

**News Release**  
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**THE GREATER TORONTO HOTEL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES  
THE 2019 SPIRIT AWARDS WINNERS**

TORONTO – (May 13, 2019) Over six hundred and fifty members of the Greater Toronto Hotel Association (GTHA) gathered on Friday, May 10, 2019 to honour colleagues in the region's hotel industry. The eighth annual Spirit Awards Luncheon presented by the GTHA recognized 279 nominees and 18 award winners for their contributions in the hotel industry.

"It is with great pride that the GTHA celebrates the service, professionalism and innovation of these Ambassadors in the hotel community" said GTHA President & CEO Terry Mundell. "Our congratulations go out to each nominee and award winner for their outstanding service to guests visiting GTHA member hotels".

The winners of the Greater Toronto Hotel Association's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit Awards are:

**Accounting Ambassador of the Year**

Ana Dimacali, Westin Harbour Castle Hotel

**Administration Ambassador of the Year**

Sharen Kandola, Chelsea Hotel Toronto

**Banquet Ambassador of the Year**

Martin Schuh, Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville

**Bell Person Ambassador of the Year**

Kareem Henaway, Thompson Toronto Hotel

**Concierge of the Year**

Nawin Mutti, Toronto Marriott Bloor Yorkville

**Culinary Ambassador of the Year**

Poornum Maudhoo, Novotel Mississauga

**Engineering Ambassador of the Year**

Abraham Jesuthasan, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites

**Food and Beverage Outlets Ambassador of the Year**

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Bogusalwa Konefal, Sheraton Gateway Hotel

**Guest Services Ambassador of the Year**

Jonas Gonzales, The Strathcona Hotel

**Housekeeping Room Attendant Ambassador of the Year**

Yan Pan Chow, Novotel North York

**Housekeeping Support Service Ambassador of the Year**

Sharlene Williams, InterContinental Toronto Centre

**Laundry Ambassador of the Year**

Shanmugasundram Prabakaran, Hilton Mississauga Meadowvale

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

Dan Bell, Westin Harbour Castle Hotel

**Reservations Ambassador of the Year**

Shujing Wang, the Omni King Edward Hotel

**Security Ambassador of the Year**

Anton Kovacevic, Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel

**Steward of the Year**

Donovan Williams, Holiday Inn Toronto Yorkdale

**Switchboard Operator of the Year**

Taylor Noj, Fairmont Royal York

**Valet/Door Person/Shuttle Driver Ambassador of the Year**

Juan Giraldo, One King West Hotel & Residence

[Click here for a full list of nominees](#)

**About the Greater Toronto Hotel Association (GTHA)**

Founded in 1925, the Greater Toronto Hotel Association has been serving the hotel industry of the Greater Toronto Area for over ninety years. A major stakeholder in the tourism industry, the GTHA is the voice of the Greater Toronto Area's hotel industry, representing 170 hotels, with approximately 36,000 guest rooms and 32,000 employees. The GTHA is dedicated to serving the interests of its members on issues of public policy and advocates to raise the profile and prosperity of our members as a vital component of the hospitality industry.

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