

Alumni Association's Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year Honorees
(presented in Chicago, Illinois)

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 and 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)	Martha Zehnder Keller (BA '03)
Director of Front Office Operations	Director of Convention Services
The Waldorf=Astoria	Sheraton Hotel & Towers

2011 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year

Jackie Collens (BA '07)	Jeff Sinelli (BA '90)
Senior Sales Manager	Founder and Chief Vibe Officer
The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel	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, CCM (BA '91)
Distinguished Alumna

2008 Emerging Alumni Leaders of the Year

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

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

2007 Emerging Alumna Leader of the Year

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

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