

2025 MPIRMC Rising Star Award Nominees

FirstName	LastName	MembershipTenure	MemberType	Designations	Company	Title
Anastasia	Abuthan	1	Supplier		Fogo de Chao	Sales Manager
Sherry	Alexander	2	Supplier		Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort & Spa	Associate Director of Sales and Events
Cat	Alletto	1	Supplier		Spark4-Team Building, Leadership & Training	CEO
Nneka	Alston	1	Planner		Ivanti	Senior Sales Manager, Corporate Events
Emilio	Ancira-frias	2	Student	EMP	Edgewood Tahoe Resort	Restaurant Assistant Manager
Krista	Andersen, CMP	0	Planner	CMP	EagleView	Events Activation Manager
Rachel	Andrews	1	Planner		Cvent Inc	Head of Global Meetings & Events
Austin	Arcady	0	Supplier		Baywood Hotels	Director of Sales
Katie	Arpin	2	Planner	HMCC	CoorsTek	Global MarCom Manager
Maritza	Ascanio	1	Supplier		Assistant Area Director of Sales	Assistant Area Director of Sales
Amy	Ashcraft	0	Planner		Henry Schein One	Event Specialist
Tori	Aubrey	1	Planner		Space Foundation	Event Coordinator
Teri	Awwad	1	Planner		CTM Meetings & Events	Vice President, North America
Jorge	Ayon	0	Supplier		Multimedia Audio Visual Inc.	President
Brandon	Badillo	0	Supplier		Church Ranch Event Center	Sales Director
Avery	Bailey	1	Student			
Betsy	Baker	0	Supplier		The San Francisco Peninsula	National Account Executive
Alexia	Baker	0	Student		Metropolitan State University of Denver	Student
Bradley	Balow	1	Supplier	CMP	RMC DMC	Director
Lisa	Beauchamp	0	Supplier			Managing Director
Stephanie	Belz	1	Supplier			
Stephanie	Bennett	1	Supplier		Limelight Hotels	
Lindsey	Bernstein	0	Planner		Prologis	Corporate Events Manager
Stephen	Bodnar	2	Supplier		Conference Geeks	President
Alexis	Boehm	2	Student		MSU Denver	
J Jerald	Boseman DDS	0	Planner		University of Utah School of Dentistry	Director, Continuing Education
Debbie	Bova	1	Planner		National Cattlemen's Beef Association	Associate Director, Meetings & Events
Conner	Brown	2	Student			Student
Gloria	Brown	1	Student			
Maggie	Brubaker	0	Planner		Conference Planning Services LLC	Founding Partner
John	Bryan	1	Student			
Jared	Bunn	0	Supplier		All Digital Photo and Video	
Amanda	Butler	2	Supplier		Meetings Made Easy	Global Meeting Broker
vivian	butler	0	Planner		Vivian Butler Events	Owner/Lead Planner
Katie	Buttermore	0	Supplier		The Ranch Events Complex	Sales Manager
Kenzie	Call	0	Planner			
Rachel	Carothers	0	Planner		DINEvent	Vice President
Wendy	Carroll	0	Planner			
Paul	Case	0	Planner		CUE	Event Manager
ERIKA	Castro	2	Planner			
Haley	Chapman	0	Student		Extra Space Storage	Meetings and Travel Coordinator
Justin	Clark	1	Supplier		Black Rabbit Woodcraft/Native Soap Company	Owner
Neal	Cohen	1	Supplier		Multimedia Audio Visual Inc.	President
Vanessa	Cordova	1	Planner		Better Together Productions	Events + Marketing Coordinator
Abel	Corral	1	Supplier		Minuteman Press Denver	
Ashley	Daidone	0	Supplier		Manor Vail Lodge and Mountain Lodge Telluride	Group and Event Sales Manager
Katelyn	Davis	0	Supplier		Access DMC	Sale Manager
Ed	Demafiles	2	Supplier		Christies Photographic Solutions	Lead Photographer
Julie	Dill	0	Planner		Denver Gold Group	Director of Operations
Jim	Dixon	2	Supplier		Snowbird Resort	Senior National Sales Manager
Starlin	Dotson Jr	0	Supplier		Boulder Marriott	Area Sales Manager

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Amanda	Drazga	1	Planner		Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center	Event Coordinator
Verda	Duygun	1	Planner		UnitedHealth Group Inc.	Event Manager
Daniel	Dykstra	2	Supplier			
Becca	Ellis	1	Supplier		ACCESS Colorado	Sales Manager
