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CREW-OC ANNOUNCES 8th ANNUAL SPIRE AWARD WINNERS

Orange County, Calif. (March 27, 2019) - The Orange County chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, [CREW-OC](#), recently hosted its 8th annual SPIRE Awards ceremony at the Samueli Theater in Costa Mesa, honoring local commercial real estate leaders and companies for their Superior Performance In Real Estate.

Community and mentorship were themes of the event, which featured remarks from MHP Structural Engineer's Director of Business Development, **Elise Puritz**, who served as Co-Chair of this year's event.

"Orange County's commercial real estate industry is thriving and it's important to recognize the individuals and companies that are impacting the growth and innovation within the local community. The industry is driven by the relationships we create, and events like the SPIRE Awards prove the dedication and support we provide to one another," said Puritz, who noted that this year's awards received the largest amount of nominations yet.

Over 100 nominees were evaluated and judged by a panel of 10 distinguished peers and professionals. This year's panel included: **Dave Pintar** of C.W. Driver, **Jo-E Lopez** of Snyder Langston, **John Combs** of RiverRock Real Estate Group, **John Mehigan** of Regency Centers, **Kristen Croxton** of Capital One Multifamily Finance, **Kurt Strasmann** of CBRE, **Marissa Kasdan** of KTGy, **Michelle Schierberl** of Stream Realty Partners, **Perry Schonfeld** of LBA Realty and **Sandra Vaughan-Acton** of Cal Poly Pomona Foundation.

Current CREW-OC President, **Linda Padilla-Smyth**, spoke about the strength of the CREW network, highlighting that both women and men can support the advancement of women in commercial real estate. "When you join CREW you gain a network of 11,000 experts, friends, colleagues, partners, and deals from over 70 chapters throughout the U.S., Canada and the U.K.," Padilla-Smyth said.

Lynn Jochim, Co-Chief Operating Officer of FivePoint Holdings, LLC and the event's Keynote Speaker, spoke about the power of mentorship and the value of a strong support system that encouraged her growth throughout her career in commercial estate.

Eric Paulsen, Managing Principal of Cushman & Wakefield and the evening's Master of Ceremonies, entertained the crowd with humor and personality, as he announced each category's nominees, finalists and winners. The 8th Annual SPIRE Award winners include:

Winner for "Superior Performance by a Woman in Commercial Real Estate"

- **Awarded to:** Wendy Rogers, Chief Executive Officer, LPA

Winner for “Superior Performance by an Emerging Leader”

- **Awarded to:** Elise Puritz, Director of Business Development, MHP Structural Engineers

Winner for “Most Valuable Partner / Service Partner”

- **Awarded to:** Jennifer Bojorquez, Partner, Troutman Sanders

Winner for “Superior Performance in New Construction/Development”

- **Project:** Orange County Great Sports Complex
- **Awarded to:** KPRS Construction Services, Inc.; FivePoint Holdings, LLC; NBBJ

Winner for “Superior Performance in Building Renovations”

- **Project:** Imagine More
- **Awarded to:** St. Mary’s School; Westling & Associates Construction Management; KPRS Construction Services, Inc; RGA Architects

Winner for “Superior Performance in Tenant Improvements”

- **Project:** Easterseals Southern California Headquarters
- **Awarded to:** Sonaly Dudheker, Project Manager, H. Hendy Associates; Todd Shumaker, Senior Designer, H. Hendy Associates

Winner for “Superior Performance in Leasing”

- **Project:** Metagenics and Carrington Mortgage Lease Transactions
- **Awarded to:** Allison Kelly, Senior Vice President, CBRE, Inc.; Carol Trapani, Senior Vice President, CBRE, Inc.

Winner for “Superior Performance in Sales”

- **Project:** Anaheim GardenWalk
- **Awarded to:** Philip D. Voorhees, Vice Chairman, CBRE, Inc.; Jimmy Slusher, Vice President, CBRE, Inc.

Winner for “Superior Performance in Philanthropy”

- **Awarded to:** Patrick Donahue, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Donahue Schriber; Lawrence Casey, President and Chief Operating Officer, Donahue Schriber.
 - Organizer and host of the Orange County Real Estate Luncheon in partnership with the Orange County Community Foundation.
 - In 2018, Donahue and his company convened more than 575 top real estate and financial professionals for the luncheon that raised \$680,000 for Orange County nonprofits serving the veteran community.
 - Mr. Donahue’s additional philanthropic efforts include support of KidWorks, Guardian Scholars, the California Showcase, the Orange County Real Estate Luncheon which benefits the Orange County veteran population, Notre Dame High School, and the Rose Bowl Legacy Board.

A complete list of finalists and winners is available, [here](#).

Description of the nomination eligibility criteria is available, [here](#).

Commercial Real Estate Women of Orange County (CREW-OC) is a member organization of the national Commercial Real Estate Women Network and has been serving Orange County real estate professionals since 1988. CREW-OC is a non-profit organization established to promote and sponsor educational and professional activities for its members in the field of commercial real estate. Further information on the organization is available at www.crew-oc.org.

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