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Home Builders Honor Members of the Year

Members of the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association (HBA) joined together Wednesday, December 16 at the Palmetto Hall Golf Club on Hilton Head for their annual installation and awards luncheon where the 2016 officers and directors were installed and awards were presented to the Builder and Associate Members of the Year. This honor is presented each year to individuals representing the organization's builder and associate membership, for their outstanding dedication and contributions to the HBA, the community and the building industry.

The 2015 Builder Member of the Year award was presented to Matt Bader of Full Circle Development.

Bader has been an active member of the HBA for nearly ten years, just recently stepping up in 2014 to serve as a Builder Director to the HBA Board of Directors. In 2015 he was an active participant on the association's Membership Committee, where he was instrumental in developing and implementing a new member retention program that was a key factor to the HBA's continued success in membership development. As noted in the monthly membership summary provided by the Home Builders Association of South Carolina; the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association is the second largest Building Association in the State with an annual retention rate of over 80%. Bader recruited three new HBA Members and helped his Membership Drive Team take first place in the HBA's Amazing Race for Membership, held in the Fall of 2015. In addition to supporting the Association and its many events by volunteering himself and those within his company, he is well respected amongst his building industry colleagues whether it's in the lumber yard or shooting darts in his garage.

The 2015 Associate Member of the Year was awarded to Mike Trezza of Palmetto Exterminators, Inc.

Trezza has also been a member of the HBA for close to ten years and has served as an Associate Director to the organization's Board of Directors since 2014. In 2015 he was an active participant on the HBA's Membership Committee, where he too was instrumental in developing and implementing a new member retention program that was a key factor to the HBA's continued success in membership development. Additionally, Trezza attended every HBA After

Hours Event; every Board of Directors Meeting and every Member Retention Call Session per month. He was a 2015 Membership Drive Team Leader; Heritage Title Sponsor; Golf Tournament Sponsor; he assisted the HBA with setup and breakdown of various meetings; and he continued his support of The Hilton Head Home Builders Education Foundation Scholarship Fund, which awarded eight college-bound students from high schools within Beaufort County, with a \$2,000 scholarship.

Several other awards were presented during the afternoon's festivities. Patricia Strimpfel of Reclamation By Design, Ltd. was awarded by outgoing HBA president Brian Esposito, of Esposito Construction, Inc. with the coveted President's Award in appreciation of her leadership and support to the Board of Directors during his year as president. Additionally, Mark Brittman of CoastalStates Bank and Richard Creamer of Reminiscent Homes, LLC were both presented with HBA Hammer Awards. The Hammer Award recognizes extraordinary members who work behind the scenes, ensuring the success of association programs, events and community service projects. Finally, retired honorary member Larry Florea as well as current member, Deborah Monroe of LowCountry Home Magazine were presented with framed prints in appreciation of their time and efforts volunteering for several events throughout the year.

2015 HBA President Brian Esposito stated, "This year's honorees have truly distinguished themselves as leaders in upholding the association's mission. They are the best of the best and it is an honor to work alongside them in their efforts to strengthen the building industry and our community."

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About the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association:

Chartered in 1965 under the leadership of the late Joseph Fraser, Jr., the Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association is a not-for-profit professional trade association of business professionals that represent, promote and support excellence in the home building industry through education, community service and environmental stewardship. The organization is made up of more than 450 member companies, representing residential and light commercial builders, subcontractors, suppliers and many other service professionals to the building industry throughout Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton Counties. The association also administers the Hilton Head Home Builders Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization formed to support and raise funds for deserving local high school graduates seeking further educational or technical advancement.

The Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association is affiliated with the Home Builders Association of South Carolina and the National Association of Home Builders.