

Lifetime Achievement Award

NOMINEES 2022

THIS AWARD HONORS LONG STANDING INRLA MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHOWN CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION AND INDUSTRY THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREER. NOMINEES HAVE OR WILL LEAVE A LASTING IMPRESSION ON THIS INDUSTRY AND EMBODIES HOOSIER HOSPITALITY TO THE FULLEST.

CASEY FRANK REGIONAL CHEF, CUNNINGHAM RESTAURANT GROUP

Chef Casey started with CRG as a sous chef at Vida. He rose into a Chef role and helped us open Livery Downtown Indy along with overseeing our other Livery locations. Livery is one of our premier restaurants with a great reputation for amazing food and outstanding service. Casey has had a lot to do with this as his presence and leadership with his team is always focused on the team members enjoying their jobs and doing everything we can for the guests. His view is always - if we can do, then let's do what we can to make it happen for the guest. Casey likes to "Woooo!" That means in other words....Let's Go! If you know him, you've heard him. It is a signature way to pump up his heart of the house crew and even the front. Casey is big into leadership and self development. But also, into helping others grow in to better team members and better as human beings. When he walks into a kitchen, you know he's there, as it is very positive and infectious. He has also helped to make things in our restaurants and kitchen be more soothe and operational to improve on the guest and team member experience.

CHAD TERRY MAINTENANCE ENGINEER, HAMPTON INN BEDFORD

Chad Terry is deserving of the Lifetime Achievement Award because he has spent the last 25 years+ taking care of every guest he has encountered and exceeding their expectations. Chad is the definition of a team player; he is the first to jump in and help his coworkers with any problem, big or small. I have worked with Chad for the last five years, not once have I ever seen him fail to greet each guest he encounters. Chad takes great pride in his work and does everything possible to make sure our hotel is the best it can be. Chad calls the hotel on his days off to check in and never fails to drop everything to come in and help if it is needed. Over the last few years, his job title has changed, but his "do what it takes" mentality has not. It has never mattered if he was working as Housekeeping Supervisor and there was a line at the desk, or if he was working as Maintenance Engineer and housekeeping was short-staffed; he is jumping in and helping.

Because of his decades of experience and positive attitude, Chad is the MVP of any team he's on. When I moved to a different property in 2021, I was thrilled that he would even consider coming with me and incredibly grateful when he did. Chad has been an invaluable asset to the Hampton Inn Bedford, helping keep everyone positive and focused on taking care of our guests even when things are hectic. He has been a leader and resource for countless newbies over the years, inspiring them to careers in hospitality. Chad is an all around rockstar, a jack of all trades, an awesome coworker, and a great person. We are lucky to have him as a coworker and friend and our guests are lucky to have him looking out for them.



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ANTHONY WEATHINGTON SERVER/ROOM SERVICE, CROWNE PLAZA UNION STATION

We at the Crowne Plaza Indianapolis Downtown Union Station are proud to nominate Anthony Weathington for the prestigious Stars Award. In 2021 Anthony was recognized as an outstanding employee by all associates and was our Employee of the Year in 2021. Anthony was entrusted with tasks of great importance of training and grooming new team members.

Anthony is an excellent leader and inspires his coworkers every day to work hard and do their job with a genuine smile on their face and a spring in their step. He creates a sense of confidence with guests and coworkers alike and embodies the true meaning of Hoosier hospitality. Since day one, Anthony has sought out opportunities for self-growth and learning within the hotel and led by example. Anthony greets guests with a smile and a welcome, but his true value to the hotel lays beneath the surface.

His attention to detail and genuine care for our guests and associates drives him to create a friendly, fun and pleasant environment. Guest chooses our hotel trusting they will receive true Hoosier hospitality. Anthony takes this trust to heart and works tirelessly to earn such trust. As we take care of our guests, we rarely stop to think of those who make our services possible. It is through hard work by employees such as Anthony that we are able to provide Hoosier hospitality for our guests to reside.