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BC Hotel Association Unveils 2026 Awards of Excellence Finalists

Hospitality finalists to be recognized at the BCHA Summit in Nanaimo

VANCOUVER, BC (February 17th, 2026) — The [British Columbia Hotel Association](#) (BCHA) is pleased to reveal the finalists for the 2026 BC Hotel Association Awards of Excellence. These awards celebrate exceptional individuals and organizations across British Columbia's hospitality sector, highlighting their leadership, commitment to service and contributions to the industry.

Award recipients will be recognized at the Awards Gala on April 15th, as part of the [2026 BCHA Summit](#), taking place in Nanaimo. The two-day Summit gathers BC's accommodation leaders to learn, connect, and celebrate industry achievements.

"The BCHA Awards of Excellence are central to our work to elevate BC's hospitality sector," said Paul Hawes, President and CEO of the BCHA. "The leadership and commitment to service shown by this year's finalists reflect the strength of our industry as a respected and rewarding profession. We're proud to recognize their achievements and celebrate them at the BCHA Summit."

The finalists for the 2026 BC Hotel Association Awards of Excellence are:

Culinary Excellence | Sponsored by Helijet

- Andrea Alridge, Executive Chef, Janevca Kitchen & Lounge, Rosemead House
- Danai Hongwanishkul, Executive Chef, Kingfisher Pacific Resort and Spa
- Elmark Andres, Executive Chef, Lola, Bodega Ridge

Housekeeping Excellence | Sponsored by Ecolab

- Balcomo, a Ramada by Wyndham – Penticton, BC
- Summerland Waterfront Resort Hotel – Summerland, BC
- Wickaninnish Inn – Tofino, BC

Leader of the Future | Sponsored by Fortis BC

- Kayla Pedscalny, Assistant General Manager, Prestige Lakeside Resort Nelson
- Savannah Cannatella, Director of Rooms, Magnolia Hotel & Spa
- Quinn Luong, Assistant Housekeeping Manager, Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour

Sustainability Champion | Sponsored by Veritree

- Inn at Laurel Point – Victoria, BC
- Nita Lake Lodge – Whistler, BC
- The Parkside Hotel & Spa – Victoria, BC

Accommodation of the Year

- Kingfisher Pacific Resort & Spa – Royston, BC
- Old House Hotel – Courtenay, BC
- The Parkside Hotel & Spa – Victoria, BC

Guest Service Excellence

- Club Lounge Team, Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel – Vancouver, BC
- Guest Experience Team, Nimmo Bay Resort – Mackenzie Sound, BC
- Front Desk Team, Balcomo, a Ramada by Wyndham – Penticton, BC

Hotelier of the Year

- Ken Hall, General Manager, Fairmont Chateau Whistler
- David MacKenzie, General Manager, Pemberton Valley Lodge
- Sarah Webb, General Manager, Oswego Hotel

For more information about the BCHA Awards of Excellence and the 2026 BCHA Summit, visit <https://bcha.com/bchasummit>.

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About the BC Hotel Association

The British Columbia Hotel Association is a non-profit organization that has advocated for the best interests of the province's accommodation sector since 1917. Working closely with over 750 members, partner organizations, and all levels of government, the BCHA champions solutions to issues that affect the successful operations of accommodation businesses including the workforce shortage, labour mobility, affordable, available housing, immigration, the cost of doing business, and more. Through advocacy, education, and communication, the BCHA promotes responsible and safe hospitality practices and drives economic, social, and environmental sustainability. For more information, visit www.bcha.com.

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