

Alumni Association's Hall of Fame Honorees

2020 – Nomination postponed.

2019 – Nomination postponed.

2018 – Nomination postponed.

2017 Hall of Fame “Class of Trendsetters”

Gary Finnell (BA '79)
Senior Director, Development
Hilton Worldwide

J. Bruce Lange (BA '78)
Managing Director
Westin Kierland Resort & Spa

Kit Pappas (BA '82)
Vice President, Hotel Management
Tavistock Development Company

2016 Hall of Fame “Class of the Accomplished”

John Belden (BA '85)
President & Chief Executive Officer
Davidson Hotels & Resorts

James Kauffman (BA '75)
Retired President, Full Service Hotels
US & Canada, Marriott International, Inc.

John Flood (BA '80)
Vice President/General Manager,
Further Processing Business Unit
Wayne Farms, LLC

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

2015 Hall of Fame “Class of Innovators”

Dave George (BA '79)
President, Olive Garden
Darden Restaurants

John G. Malone (BA '82)
Area Director
Choice Hotels International

John Keeling (MBA '74)
Executive Vice President
Valencia Group

John W. Pharr (BA '69)
President
Strand Development Company, LLC

2014 Hall of Fame “Class of Alumni Leaders”

Dan E. Burdakin (BA '81)
President
Positive Management Group III, LLC

John F. Theuer (BA '83, MBA '83)
Distinguished Alumnus

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

Ken Weber (BA '77)
President
Weber's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel

2013 Hall of Fame “Class of Mentors”

Bradley N. Cance (BA '89)
General Manager & Chief Operating Officer
Bethesda Country Club

Steve LeHaie (MBA '77)
Partner, Shaw's Crab House
Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises

2012 Hall of Fame “Class of Pacesetters”

Hans Desai (BA '79)
Vice President, State Parks & Resorts
Xanterra Parks & Resorts

Mary Roszel (BA '88)
Co-Founder
Biggby Coffee

John L. Huckstein (MBA '72)
Partner
Yang Kee Noodle World Café, LLC

Jim Veil (BA '73)
General Manager
Willard InterContinental

2011 Hall of Fame “Class of Coaches”

Phil M. Hoag (BA '67)
President
KB of Baltimore, Inc.

Houston Striggow (BA '75)
Chief Financial Officer
SusieCakes Bakeries

Bob Pierce (BA '83)
Area General Manager
The Dearborn Inn – a Marriott Hotel

Ana Maria Viscasillas (BA '88)
President and Founder
BTS Corporation

2010 Hall of Fame “Class of Alumni Leaders”

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

Michael W. Murray (BA '81)
Chief Operating Officer
Hersha Hospitality Management

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

Mary Ann Ramsey (BA '75)
Owner & President
Betty Maclean Travel

2009 Wall of Fame “Class of Exemplars”

James F. Anhut (MBA '85)
Chief Development Officer, the Americas
InterContinental Hotels Group

Michael J. Kelly (BA '85)
Executive Vice President of Planning &
Development, Linger Longer Communities and
President, Reynolds Golf Management

George P. Fischer (BA '79)
Vice President & Managing Director, Destination Hotels
& Resorts, The Inverness Hotel & Conference Center

Robert Underwood (BA '58)
Retired Assistant Vice President
Housing & Food Services
Michigan State University

David T. Johnstone (BA '79)
Executive Vice President & Principal
Miller Global Properties, LLC

2008 Wall of Fame “Class of Visionaries”

Neil F. Barnhart (BA '64, MBA '65)
Retired Corporate Vice President
Harrah's Entertainment

Mary E. Power (BA '79)
Executive Director
Human Resource Certification Institute

Kevin J. Brown (BA '77)
President and Chief Executive Officer
Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc.

William P. Weidner (BA '67, MBA '68)
President and Chief Operating Officer
Las Vegas Sands Corporation

Thomas W. LaTour (BA '66)
Owner, LaTour Signature Group

2007 Wall of Fame “Class of Developers”

James E. Burba (BA '77)
President, Burba Hotel Network, LLC

Richard C. Conti (MBA '76)
President
The Plasencia Group, Inc.