Meaghan	Ellis	0	Supplier		Gravity Haus	Group Sales Manager
Murray	Englander	1	Supplier		A Custom Look	Director of Operations
Amy	Evans	1	Supplier		Peak Beverage	Director of Sales
Jessica	Fernandez	0	Faculty		MSU Denver	Sr. Director, University Events
Brett	Figueroa	1	Supplier		Brett Figueroa International	President
Terri	Fisher	1	Supplier		5 Star Talent and Entertainment, Inc.	President
Deidre	Fitzgerald	0	Planner			
Molly	Fitzpatrick	1	Planner		ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital	Sr. Advisor - Events Planner
Cynthia	Foster	0	Planner		University of Colorado Boulder	Conference Specialist
Maureen	Gaeke	0	Planner			
Ginny	Garner	0	Faculty		Casper College	Tourism Faculty
Alexandra	Gifford	1	Supplier		Visit Aurora	Sales Manager
Taylor	Giles	1	Supplier		the ART, a Hotel	
Lisa	Godbehere	0	Planner		Apartment Association of Metro Denver	Vice President of Events & Education
Peter	Goodman	1	Student			
Debra	Goodman	1	Supplier		Hotel Alpenrock Breckenridge, a Curio Collection by Hilton	Senior National Sales Manager
Ashleigh	Gore	1	Supplier		SendSites	Chief Operating Officer
Francesca	Gottler	0	Supplier		Embassy Suites Denver Downtown Convention Center	
Alison	Gray	0	Student			
Robert	Guillory	0	Supplier		Southern Bell Catering Group	Founder& CEO
Jennifer	Hagan	0	Planner		Glenwood Canyon Resort	Head of Events
Abigail	Hallama	0	Student		MSU Denver	
Maia	Halm	1	Student			
Ashley	Hardy	0	Supplier		Waldorf Astoria Park City	Senior Sales Manager
Hayley	Harmon	2	Supplier		Holiday Inn Estes Park	Group Sales Manager
Lauren	Harwell	2	Supplier		Imprint Events Group	Vice President, Accounts
Ryan	Hauck	2	Supplier		Cody Yellowstone	Executive Director
Kelsey	Hecker	2	Planner			
Lynn	Hector	1	Planner	CMP	Andavo Meetings & Incentives	Operations Director
Nichole	Hellinger	1	Supplier		Aspen Chamber Resort Association	Sales & Marketing Manager
Talena	Henderson	1	Planner	CMP	Talent Shop	Event Producer
elizabeth	Hendrix	1	Supplier		The Hythe, A Luxury Collection Resort, Vail	Associate Director of Sales
Matthew	Herp	0	Supplier		Conference Images	Owner
Adrienne	Hollie	1	Supplier		CoClubs	Producer, Private Experiences
Eric	Holmes	2	Supplier		The Jacquard Hotel and Rooftop	Assistant Director of Sales & Marketing
Hannah	Holquin	0	Supplier		The Vib Denver RiNo	Catering & Event Sales Manager
Leah	Horn	2	Planner		Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF)	Director of Marketing and Communications
Brittany	Howell	1	Planner		Creative West	Events Manager
Brittany	Hunt	1	Supplier		Visit Colorado Springs	Senior Sales Manager
Doha	Hussein	1	Student		MSU Denver	
Jack	Huynh	0	Supplier		Orange Photography	Owner
Charlotte	Hyman	0	Supplier		Hyatt Place/Hyatt House Denver Downtown	Dual Sales Manager
Kylie	Inglee	2	Supplier		Imprint Events Group	
Renee	Isherwood	2	Planner		Space Foundation	
Kimberli	Jacoby	0	Planner		Nationwide Marketing Group	Soucing Especialist
Anna	Janssen	0	Planner		TriSalus Life Sciences	Sr. Manager, Administrative Operations
Deborah	Jau	2	Student			
Pierce	Jefferson	1	Student			

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Hannah	Jennings	2	Student in Transition 1		VISIT DENVER	Partnership & Workforce Development Coordinator
Jazmyn	Johannassen	1	Student		MAGEVENTS	Event Planner and Coordinator
Wendy	Johnson	1	Supplier		The Westin Denver Downtown	Destination Sales Executive
Laura	Johnson	1	Planner	CMP	Vectra Bank Colorado	Sr. Event & Community Relations Manager
Pawku	Ju	2	Student			
Tony	Kalyk	2	Supplier	CMP CMM	Cadence Hospitality	Executive Director, Telluride Conference Center
