

## **Alumni Association's Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year Honorees**

### **2020 Emerging Alumna Leader of the Year**

Terri Woodin (BA '88), CMP  
Vice President of Marketing & Global Meeting Services  
Meeting Sites Resource

### **2019**

Nomination postponed.

### **2018 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Brian DeMeester	Alison Wallace (BA '97)
Executive Housekeeper	Director of Sales
Amway Grand Plaza Hotel	Hiltons of Chicago

### **2017 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Kurt B. Wisniewski (BA '94)	Philip Zeller (BA '96)
National Account Executive	Partner & Master Trainer
Starbucks Coffee Company	Dale Carnegie Training offered by Zeller Group, Inc.

### **2016 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Marc L. Cassier (BA '89)	Mary Winslow (BA '91)
Corporate Executive Director	Vice President, Group Accounts
Conference Services & Catering	Luckie & Company
Fairmont Hotels & Resorts	

### **2015 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Erik Liedholm (BA '93)	Blair Wills (BA '02)
Company Wine Director	President
John Howie Restaurants	StepStone Hospitality

### **2014 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Matthew D. Anderson (BA '09)	Geoffrey Ryskamp (BA '06)
Sales & Marketing Manager	Director of Asset Management
Hager Fox Heating & Air Conditioning	Pebblebrook Hotel Trust

### **2013 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Joel Halperin (BA '07)	Jeremy Mourey (BA '00)
General Manager	Corporate Operations Director & Principal
Hillstone Restaurant – Midtown	Premiere Food Service, Inc.

**2012 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Dan Briks (BA '04)  
Director of Front Office Operations  
The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel

Martha Zehnder Keller (BA '03)  
Director of Convention Services  
Sheraton Hotel & Towers

**2011 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Jackie Collens (BA '07)  
Senior Sales Manager  
The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel

Jeff Sinelli (BA '90)  
Founder & Chief Vibe Officer  
Which Wich Superior Sandwiches

**2010 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Chris Durso (BA '82)  
Vice President of  
Operations  
Rim Hospitality

Gary Hernbroth (BA '79)  
Chief Motivating Officer  
Training for Winners

Ryan Meliker (MBA '05)  
Vice President  
Morgan Stanley

**2009 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Paul A. Dykstra (BA '89)  
Director of Operations  
The Capital Grille

Jeffrey R. Gillett (BA '86)  
Search Consultant  
Elliot Associates, Inc.

Allegra Johnson (BA '91),  
CCM  
Distinguished Alumna

**2008 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Jeffrey D. Anderson (BA '90)  
General Manager  
Traverse City Golf & Country Club

Bradley N. Cance (BA '89)  
General Manager  
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel

**2007 Emerging Alumna Leader of the Year**

Christina McCaskey (BA '03)  
Service Manager, Red Lobster

**2006 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Alejandro Bayo (BA '98)  
Senior Event Manager  
The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel

Ruben Estrada (BA '00)  
Assistant to the President  
International Hospitality Enterprises, Inc.

**2005 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Chuck Day (BA '91)  
Front Office Manager  
Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center

John R. Zangas (BA '91)  
Director of Hotel Sales  
Detroit Marriott Hotel

**2004 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year**

Timothy J. Pugh (BA '91)  
Director of Operations  
Damon's Restaurants

Mike Rice (BA '91)  
General Manager  
Lansing Quality Suites Hotel

**2003 Emerging Alumnus Leader of the Year**

Aaron Ide (BA '98)  
Front Office Manager, The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel