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THE SKIRVIN HILTON SHINES AT STATE HOSPITALITY AWARDS

Awards recognize members of Skirvin leadership for excellence in the hospitality industry

OKLAHOMA CITY (February XX, 2018) — [The Skirvin Hilton](#), Oklahoma City’s historic grand dame managed by [Marcus® Hotels & Resorts](#), has received multiple commendations at the annual Stars of the Industry Awards held on January 16, 2018. The program, presented by the Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association, honors Oklahoma's outstanding hospitality professionals for their service and commitment to the hospitality industry.

Gerald Rappaport was named Outstanding General Manager of the Year, and Bea Silva received the Outstanding Women in Lodging Leader of the Year award. Rappaport and Silva are both members of The Skirvin’s Executive Committee. Four other Skirvin employees also received nominations, including Carolina Medina-Gonzales as Outstanding Front Desk Employee of the Year; Andrew Banks as Outstanding Food and Beverage Employee of the Year; Jillian Gosselin as Outstanding Manager/Supervisor of the Year; and Jamie Taliaferro as Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year.

“We have a dedicated team that strives for excellence every day at The Skirvin,” said Gerald Rappaport, general manager of The Skirvin Hilton. “We are proud to receive these recognitions and hope it inspires our team members to continue living our values, delivering on our promises and celebrating our guests and colleagues.”

The Skirvin Hilton is majority-owned and managed by [Marcus Hotels & Resorts](#), in partnership with [Skirvin Partners in Development](#).

About The Skirvin Hilton Hotel

The Skirvin Hilton Hotel originally opened in 1911 and has been synonymous with elegance and innovation for the past five generations, hosting oil barons, dignitaries, movie stars, political leaders and presidents ever since. Guests from around the globe have traveled through the downtown Skirvin Hilton to experience its unique sophistication and timelessness. In 2007, Skirvin Partners in Development, Marcus Hotels & Resorts and Hilton partnered on renovating the hotel to its original glory. The reopening event was designated as an official Oklahoma Centennial event and since the renovation, the hotel has earned AAA Four-Diamond rating every year and received the Mayor's Development Award for best downtown development. The Skirvin Hilton Hotel is owned and operated by Marcus Hotels & Resorts, in partnership with Skirvin Partners in Development.

The hotel features 225 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, including 20 one-bedroom suites, one presidential suite and 18,500 square feet of premiere meeting and pre-function space. It is home to the upscale Park Avenue Grill restaurant and Red Piano lounge.

The Skirvin was recognized as one of the Best Hotels in the USA by *U.S. News & World Report*, finishing as the #1 Hotel in Oklahoma City and the State of Oklahoma. The hotel remains on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Skirvin Hilton Hotel is located at One Park Avenue in Oklahoma City. For more information, please visit www.skirvinhilton.com and follow the company on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TheSkirvinHilton) (www.facebook.com/TheSkirvinHilton) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/SkirvinHiltonOK) (@SkirvinHiltonOK).

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