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Two Virginians Bring Home Honors at AHLA's 2024 GM of the Year Awards

Brian Wells (Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center) and Mark Spadoni (The Omni Homestead Resort & Spa) are bringing home awards from The Hospitality Show in San Antonio, TX

SAN ANTONIO – The American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) announced its 2024 General Managers of the Year, TechOvation, and Technology Acceleration Award winners during [The Hospitality Show](#) in San Antonio, Texas, and two Virginia GMs are bringing home some hardware. Brian Wells of the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center was named GM of the Year, Full-Service Property, and Mark Spadoni of The Omni Homestead Resort & Spa will take home the GM Lifetime Achievement Award.

You can find the full list of AHLA's 2024 General Managers of the Year below:

- **GM Lifetime Achievement Award:**
The Omni Homestead Resort & Spa, Hot Springs, Va., Managing Director Mark Spadoni
- **GM of the Year, Extended Stay Property:**
TownePlace Suites by Marriott Naples, Fla., General Manager Dasha Chayka
- **GM of the Year, Select-Service Property:**
Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Twin Falls, Idaho, General Manager Tiffany Dunn
- **GM of the Year, Independent Property:**
The Inn at Longwood Medical, Boston, Mass., General Manager Brian Stiglets
- **GM of the Year, Full-Service Property:**
Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, Va., General Manager Brian Wells
- **GM of the Year, Resort Property:**
Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa, Maui, Hawai'i, General Manager Tets Yamazaki

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General managers received their awards on The Hospitality Show main stage after AHLA's GM Summit, which brought together hotel GMs from across the country to hear from expert speakers, share best practices, network, and celebrate the industry's best GMs.

"The Hospitality Show is dedicated to achieving operational and technological excellence by providing the industry's best learning, networking, and deal-making event experience. So it's fitting that this amazing group

of winners includes America's best GMs and an elite group of companies that are harnessing technology to improve the hotel experience for both guests and employees," said **AHLA Interim President & CEO Kevin Carey**. "We congratulate these outstanding individuals and companies and invite you to join us at next year's The Hospitality Show in Denver."

"We're thrilled about the recognition Brian and Mark have received at the event," said **Eric Terry, President of the Virginia Restaurant, Lodging and Travel Association**. "They are shining examples of how the hospitality industry can create a tremendous impact in communities across the country. We're incredibly fortunate to have them call Virginia home."

Next year, AHLA's General Manager of the Year, TechOvation, and Technology Acceleration Award winners will be announced at The Hospitality Show 2025, which will be held Oct. 26-28 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. Those interested in next year's event can complete [this form](#) for more information.

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[The Hospitality Show](#) is an event for the entire hospitality ecosystem with one goal: operating hotels more efficiently and profitably. Produced by the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AHLA) and Questex, the event brings together top industry leaders, senior executives of hotel brands, owners, operators, management companies, procurement specialists, and their teams. The Hospitality Show 2024 takes place October 28-30 at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas.

The [American Hotel & Lodging Association \(AHLA\)](#) is the largest hotel association in America, representing more than 30,000 members from all segments of the industry nationwide – including iconic global brands, 80% of all franchised hotels, and the 16 largest hotel companies in the U.S. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., AHLA focuses on strategic advocacy, communications support, and workforce development programs to move the industry forward.