



## **NYSCAR Greater Putnam Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapters celebrate 2021 Dealmaker Awards**

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Shown (from left) are: John Coladonato, Cushman Wakefield Pyramid Brokerage and incoming NYSCAR Hudson Valley president; Don Minichino, Houlihan Lawrence Commercial and incoming NYSCAR Greater Putnam Westchester president; Matt Gibbs, Keller Williams and 2021 NYSCAR Hudson Valley president; and Jennifer Maher, J. Philip Commercial Group and 2021 NYSCAR Greater Putnam Westchester president.

Carmel & Newburgh, NY Over 100 members of the New York State Commercial Association of Realtors (NYSCAR) Hudson Valley and Greater Putnam Westchester chapters gathered to celebrate this year's Dealmaker Awards.

The Lifetime Achievement Dealmaker award was given posthumously to Kevin McGrath of McGrath Realty, Inc., a respected and valued NYSCAR member, who successfully executed hundreds of commercial real estate transactions during his almost 50 years in the profession.

Hudson Valley Credit Union received the Affiliate Dealmaker award in recognition of its valued sponsorship and unwavering commitment to NYSCAR and its members throughout the year.

“Every year we gather as a community to honor our members, who are the best practitioners of commercial real estate in our region, and this year was no exception” said John Coladonato, incoming president of NYSCAR’s Hudson Valley chapter. “We had a fantastic turnout, which underscores the value of our organization and the members’ commitment to it and our profession.”

Additional awards included:

Economic Development Dealmakers: Craig Pelsue and Silvio Perez, John J. Lease Realtors; Kevin McGrath and Rob Buyakowski, Kevin McGrath Realty, Inc.

Creative Dealmakers: Guy Blake, CCIM, Cushman & Wakefield/Pyramid Brokerage Co.; Daniel Lefever, Mark Stryker Realty; Dave Kanney, Pioneer Realty Advisors; Akiba Rand, KW Commercial

First in New York; and Thomas LaPerch, Houlihan Lawrence Commercial.

Outstanding Dealmakers: Jay Feinberg and James Walker, KW Commercial Hudson Valley; Akiba Rand, KW Commercial First New York; Steven Lerner, Vanguard Fine; Don Minichino, Houlihan Lawrence Commercial; and Hans Hardisty, SVN Hardisty Realty.

Award recipients were handpicked by members of each board after having been nominated by their peers.

“Both of our chapters serve as the primary resource for commercial brokers in the entire Hudson Valley region for marketing, collaboration and learning best practices,” said Jennifer Maher, 2021 president of the NYSCAR Greater Putnam Westchester chapter. “We congratulate all of the awardees who are actively engaged members of the NYSCAR community and exemplify what it means to be a top commercial agent.”

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