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Pennsylvania Tourism & Lodging Association Announces the Finalists and Recipients of the Spirit of Hospitality Award.

The PA Tourism & Lodging Association held its Annual Spirit of Hospitality Awards Reception on April 28, 2008, at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East. These prestigious awards recognize outstanding performance, commitment, and achievements in the hospitality and tourism industry throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The event featured the Vivace String Quartet and an outstanding selection of fine Hors D'Oeuvres prepared by the extraordinary culinary staff of the Holiday Inn. The presentations were made by; J. Mickey Rowley, Deputy Secretary, Pennsylvania Tourism Office and James Purdum, CHA, General Manager, Hospitality Services, The Pennsylvania State University and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors, PA Tourism & Lodging Association.

The Association is pleased to announce the Finalists and Recipients of the 2008 Spirit of Hospitality Awards.

Lodging Employee of the Year

Recipient - Bessie Green, The Hilton Inn at Penn, Philadelphia

Finalist - Irina Bugariu, Hotel Sofitel Philadelphia

Finalist - Jermaine Brunson, The Hilton Inn at Penn, Philadelphia

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Department Manager of the Year

- Recipient - Christie Gumble, Great Wolf Lodge, Scotrun
- Finalist - Charlie Gipe, Hershey Entertainment Complex
- Finalist - Edward T. Shimanski, Hershey Lodge

General Manager of the Year

- Recipient - Eric DeStefano, Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh
- Finalist - Rob Howell, The Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort
- Finalist - Michael Ritter, The Historic Strasburg Inn

Innkeeper of the Year

- Recipient - Nancy Noll, The Queen, A Victorian Bed & Breakfast, Bellefonte

Community Service Award

- Recipient - Great Wolf Lodge, Scotrun

Guest Relations Award

- Recipient - PA Dutch Convention & Visitors Bureau, Lancaster

Student of the Year

- Recipient - Angelo Blakey, nominated by The Pennsylvania State University
- Recipient - Jackie Kluger, nominated by Courtyard by Marriott Philadelphia Downtown

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