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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 Saragnese, 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](http://www.sgmp.org).*