Jay Dee Cutting (BA '61)
Director of Franchise Sales
Choice Hotels International

Joel W. Hiser (BA '73)
Chief Executive Officer
Horwath Hospitality & Leisure, LLC

Jon D. Kennedy (BA '72)
Senior Vice President of Marketing & Franchise
Development, AmericInn International, LLC

Zoe P. Slagle (BA '59, MA '64)
Owner, Zoe P. Slagle Consulting

2006 Wall of Fame “Class of Owners”

Mark Auerbach (BA '65)
President, Auerbach Hotel Associates

James A. Delligatti (BA '64)
Owner, M & J Management

Tekin Ertan (MBA '65)
Owner, Hotel Bulvar Palace

Judy Zehnder Keller (BA '67, MA '73)
President, Bavarian Inn Lodge

Hans Schuler (BA '59)
Chairman and President, Schuler's Restaurant

Hajimu Tsuzuki (BA '82)
President, Shinshindo Baking Company – Japan

2005 Wall of Fame “Class of Alumni Leaders”

Robert D. Buchanan (BA '51, MS '56)
Professor Emeritus, Purdue University

Charles LaTour (BA '61)
Professor, Florida State University

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

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

Susan K. Smith (BA '59)
President, Food Concepts, Inc.

2004 Wall of Fame “Class of Givers”

Philip J. Hickey, Jr. (BA '77)
Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, RARE Hospitality
International, Inc.

John H. Mueller (BA '50)
Restaurant Consultant, John Mueller & Associates

John M. O'Donnell (BA '69)
General Manager, Maple Bluff Country Club

2003 Wall of Fame “Class of Pioneers”

Nolan E. Allen (BA '40)
Retired Restaurant Owner & Indianapolis Public Schools
School Board Business Manager

Jack P. DeBoer (BA '52)
Creator of Residence Inn & Chairman/Chief Executive
Officer, Candlewood Hotel Company

Robert F. Kershaw (BA '42)
Retired, Student Union at Ball State University

Past President, *The School's* Alumni Association

Marjorie Ellen (Patterson) Lawton (BA '40)
Retired, Morrison Hotel in Chicago and
Hotel Statler in Detroit

Theodore “Ted” Louis Smith (BA '54)
Retired Coordinator of Food Services
Michigan State University

2002 Wall of Fame “Saluting Associations, Corporations, and Organizations”

Associations

American Hotel & Lodging Association and the
AH&LA Educational Institute
Club Managers Association of America
Michigan Hotel, Motel & Resort Association
National Automatic Merchandising Association
National Restaurant Association and the
NRA Educational Foundation

Contract / Managed Services

ARAMARK Corporation
HDS Services

Club

The University Club of Michigan State University

College / University

Michigan State University
Housing & Food Services Division

Foodservices

Applebee’s International, Inc.
Darden Restaurants, Inc.
Houston’s Restaurants, Inc.
Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, Inc.
The Levy Restaurants

Hotels / Resorts

Hilton Hotels Corporation
Hyatt Hotels Corporation
Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center
Marriott International, Inc.
The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, LLC
Six Continents Hotels
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.
The Waldorf=Astoria Hotel
The Walt Disney World Company
Winegardner & Hammons, Inc.
Wyndham International, Inc.

Manufacturing

L.J. Minor Corporation (a division of Nestlé
FoodServices)

Publications

Hotel & Motel Management
Nation’s Restaurant News

2001 Wall of Fame “Class of Contributors”

Emery G. Foster (BA ’33)

Late Manager, Union Building
Manager, Division of Dormitories and Food Services
Assistant Vice President for Business Operations
Michigan State University

Ronald F. Cichy, Ph.D., CHA (BA ’72, MBA ’77)

Director and Professor, *The School of Hospitality
Business, Michigan State University*

Dan H. Mathews (BA ’66)

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
National Automatic Merchandising Association

Donald A. Payne (BA ’65)

President and Owner
Family Buggy Restaurants, Inc.

