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MPI and GBTA Foundation Announce CMM Recipients from Reno/Tahoe 2016 Class

WHAT: [Meeting Professionals International \(MPI\)](#) and the GBTA Foundation, the education and research arm of the [Global Business Travel Association \(GBTA\)](#), recently presented the distinguished Certificate in Meeting Management (CMM) to 36 meeting and travel professionals from the CMM Reno/Tahoe 2016 class. With the addition of this class, there are now a total of 1,222 holders worldwide. The group participated in the program held December 1 – 4, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort in Incline Village, Nevada.

Jennifer Bond, CMP | American Farm Bureau Federation | Washington, DC
Rebecca Rose Byrne | Restoration Robotics | Pleasanton, CA
Heidi Cerdas, MBA | University of Minnesota Medical School | Minneapolis, MN
Ha K. Chan | U. S. Chamber of Commerce | Washington, DC
Karen Conklin, CMP | Walker Event Management | Eagle, CO
Tuey Connell | Carmel Creative | Evanston, IL
Shannon Dempsey, CHSP | Destination Residences Snowmass | Denver, CO
Michelle Devine, HMCC | Visit Newport Beach, Inc. | Newport Beach, CA
Piers Dooley | Boston College | Needham, MA
Marinette Dorkhom | Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group | New York, NY
Tyrrell Joiner Eiland, MBA, CFRM | Gumeebare Hospitality Group, Inc. | North Las Vegas, NV
Rebecca Irvine Fazzari, CMP | University of Colorado, Boulder, Conference Services | Boulder, CO
Melanie Fransen | The Jaeckle Centre | Midway, KY
Kim Hastings | GT Nexus, an Infor company | Granite Bay, CA
Ronald E. Havens | Independent Contractor | Los Angeles, CA
Tamar Henderson, CMP | Freese and Nichols, Inc. | Fort Worth, TX
Jennifer Kamins | UNBRIDLED | Hawthorn Woods, IL
Nancy Kujak-Ford | Wisconsin Union | Madison, WI
Helene Lippe, CMP, HMCC | IMPAQ International, LLC | Washington, DC
Mary C. McAfee | McAfee Corporate Event Planners | San Rafael, CA
Alena J. McMullen, CTSM | Kronos Incorporated | Salem, MA
Taya Paige | ITA Group | Laguna Niguel, CA
Jessica Parenti-Ortiz, HMCC | E2M2 Staffing & Events | Haddonfield, NJ
Dawn R. Rafferty, CMP-HC, HMCC | Shire | Lexington, MA
Kristi Casey Sanders, DES, HMCC | Meeting Professionals International | Grapevine, TX
Joy Schechter | The Joy of Business Inc | Baltimore, MD
Erin Scholes, CMP, CSEP | SD Meetings & Events | San Diego, CA
Pamela Carey Schrock | Transamerica | Baltimore, MD
Lilian Sierra, CMP, CASE | Cancun ICC | Puebla, Mexico
Jennifer Susa | Infor | New York, NY
Julie M. Tieman, M.A., CMP | University of Nevada | Reno, NV
Adrienne H. Tooley, CMP-HC | Konzept Events | Fort Lauderdale, FL

Tracy Wells | vandePoel Productions | Edmonds, WA
Paul Wentzel | American Bar Association | Chicago, IL
Cherise Wilson | Reno Tahoe USA | Portland, OR
Pauline Yewa-Michel | Stryker | Allendale, NJ

DETAILS: The CMM Program is an intensive, three-part executive educational program that features the highlights of a world-class MBA program into a long weekend (3.5 days), followed by eight hours of advanced-level online coursework and a final project focused on solving a real-world business problem. For more information and to apply, please visit www.mpiweb.org/CMM. To learn more about the MPI Academy's various professional development offerings, check out www.mpiweb.org/mpi-academy.

ABOUT MPI: Meeting Professionals International (MPI) is the largest meeting and event industry association worldwide. The organization provides innovative and relevant education, networking opportunities and business exchanges, and acts as a prominent voice for the promotion and growth of the industry. MPI has a global community of 60,000 meeting and event professionals including more than 17,000 engaged members and its Plan Your Meetings audience. It has more than 90 chapters and clubs in 24 countries. "When we meet, we change the word." www.mpiweb.org

ABOUT GBTA: The GBTA Foundation is the education and research foundation of the Global Business Travel Association (GBTA), the world's premier business travel and meetings trade organization headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area with operations on six continents. Collectively, GBTA's 9,000-plus members manage more than \$345 billion of global business travel and meetings expenditures annually. GBTA provides its growing network of more than 28,000 travel professionals and 125,000 active contacts with world-class education, events, research, advocacy and media. The Foundation was established in 1997 to support GBTA's members and the industry as a whole. As the leading education and research foundation in the business travel industry, the GBTA Foundation seeks to fund initiatives to advance the business travel profession. The GBTA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, see gbta.org and gbta.org/foundation.