

**Alumni Association's Industry Leaders of the Year Honorees**

*2020 – Nomination postponed.*

*2019 – Nomination postponed.*

*2018 – Nomination postponed.*

**2017 – Eric A. Danziger**

Chief Executive Officer, Trump Hotels

**2016 – Stephen Joyce**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Choice Hotels International

**2015 – Mark G. Laport**

Co-Founder, President, & Chief Executive Officer, Concord Hospitality Enterprises Company

**2014 – S. Kirk Kinsell**

President, The Americas, InterContinental Hotels Group

**2013 – David J. Grissen (BA '79)**

Group President, The Americas, Marriott International, Inc.

**2012 – Jay H. Shah**

Chief Executive Officer  
Hersha Hospitality Trust

**2012 – Neil H. Shah**

President & Chief Operating Officer  
Hersha Hospitality Trust

**2011 – Robert J. Habeeb**

President & Chief Executive Officer, First Hospitality Group

**2010 – John A. Belden (BA '85)**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Davidson Hotel Company

**2009 – Patrick M. Nesbitt, Sr.**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Windsor Capital Group, Inc.

**2008 – Bruce White**

Founder, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, White Lodging Services Corporation

**2007 – Greg Sidwell, NCE**

President, G & J Marketing

**2006 – William P. Weidner (BA '67, MBA '68)**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Las Vegas Sands Corporation – The Venetian

**2005 – Thomas W. LaTour (BA '66)**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants

**2004 – Fred J. Kleisner (BA '66)**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Wyndham International, Inc.

**2003 – Lou Weckstein (BA '58)**

President, John Q. Hammons Hotels, Inc.

**2002 – James B. Singerling**

Chief Executive Officer & Executive Vice President, Club Managers Association of America

**2001 – J.W. Marriott, Jr.**

Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Marriott International, Inc.

**2000 – C.A. “Bud” Cataldo**

Chairman of the Board & Chief Executive Officer, Hostmark Hospitality Group

**1999 – Michael A. Leven**

President & Chief Executive Officer, US Franchise Systems, Inc.

**1998 – H. P. Rama**

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, JHM Enterprises, Inc.

Chairman, American Hotel & Motel Association

**1997 – Masatoshi Ito**

Honorary Chairman & Director, Ito-Yokado Group

**1996 – Kenneth F. Hine**

President & Chief Executive Officer, American Hotel & Motel Association

**1995 – Alan R. Plassche**

President & Chief Executive Officer, ComSource Independent Foodservice Companies, Inc.

**1994 – David Bouley**

Chef & Owner, Restaurant Bouley

**1993 – Nicholas S. Galanos**

Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, TGI Friday's, Inc.

**1992 – Herman Cain**

President & Chief Executive Officer, Godfather's Pizza

**1991 – Michael E. Hurst (BA '53)**

Owner, 15<sup>th</sup> Street Fisheries, President, National Restaurant Association