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**MPI and GBTA Foundation Announce CMM Recipients from Palm Springs 2017 Class**

**WHAT:** [Meeting Professionals International \(MPI\)](#) and the GBTA Foundation, the education and research arm of the [Global Business Travel Association \(GBTA\)](#), recently presented the distinguished Certificate in Meeting Management (CMM) to 37 meeting and travel professionals from the CMM Palm Springs 2017 class. With the addition of this class, there are now a total of 1,259 holders worldwide. The group participated in the program held May 23 -26, 2017, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Golf Resort Palm Springs in Cathedral City, Calif.

Joanna Almond, CMP | John Templeton Foundation | West Conshohocken, PA  
Sharon Andersen | JDA Software, Inc. | Southlake, TX  
Anne D. Baron | Kronos Incorporated | Brookfield, CT  
Ryan Bixler | Lincoln Financial Group | Mountain Brook, AL  
Gay Boundy | Nord Anglia Education | Northbrook, IL  
Paola Bowman, CMP | Fort Worth Convention and Visitors Bureau | Fort Worth, TX  
Jess Brooks, CMP | BCD Meetings & Events onsite at Cisco | Knightdale, NC  
Theresa Renea Brundrett | Mary Kay Inc. | Addison, TX  
Jackie Campbell, CPCE | UC San Diego, Hospitality and Conference Services | La Jolla, CA  
Tricia DelGreco | SAIC | Mineral Bluff, GA  
Ariel Dorsey, CMP | Association for Corporate Growth | Chicago, IL  
Donna Ercole, CMP | United Rentals, Inc. | Stamford, CT  
Allyson Gee, CMP | Marketo, Inc. | San Mateo, CA  
Pam Gibbons | Infusionsoft | Chandler, AZ  
Carolina Goradesky | ESTRO - European Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology | Brussels, Belgium  
Elva Gordon, CTE, GLP | BNSF Railway Company | Fort Worth, TX  
Pilar Gutierrez | Maxim Integrated | San Jose, CA  
Maggie Halligan, CMP | mhCONCEPTS LLC | Carrollton, TX  
Amy Heppe | Wauwatosa, WI  
Eve Hochstetler, CMP | Wounded Warrior Project | Jacksonville, FL  
Jodie Kavanagh, CMP | American Poolplayers Association | Austin, TX  
Liz Kokoska | Okta | San Francisco, CA  
Sandra Leslie, CMP-HC | University of Ottawa, Department of Radiology | Ottawa, Ontario  
Kim Lumley | Southwest Airlines Pilots' Association | Dallas, TX  
Cheryl Malovic, CMP | The Hershey Company | Hershey, PA  
Amber D. May, CMP | Siemens Healthineers | Coatesville, PA  
Ami B. Mayfield, CMP | CWT M&E | Austin, TX  
Robert A. Nelson, CMP | Scottrade Financial Services, Inc. | St. Louis, MO  
Katherine Petersen | Boston Scientific | North Oaks, MN  
Danielle Quirk | Purdue University Center for Food and Agricultural Agribusiness | West Lafayette, IN  
Katie Keene Riggs, CMP, CAE | Raybourn Group Int. | Indianapolis, IN  
Brian Santor, CMP | Event Housing, Inc | Campbell, CA

Leslie Spillman | Harman | Northridge, CA  
Glenda Swan | Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) | Minneapolis, MN  
Ioana E. Vladescu | Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography UC San Diego | La Jolla, CA  
Jena Watkins, CMP | BNSF Railway | Fort Worth, TX  
Ellen White | Arizona School Boards Association | Phoenix, AZ

**DETAILS:** The CMM Program is an intensive, three-part executive educational program that features the highlights of a world-class MBA program into a long weekend (3.5 days), followed by eight hours of advanced-level online coursework and a final project focused on solving a real-world business problem. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.mpiweb.org/CMM](http://www.mpiweb.org/CMM). To learn more about the MPI Academy's various professional development offerings, check out [www.mpiweb.org/mpi-academy](http://www.mpiweb.org/mpi-academy).

**ABOUT MPI:** Meeting Professionals International (MPI) is the largest meeting and event industry association worldwide. The organization provides innovative and relevant education, networking opportunities and business exchanges, and acts as a prominent voice for the promotion and growth of the industry. MPI has a global community of 60,000 meeting and event professionals including more than 17,000 engaged members and its Plan Your Meetings audience. It has more than 90 chapters and clubs in 24 countries. "When we meet, we change the word." [www.mpiweb.org](http://www.mpiweb.org)

**ABOUT GBTA:** The GBTA Foundation is the education and research foundation of the Global Business Travel Association (GBTA), the world's premier business travel and meetings trade organization headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area with operations on six continents. Collectively, GBTA's 9,000-plus members manage more than \$345 billion of global business travel and meetings expenditures annually. GBTA provides its growing network of more than 28,000 travel professionals and 125,000 active contacts with world-class education, events, research, advocacy and media. The Foundation was established in 1997 to support GBTA's members and the industry as a whole. As the leading education and research foundation in the business travel industry, the GBTA Foundation seeks to fund initiatives to advance the business travel profession. The GBTA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, see [gbta.org](http://gbta.org) and [gbta.org/foundation](http://gbta.org/foundation).