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The Building Owners and Managers Association of Buffalo Announces the 2023 Award Winners.

November 8, 2023, Buffalo, N.Y. – The Building Owners and Managers Association of Buffalo announced the 2023 award winners during the Annual Business Meeting and Awards Recognition event. Over 110 BOMA members gathered at the Barrel Factory to celebrate their colleagues and honor outstanding buildings and professionals in the commercial real estate industry.

Ten Award winners were announced and the complete list of BOMA honorees includes:

- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, **Kevin T. Hassen**, Uniland Development Company
- PROPERTY MANAGER OF THE YEAR, **Daniel Gaeta**, Benderson Development Company
- BOMA MEMBER OF THE YEAR, **Daniel Bauer**, SERVPRO of The Southtowns + SERVPRO of West Seneca/Lancaster
- BUILDING SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, **Jeff Candino**, Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation
- HISTORIC RENOVATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR, **Lafayette Court Building Lobby**, 465 Main St, Buffalo
- INDUSTRIAL REVITALIZATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR, **8 Dona Street Industrial/Warehouse Facility**, Uniland Development Company
- MEDICAL OFFICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR, **Roswell Park Scott Bieler Amherst Center**, Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation
- BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR, **600 River Road Apartments**, Rock One Development and Stonewall Property Management
- VENDOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR, **Great Lakes Building Systems**
- OFFICE MANAGER OF THE YEAR, **Nichole Thomas**, SERVPRO of The Southtowns + SERVPRO of West Seneca/Lancaster

Kevin T. Hassen of Uniland Development Company was honored with the **BOMA Buffalo Distinguished Service Award**. For 38 years Hassen has been a dedicated steward of office buildings in Western New York and the greater Chicago area. His current role with Uniland Development Company has him managing over 1.2 million square feet of the company's most prominent Class A buildings downtown since 2014 including the Avant, the Embassy Suites Buffalo, The Delaware North Building, Uniland's LEED Silver, 12-story, 540,000 SF complex that houses Delaware North's global headquarters, The Westin Buffalo, HANSA workspace, and Uniland's third-party management of Catholic Health's 140,000 SF headquarters. In addition, Hassen's robust career has also included responsibility for the Boeing Company's international headquarters—a 1 million SF high rise in downtown Chicago, the Electric Tower, and other properties in Buffalo, NY.

Hassen served on the BOMA Buffalo Board from 2008 until 2016 and led BOMA as President in 2014 and 2015. He currently chairs the BOMA Awards Program, serves on the Golf Outing Committee, and manages BOMA's photography and social media pages.

Daniel Bauer of SERVPRO of the Southtowns, SERVPRO West Seneca/Lancaster, received the **BOMA Buffalo Member of the Year Award**. Bauer joined BOMA in 2021 and is Member Communications Committee Chair. He was elected to the BOMA Board of Directors in 2022 and has accepted challenges and has shown great interest in advancing in BOMA. In 2022 he was a recipient of a Sustainability Scholarship through Naylor and BOMA International and gained recognition at the international conference in Nashville. In 2023 Bauer was highlighted on the cover of the brochure and social media for the BOMA International Conference held in Kansas City. In addition, he is currently a nominee for the BOMA Mid-Atlantic Board of Directors Member at Large position. The BOMA Board is proud of Bauer's accomplishments and how he represents the Western New York region with his involvement in BOMA.

Daniel Gaeta of Benderson Development Company received the **BOMA Buffalo Property Manager of the Year Award**. Starting as a maintenance technician 7 years ago, Gaeta is now a property manager responsible for basically everything that goes on at his properties including budgeting, capital improvements, and tenant relations, as well as training and supervising assistant managers.

Gaeta currently manages over 50 plazas and spaces with over 4 million square feet of property, including the Boulevard Consumer Square and the Boulevard South District in Amherst NY (formerly the Burlington Plaza) which won a Business First Brick-by-Brick award for its remodel project. In addition, Gaeta has responsibility for some of Benderson's residential and apartment complexes.

Michele Messina, TM Montante Development, was recognized for her past presidency and completing 12 years on the BOMA Board of Directors, and **Joe Arlotta**, DV Brown and Associates, was also recognized for completing a total of 6 years on the BOMA Board of Directors.

Newly elected board members were announced and will begin their first terms in January 2024. The board members include: **Tina Coppins, RPA** (second term and former past president), Appltree Realty Holdings, **Don Brunn**, National Fuel Gas Company, and **Talia Johnson-Huff**, Erie County Industrial Development Agency.

Congratulations to all of the 2023 BOMA Buffalo Awards recipients!

Paul Muck, voice actor with www.paulmuckvoices.com emceed the awards program. Crystal Guash, www.cguashphotography captured the excitement of the event!

About BOMA Buffalo

Founded in 1921, the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) Buffalo is a not-for-profit trade association providing an array of programs and resources to commercial property professionals including education, networking opportunities, benchmarking data, building measurement standards, and legislative and regulatory advocacy. BOMA Buffalo's membership includes commercial building owners, property and facility managers, developers, contractors and vendors, architects, and other real estate professionals. BOMA Buffalo is a federated chapter of BOMA International www.boma.org
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