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## THE SKIRVIN HILTON SHINES AT STATE HOSPITALITY AWARDS

## Award recognizes The Skirvin for excellence in community relations and exceptional employees.

**OKLAHOMA CITY (January XX, 2016)** —The Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City's historic grand dame, has received multiple commendations this week at the annual Stars of the Industry Awards. The program, presented by the Oklahoma Hotel & Lodging Association, honors Oklahoma's outstanding hospitality professionals for their service and commitment to the hospitality industry.

For the second consecutive year, the Skirvin Hilton Hotel took home the Community Service Award. From its Artist in Residence program to the multiple partnerships with Positive Tomorrows, the American Cancer Society and so many others, the Skirvin employee family is proud of their altruistic endeavors. This award recognizes the hotel's excellence in community involvement and benefit of the area.

In addition, Andrew Neuman, Executive Steward, was recognized as the Outstanding Lodging Employee of the year. Neuman's innovative ideas and drive set him apart as a shining example for the hospitality industry. Three other Skirvin Employees received nominations including Cassandra Braker – Front Desk Employee of the Year, Susanna Flores – Room keeper Employee of the Year, and Ace Barrentine – Manager/Supervisor of the Year.

"We have a dedicated team at The Skirvin that strives for excellence every day and it's their unwavering commitment to excellence that won us these awards," said Gerald Rappaport, Skirvin General Manager. "We are proud to receive these and hope it inspires our team members to continue living our values, delivering on our promise and celebrating our people."

The Annual Stars of the Industry Awards was held at the Embassy Suites OKC Downtown/Medical Center on January 19, 2016.

The Skirvin Hilton is majority-owned and operated by <u>Marcus Hotels & Resorts</u>, in partnership with <u>Skirvin Partners in Development</u>.

## About The Skirvin Hilton Hotel

The Skirvin Hilton 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 the 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 a AAA Four Diamond rating every year and received the Mayor's Development Award for best downtown development.

The hotel features 225 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, including 20 onebedroom 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 named one of the best hotel meeting destinations in 2013 and received a prestigious Pinnacle Award from *Successful Meetings*. The hotel was also once again recognized as one of the 2014 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.

For more information, please visit <u>www.skirvinhilton.com</u> and follow the company on <u>Facebook</u> (<u>www.facebook.com/TheSkirvinHilton</u>) and <u>Twitter</u> (@SkirvinHiltonOKC).

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