



MPI Michigan Chapter Announces 2023-24 Award Nominees

Lansing, Mich., November 15, 2024 –The Michigan Chapter of Meeting Professionals International (MPI) proudly announces the nominees for its annual chapter awards. Winners will be revealed at the prestigious Celebration! Gala on December 12, 2024, at the Suburban Collection Showplace.

The nominees, selected by chapter members and evaluated by chapter leaders, represent excellence across five distinct categories:

Innovative Planner of the Year

Recognizing exceptional innovation in meeting and event planning:

- Andrea Rayburn
- Becky Francoeur
- Nina Payne
- Sarah Botroff

Innovative Venue of the Year

Celebrating creative space utilization for meetings and events:

- AC Hotel Lansing
- Inn at St. Johns
- Crystal Mountain

Kristina Kauffman Industry Cheerleader Award

Honoring outstanding industry advocacy and positive influence:

- Brett Bowman
- Ariel Backus
- Clarissa Lange
- Dawn Barth
- Mary Chris Hotchkiss
- Jennifer Berkemeier
- Marianne Bogard

Maryellen Jansen Education Leadership Award

Recognizing pursuit of excellence through professional development:

- Ariel Backus
- Dorothy Mott
- Christine Mack
- Jenn Morden

Rising Star Award

Acknowledging emerging leaders with five or fewer years of industry experience:

- Sasha Glover
- Rhiannon Gonzales
- Sammi Corcoran
- Dani Johnson

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