice President of Operations, Machus Red Fox Restaurants

1982 Alumni of the Year

Karl E. Eitel (BA '51)
President
Broadmoor Hotel

John P. Hawes (BA '73)
Vice President
Houlihan's Old Place

1981 Alumnus of the Year

Richard E. Cregar (BA '58)
President, Cregar Enterprises

1980 Alumni of the Year

Henry W. Fisher (BA '48)
General Partner and Vice President
Registry Hotel

Charles M. LaTour (BA '61)
President, Leisure Services Division
ARAMARK, Inc.

1979 Alumnus of the Year

Donald Greenaway (BA '34)
Assistant to Executive Vice President, Texas Restaurant Association

1978 Alumnus of the Year

Kenneth D. Hill (BA '56)
President, Gilbert/Robinson, Inc.

1977 Alumnus of the Year

John C. Brogan (BA '55)
Senior Vice President & Director of Operations
Sheraton Corporation

1976 Alumnus of the Year

Leslie W. Scott (BA '35)
Vice President for Development, Michigan State University

1975 Alumni of the Year

Robert F. Kershaw (BA '42)
Director
L.A. Pittenger Student Center at Ball
State University

Frederick C. Teich (BA '51)
Vice President and General Manager,
Foods Division
J.L. Hudson Company

1974 Alumni of the Year

Michael E. Hurst (BA '53)
Owner/Operator
New River Storehouse Restaurant

Jack C. Barksdale (BA '50)
President, Food and Lodging Division
Holiday Inns

1973 Alumnus of the Year

Ernest E. Renaud (BA '57)
Executive Vice President, Jerrico, Inc.

1972 Alumnus of the Year

Raymond A. Dault (BA '50)
Associate Professor, Food Services & Lodging Indiana University

1971 Alumnus of the Year

Laurice (Bud) T. Hall
Manager, Pinehurst Country Club

1970 Alumnus of the Year

Stanley W. Brauer (BA '49)
Owner, Brauer's 1861 House

1969 Alumni of the Year

Frank Arthur Banks (BA '61, MBA '62) Thomas J. Moncreiff (BA '49)
St. Regis Sheraton Hotel

1968 Alumnus of the Year

Carl T. Mottek (BA '51)
Senior Vice President, Southern Region, Hilton Hotels

1967 Alumnus of the Year

Jack L. Bedell (BA '48)
President, Bedell's Restaurant

1966 Alumnus of the Year

Emery G. Foster (BA '33)
Director, Food Services, Michigan State University

1965 Alumnus of the Year

John L. Bolhuis (BA '37)
President, Mary Avis, Inc.