

Spartan Hospitality Business Champion Award Honorees

2020 – James E. Burba (BA '77)
Co-Founder, Burba Hotel Network

2019 – Nomination postponed.

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