

## **Spartan Hospitality Business Champion Award Honorees**

*(as of October 2018)*

**2018 – Marc J. Gordon (MBA '73), CHA, FMP**

President & Chief Executive Officer  
Illinois Hotel & Lodging Association

**2018 – Dan W. Darrow (MBA '61)**

President, Palm Hospitality Company  
a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Company

**2017 – John Belden (BA '85)**

President and Chief Executive Officer  
Davidson Hotels & Resorts

**2014 – Ron Cichy (BA '72, MBA '77)**

Director & Professor  
The School of Hospitality Business

**2013 – Philip J. Hickey (BA '77)**

Chairman of the Board  
National Restaurant Association

**2012 – Ed Watkins**

Executive Editor  
*Lodging Hospitality*