

## AAHOA Announces 2020 Award Winners

DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 6 – On the third day of the 2021 AAHOA Convention & Trade Show, the association recognized achievement and excellence in the hospitality industry with its annual awards. Winners received their awards on the main stage during the general session. The 2020 award winners are:

**AAHOA Award of Excellence:** Nanda Patel

**Cecil B. Day Community Service Award:** Mitesh Jivan

**IAHA Independent Hotel of the Year:** Hotel Lexen

**Outreach Award for Philanthropy:** Masudur Khan

**Outstanding Women Hotelier of the Year:** Priti Patel

**Outstanding Young Professional of the Year:** Saajan Patel

**Political Forum Award for Advocacy:** Bijal Patel

“Each year, AAHOA recognizes and honors hoteliers who go above and beyond in service to the hospitality industry,” said Immediate Past Chairman Biran Patel. “During such a challenging year, these individuals made significant contributions to the industry and to AAHOA. We are all honored to highlight their service and commitment to excellence.”

“These awards recognize the best of the best. Following an extremely difficult year for AAHOA Members and the entire industry, these award recipients demonstrate their commitment to excellence in the hospitality industry, regardless of the landscape,” said Interim President & CEO Ken Greene. “Their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed, and it is through their leadership, grit, and determinations that the industry continues to thrive.”

### **About AAHOA:**

*AAHOA is the largest hotel owners association in the world. The nearly 20,000 AAHOA Members own 60 percent of hotels in the United States. With billions of dollars in property assets and over one million employees, AAHOA Members are core economic contributors in virtually every community. AAHOA is a proud defender of free enterprise and the foremost current-day example of realizing the American dream.*

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