Jamie	Karr	2	Supplier		Snowbird Resort	National Sales Manager
Meghan	Keelean	1	Planner	CMP	National Conference of State Legislatures	Associate Director, Meetings
Richelle	Kemper	2	Supplier		Denver Marriott Westminster	Sr. Sales Manager
Sonny	Kerstiens	1	Supplier		Aspen Hospitality	Vice President, Sales & Revenue
Cynthia	Kimm	0	Supplier		The Westin Westminster	Senior Sales Manager
Lisa	Kincannon	2	Planner		Opus Event Solutions	Managing Director
Lauren	Kittelman	2	Supplier			
Shaun	Klansnic	0	Supplier		On Site Audio Visual	Director of New Business Development
Scott	Klees	0	Supplier		The Home Ranch	Director of Hospitality
Jenn	Koelliker	2	Planner		Alphagraphics	Director of Events
Leona	Labruyere	1	Planner	CMP	Independent Operations and Event Professional	Independent Operations and Event Professional
Sara	Lawrason	2	Supplier		Operation Altitude - DMC	Senior Sales and Operations Manager
Vivika	Lawrence	2	Student			
Alyssa	Leathers	1	Planner			
Jake	Lee	0	Supplier			
Carson	Lethen	0	Supplier		Hotel Clio	Director of Sales & Marketing
Bill	Light	1	Supplier		Associated Luxury Hotels International	Vice Presient, Sales
Steven	Likens	0	Supplier		Ameristar Casino Resort Spa Blackhawk	Group Sales Manager
Christian	Liley	0	Supplier		The Westin Denver International Airport	Catering Sales Executive
Anne	Linze	1	Supplier		Marriott	
Kathleen	Littel	2	Supplier		Denver Convention Center	
Maria	Luna	2	Supplier		Lodging Dynamics	Sr. BT and Group Sales Manager
Jessica	Lyon	0	Supplier		Great Wolf Lodge Colorado Springs	Director, Sales & Catering
Sam	Macy	0	Supplier		Hyatt Regency Salt Lake City	Sales Manager - Mid Market
Myla	Mahoney	1	Student		Castle Pines Golf Club	Accounting and Reservations Intern
Caitlin	Manning	2	Planner		Potatoes USA	Meeting and Events Manager
Matthew	Massaro	0	Supplier		Image Audiovisuals, Inc.	Sales Manager
Danielle	McAdoo	0	Planner		NexCore Group	Event & Promotions Manager
Breda	McCambridge	2	Supplier			Seniro Sales Manager
Mischa	McFarland	1	Supplier		Mischa Regina®	CEO Consultant
Jo-Ann	McIntosh	1	Planner			
Sean	McNamara	1	Supplier		Visit Denver	Associate VP of Convention Sales
Kathleen	Meek	0	Planner		CONMED	Lead Event Manager
Anahi	Mendivil	2	Student			
Gina	Merrill	0	Supplier			
Julie	Mignerey	1	Supplier		SendSites	Sales Manager
Kristen	Miller	2	Supplier		Snowbird Resort	Senior National Sales Manager
Joelle	Morgan	1	Planner		AssetMark	VP, Brand Experience
Meghan	Morris	0	Supplier		CORT Events	Account Executive
Javier	Munoz	0	Supplier		RMC DMC	General Manager
Christine	Nicholson	2	Supplier		Breckenridge Tourism Office	CMO
Lisa	Nievaard	0	Supplier		The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Business Outreach
Kathleen	Obie	2	Supplier		Infinity Park Event Center	
Scotty	O'Brien	0	Planner		Partner DMC Rocky Mountain	Co-Prez
Stephen	O'Connor	0	Planner		O'Design Productions and Consulting	Owner / CEO
Kaitlin	Pace	1	Planner			Events Manager

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Jeremy	Parks	0	Planner		DAT Freight & Analytics	Senior Event Marketing Manager
Kyle	Patrick	1	Planner		MaxFund Animal Adoption and Rehab Center	Event Coordinator
Brian	Peele	0	Supplier		Vail Resorts	Sales Manager
Stephanie	Pilakowski	2	Supplier		Visit Denver	Convention Sales Manager, West Region
Kaia	Pirazzini	1	Planner		Winter Park Resort	Group Sales Manager
Jennifer	Platt	0	Planner			
pruitt	poythress	1	Supplier			
Michele	Pullo	2	Supplier		Eight Black	Business Development Manager
Heather	Radtke	1	Supplier			
Camille	Rawinski	1	Student		MSU Denver	
Lee	Reijgers	0	Limited		RMC	General Manager
Raya	Roll	0	Supplier			
Louise	Romero	0	Supplier	General Manager	The Ranch Events Complex	General Manager
Erica	Rosenthal	0	Planner		Prologis	Corporate Events Manager
Amber	Rowlett	0	Planner		CHG Healthcare Services , Inc.	Meeting & Event Planner
Doug	Roy	1	Supplier		Doug Roy Magician	Owner
Darshann	Ruckman	1	Supplier		Grand Junction Convention Center	Sales Manager
Lauren	Rugala	1	Supplier		Hiltons on Canyon	Group Sales Manager
Tamara	Russo	0	Planner		Thomson Reuters	Senior Manager, Global Tradeshows
Jake	Ruybal	1	Supplier		Amora Group	
Benjamin	Salazar	1	Student			
Chris	Sanchez	1	Supplier		Origin Hotel Red Rocks	Director of Sales and Marketing
Robert	Sands	0	Planner		Association of Northern California Oncologists	Technical Director
Dante	Sbarbaro	1	Student		Outrigger Reef / Outrigger Waikiki hotels	Summer Intern
Heather	Schmidt	1	Planner	CMP HMCC	Cordis	Strategic
Emily	Schmieding	1	Student		Colorado State University	Conference & Event Coordinator, Instructor
Alyssa	Schmitt	0	Planner			
Lisa	Schmuttermair	1	Planner			
Briar	Schreiber	1	Planner		Hype House LLC	Principal
Erin	Scott	2	Supplier		Explore Utah Valley	Destination Sales Manager
Lisa	Seib	0	Planner	LEED AP	Plante Moran	Marketing Manager
Alana	Seiders	0	Planner		Henry Schein One	Events Manager
Ansley	Seymour	0	Supplier		Las Vegas Expo/Complete Show Services	Business Development Manager
Vivian	Shaw	1	Supplier			
Cindy	Shoemaker	2	Supplier			
Allison	Siegel	0	Supplier		Embassy Suites Loveland	Sales Manager
Shannon	Silva	0	Supplier		Gordon Ramsay Restaurants Global	Vice President of Sales
Kriss	Simpson	0	Planner		Triple Crown Sports	
Ashleigh	Skeens	1	Supplier		Visit Aurora	Sales Manager
Kathy	Smith	0	Supplier		The Source Hotel	Catering & Events Sales Manager
Elissa	Smith	0	Planner		Yes Energy	Marketing Events Manager
Dylan	Sonke	1	Supplier			
Thomas	Speer	0	Supplier		Sonder Hospitality	Sales
Alex	Stanojevic	1	Supplier		Heritage Hotels and Resorts	National Sales Manager
Daniel	Stones	2	Supplier	CMP DES	Cogent Global Solutions	Senior Director of Industry Relations
Gregory	Thomas	1	Supplier		Meet Boston	National Sales Manager
Allie	Todd	0	Supplier		Clyfford Still Museum	Earned Revenue Manager
Kristin	Torres	2	Planner		National Cattlemen's Beef Association	Executive Director Meetings & Events
Julie	Tran	1	Supplier		Snowbird Resort	Director of Sales
Sara	Travis	1	Supplier		PRA Denver	Regional Sales Manager
Sheila	Tuitele	2	Planner	CMP MHA, H	Tuitele Management Group	Director of Meetings, Marketing, and Site Selection; Hospitality Faculty
Chris	Twitty	0	Supplier		The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Senior Director

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Shannon	Wagner	1	Planner		SWag- Solutions	Founder/Woner
Dallas	Wall	2	Supplier		Sonesta Denver Downtown	
Erin	Watwood	0	Planner		Colorado Academy of Family Physicians	Director of Education, Events & Meetings
Julia	Wendling	2	Supplier		Snowbird Resort	National Sales Manager
Shelley	Wetzel	0	Planner	MBA	DxNow, Inc.	Events & Meeting Planner
Chrissie	Widhalm	0	Supplier	CMP	The Broadmoor	Director of Executive Meeting Sales
Erin	Williams	1	Supplier		Trailborn	DOS
Annie	Williams	0	Planner			
Frank	Wodziak	1	Supplier		Colorado Luxury Driver, Inc	Owner/Operator
Ben	Wood	1	Supplier		Encompass Event Group	Director of Client Partnerships
Dina	Worthen	0	Supplier		Visit Colorado Springs	
Lisa	Wright	0	Planner		Garden of the Gods Resort and Club	Sales Manager
Cianna	Yeago	0	Supplier		Cheyenne Mountain Resort, a Destination by Hyatt	Sales Manager
Teresa	Zanolini	0	Planner		Endless Events	Sales Executive