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SGMP Recognizes Top Young Professionals Under 37
During Government Meeting Professionals Month

ALEXANDRIA, VA—October 31, 2019—The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) announced the honorees of the Top Young Professionals Under 37. The campaign recognizes emerging talent among government meeting professionals. Ten professionals from across the United States were selected for the honor and were nominated by their peers. The recognition comes during the Society’s sponsored Government Meeting Professionals Month, which is celebrated in October.

“As the government meetings workforce welcomes new generations of professionals, we aim to connect them with a vibrant community of peers who are involved with government meetings at all levels. It is of utmost importance we identify young talent early,” said SGMP National President Michelle Milligan, CGMP. “The meetings field is evolving at an ever-faster pace, which is why we believe that growing young talent in our chapters and national leadership can keep the Society on course for a bright future. Diversity, among backgrounds and generations, makes organizations thrive.”

The professionals recognized include the following:

Nadine Edwards
Program Manager, Senate Restaurants & Events, Architect of the Capitol
Washington, D.C.

Shannon Gallagher, CGMP
Senior Sales Manager
Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards
Baltimore, Md.

Jean Kim
Sales Manager, Holiday Inn Denver-Cherry Creek
Denver, Colo.

Laura Lange, CGMP
Senior Sales Manager
LTD Hospitality
Chesapeake, Va.

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SGMP Recognizes Top Young Professionals (Cont.)

Lauran Peoples, CGMP
Convention Sales Manager, Richmond Region Tourism
Richmond, Va.

Carly Sanford
Trainings and Meetings Planner, Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
Lansing, Mich.

Christina Saragensen, CGMP
National Sales Manager, Hilton Worldwide Sales
Alexandria, Va.

Theresa Thomas
Area Sales Manager, Drury Hotels
Austin, Texas

Taylor Mauldin Wagner
Sales Manager, Visit Norman
Norman, Okla.

Ashley Wray
Sales Manager, Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park
Aurora, Colo.

Each of the honorees receives special recognition online and in SGMP’s biannual magazine Government Connections. They will be recognized on stage at the Society’s annual National Education Conference (NEC) to be held May 19-21, 2020, in St. Louis, Mo. Nominations were received from seven of the 20 SGMP chapters across the country, including Texas Lone Star Capital, Michigan, National Capital, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Old Dominion, and Rocky Mountain.

SGMP is a professional association dedicated to enhancing and promoting the expertise of government meeting professionals through education, resources and networking. In addition to the Society’s Annual Conference, SGMP offers government-specific training via chapter programming, webinars and its Certified Government Meeting Professional (CGMP) certification to planners and suppliers who demonstrate their expertise with the rules and regulations of running high impact, ethical government meetings.

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The Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) was founded in 1981 and is the only national organization in the United States dedicated exclusively to individuals who plan and execute government meetings. We deliver our membership value of education, resources and networking to 2,000 plus members in 20 chapters across the country. Our mission is to enhance and promote the expertise of government meeting professionals. For more information, please visit www.sgmp.org.