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CREW-OC ANNOUNCES 7th ANNUAL SPIRE AWARD WINNERS

Orange County, Calif. (March 26, 2018) - The Orange County chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, [CREW-OC](#), recently hosted its 7th annual SPIRE Awards ceremony at the Samueli Theater in Costa Mesa, honoring local commercial real estate leaders for Superior Performance In Real Estate.

Camaraderie and mentorship were themes of the event, which featured remarks from Chapman University's Director of Real Estate and Property Management, **Linda Padilla Smyth**, who served as Co-Chair of this year's event.

"The Orange County commercial real estate market is an extremely close-knit community, and events like the SPIRE awards prove the dedication and support we provide to one another," said Padilla Smyth, who noted that this year's attendance was one of the largest yet.

Current CREW-OC President, **Stacy Stemen**, spoke about the rising influence of women in the industry with a moment of audience participation to engage the crowd.



“Stand up if you’ve been positively impacted by a woman in commercial real estate,” she urged, and the crowd rose to their feet with applause.

Cheryl Osborn, President and Founder of Casco Contractors and the event’s Keynote Speaker, spoke of women’s essential role in construction, and addressed the critical role of trade schools in the industry.

“There is a tremendous need to de-stigmatize trade schools, and equip our developments and construction sites with more smart, focused, skilled workers,” Osborn said.

Eric Paulsen, Managing Principal of Cushman & Wakefield and the evening’s Master of Ceremonies, wowed the crowd with humor and personality, and masterfully announced each category’s finalists and winners. The 7th Annual SPIRE Award winners include:

Winner for “Superior Performance in New Construction”

- **Project:** Potter’s Lane
- **Awarded to:** American Family Housing

Winner for “Superior Performance in Building Renovations”

- **Project:** Edwards Lifesciences Starr Atrium
- **Awarded to:** LPA, Inc., Tangram Interiors, DPR Construction, Edwards Lifesciences

Winner for “Superior Performance in Tenant Improvements”

- **Project:** Vans HQ
- **Awarded to:** Howard Building Corporation, RAPT Studio, and Vans HQ

Winner for “Superior Performance in Leasing”

- **Project:** Cylance World Headquarters
- **Awarded to:** Savills Studley

Winner for “Superior Performance in Lending”

- **Project:** Reata Glen CCRC / The Orchards HC
- **Awarded to:** Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Reata Glen Orange County CCRC LLC, and Spieker Senior Development Partners

Winner for “Superior Performance in Sales”

- **Project:** Chapman Grand
- **Awarded to:** Chapman University and CBRE

Winner for “Superior Performance by a Woman in Commercial Real Estate”

- **Awarded to:** Sharon Kline, Executive Vice President, CBRE Capital Markets Debt & Equity Finance

Winner for “Superior Performance in Philanthropy”

- **Awarded to:** Steven T. Card, Senior Managing Partner, Savills Studley

Commercial Real Estate Women of Orange County (CREW-OC) is a member organization of the national Commercial Real Estate Women Network and has been serving Orange County real estate professionals since 1988. CREW-OC is a non-profit organization established to promote and sponsor educational and professional activities for its members in the field of commercial real estate. Further information on the organization is available at www.crew-oc.org.

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