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**GREATER SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® CELEBRATES  
EXCELLENCE IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY**

**SAN DIEGO (January 23, 2017)** - The Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS® honored real estate's top producers and members who exemplify excellence in real estate at the at its annual "Circle of Excellence," on Saturday at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar. The event featured guest host and basketball legend Bill Walton. The evening program included the installation of Bob Kevane as President, as well as the officers and directors who serve on the 2017 SDAR Leadership Team.

The "Circle of Excellence" event recognized the top 1% of real estate professionals with the prestigious "Recognition of Excellence" honor. More than 700 Realtors were honored for being the top 1% of 19,000 real estate professionals in San Diego County for production as a team or individual (a minimum of 15 units sold and \$15 million in sales).

Additionally, the Circle of Excellence will honored 7 top Realtors with the Award of Excellence to those who have exemplified outstanding service to their clients, community, the association, and the real estate community as a whole for the following: *Broker of the Year, Office Manager of the Year, REALTOR® of the Year: Rookie of the Year, Affiliate of the Year, Brokerage Achievement of Excellence, VA Housing Award, and Volunteer of the Year.* Each of the honorees reflects the highest ethics, integrity, and professional standards of the individuals who are members of SDAR. Nearly 100 nominations were submitted for the awards. Below is a list of winners.

**Broker of the Year:** Judy Preston, Ascent Real Estate, Inc.

**Office Manager of the Year:** Mark Marquez, Pacific Sotheby's International Realty

**REALTOR® of the Year:** Fiona Theseira, Keller Williams, SD Central Coastal

**Rookie of the Year:** Alanna Strei, Reef Point Real Estate

**Affiliate of the Year:** Carla Weichert, Corinthian Title Company, Inc.

**Brokerage Achievement of Excellence:** Windermere (Rich Johnson, Brian Gooding, Jim Berns)

**VA Housing Award:** John Clay Reeves, Reef Point Realty; Jim Earl Bottrell, Ardent Real Estate Service; Penny D. Normandy, ERA Eagle Estate, Inc.; and Maurice Cornell, Military Mutual.

Additionally, Glenn Bennett, Broker at Cowles Mountain Realty, was named **Volunteer of the Year**, chosen by association staff who work with scores of volunteers that serve on SDAR's many committees.

*With more than 14,000 members, the [Greater San Diego Association of REALTORS®](#) is the largest trade association in the county. We help our members, who adhere to a code of ethics and professional standards, sell more homes. We also help people realize the dream of home ownership, and we are dedicated to protecting private property rights. You can follow SDAR on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).*