2024 Stars of the Industry Winners

Each year, NYSHTA recognizes outstanding individuals and properties from the state's hospitality and tourism community for their hard work, dedication, and positive impact on the industry.

Outstanding Roomkeeper of the Year
Luisa Calle, The Sherry-Netherland

Outstanding Lodging Employee of the Year
Lori Conklin, The Statler Hotel at Cornell University

Outstanding Manager/Supervisor of the Year
Mbada Danso, Gurney's Montauk Resort & Seawater Spa

Outstanding General Manager of the Year
Kathy Taylor, Canopy by Hilton Ithaca

Outstanding Small Property of the Year
Clegg's Hotel

Outstanding Large Property of the Year
Westchester Marriott Hotel

Outstanding Resort of the Year
Turning Stone Resort Casino

Outstanding Tourism Executive of the Year
Journey Gunderson, National Comedy Center

Outstanding Partner of the Year
Lynkwell (formerly Livingston Energy)

Excellence in Hospitality
Bill Gunther, R.I.T. Inn & Conference Center