Lou Weckstein (BA ’58)

President, John Q. Hammons Hotels, Inc.

2000 Wall of Fame “Class of Originators”

Christine “Chris” M. Hackem (BA ’77)

Executive Vice President, ARAMARK Corporation

Bennett “Ben” Schwartz (BA ’72)

President, Harper Associates

1999 Wall of Fame “Class of Innovators”

Dan W. Darrow (MBA '61)

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

Michael H. Getto (BA '56)

Director-Franchising
Suburban Lodge/Guesthouse International

Jerry A. McVety (BA '67)

President, McVety & Associates
a Division of HDS Services

William H. Morgan (BA '52)

Senior Executive Vice President
Elias Brothers Restaurants, Inc.

John R. Weeman, Jr. (MBA '79)

Vice President
Hilton Hotels Corporation

1998 Wall of Fame “Class of Builders”

Hugh A. Andrews (BA '71, MBA '72)

President, International Hospitality Enterprises, Inc.

Donald Greenaway (BA '34)

Late Director & Professor, School of Hotel,
Restaurant and Institutional Management
Michigan State University

John A. Jordan (BA '60)

General Manager, Cherokee Town & Country Club

Fred J. Kleisner (BA '66)

President & COO – The Americas
Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.

R. Scott Morrison, Jr. (BA '61)

President, Morrison Properties

F. Brooks Thomas (BA '47)

Retired Office Property Manager/Food Service
Director, Marathon Oil Company

1997 Wall of Fame “Class of Internationals”

John C. Brogan (BA '55)

Senior Vice President, ITT Sheraton Corporation, North
America Division
President, Sheraton Hotels in Hawaii

Richard C. Helfer (BA '72)

President, Raffles Holdings (1995) Pte Ltd.
Chairman & CEO, Raffles International Ltd.

Leslie W. Scott (BA '35)

Late Director of the Division of Hotel, Restaurant
and General Institutional Management
Michigan State University's
First Vice President of Development

Bernard Seiler (MBA '73)

Retired President & Proprietor
Seiler Hotel Neues Schloss

1996 Wall of Fame “Class of Founders”

Frank Arthur Banks (BA '61, MBA '62)

General Manager
RIHGA Royal Hotel

Richard E. Cregar (BA '58)

Owner, Cregar Enterprises

Robert J. Emerson (BA '47)

Retired General Manager, Kellogg Center

Ernest E. Renaud (BA '57)

Founder, Ernie Renaud Associates

Angelos J. Vlahakis (BA '51)

Director Emeritus of the Student and Industry Resource
Center, *The School of Hospitality Business*
Michigan State University

Bernard Remi “Bunny” Proulx (BS '22)

First Professor of Hotel Administration, Michigan State
University and Founding Director of the Hotel Training
Course (1928 – 1950)

1995 Wall of Fame “Charter Class”

Herman J. Berghoff (BA '58)
Owner, The Berghoff Restaurant

Donald E. Jankura (BA '51)
Retired President, Waverly Hospitality Associates, Ltd.

Jerry Best (BA '59)
President & CEO, Omni Hotels North America

Robert H. Johnson (BA '74)
President & COO, ClubCorp – The International Group

Robert H. Burns (BA '58)
Chairman, Robert H. Burns Foundation

David B. Kenney (BA '57)
Senior Partner, Kenney Hotel Group

Raymond A. Dault (BA '50)
Professor Emeritus, Department of Restaurant,
Hotel and Institutional Management
Indiana University Purdue, University at Indianapolis

Martin A. Kreger (BA '58, MBA '68)
Late Retired Vice Chairman
Machus Restaurants & Pastry Shops

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

Dr. Lewis J. Minor (BA '39, Ph.D. '64)
Founder, L.J. Minor Corporation

Kenneth D. Hill (BA '56)
President of International Development
Applebee's International, Inc.

Carl T. Mottek (BA '51)
President, Hilton Hotels Division

Michael E. Hurst (BA '53)
Owner, 15th Street Fisheries Restaurant

William R. Tiefel (BA '56)
President, Marriott Lodging