

Bryce Harlow Foundation Announces Recipients of its 2020 Awards

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 14 , 2020 – The Bryce Harlow Foundation, the national capital’s premier organization supporting the professions of lobbying and government advocacy, today announced the recipients of its 2020 awards.

Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) was selected to receive the prestigious Bryce Harlow Award, which honors an elected official whose career is built on championing the principles of integrity, dedication and professionalism -- echoing the work and life of the late Bryce Harlow. Chuck Grassley was elected to Iowa Legislature 1958, the U.S. House of Representatives 1974, and has served in the U.S. Senate since 1980. Known for his reputation for hard work and constituent service, Senator Grassley holds the longest consecutive voting streak in Senate history. Senator Grassley hasn’t missed a vote since 1993, when he was in Iowa helping constituents respond to the devastating flooding. Senator Grassley was sworn in as Senate president pro tempore for the 116th Congress, which places him third in the presidential line of succession. He leverages his seniority in the United States to build bipartisan coalitions and advance a conservative agenda to improve opportunity and prosperity for more Americans. Grassley serves as chair of the Senate Finance Committee and he was chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee for four years. “We are delighted to present this award to Senator Chuck Grassley,” Bryce Harlow Foundation board member and dinner chair Mike Johnson said. “Senator Grassley epitomizes the legacy of Mr. Bryce Harlow – through open discussion, honest exchange, willingness to work across the aisle, and good decision-making on behalf of the American people.”

Dawn Sweeney, former President & CEO of the National Restaurant Association, will receive the Bryce Harlow Business-Government Relations Award, which is given annually to a leader in government advocacy in recognition of an exemplary career in the profession. Long recognized as a leading voice in advocacy and revenue development, Ms. Sweeney served as President & CEO of the National Restaurant Association from October 2007 to December 2019—the first female and longest-serving CEO in the Association’s 100-year history. Based in Washington, DC, the Association and its Educational Foundation serves the nation’s \$867 billion restaurant and

foodservice industry. Prior to assuming this role, Dawn was President of AARP Services, the taxable business subsidiary of AARP, where she was responsible for revenue growth and new product development for the 50+ market, serving AARP's 40 million members. She also served as Group Executive for Membership, which focused on growing and diversifying AARP's membership. "Dawn has a long history of supporting businesses through best-in-class advocacy and serving with high integrity," Foundation chair Katherine Lugar said. "We are so pleased to honor her with this year's Business-Government Relations Award."

Both awards will be presented during the foundation's Annual Awards Dinner to be held on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C. Tickets for the event can be purchased at www.bryceharlow.org. Proceeds go to help outstanding graduate students who expect to pursue careers in government advocacy.

About the Bryce Harlow Foundation

The Bryce Harlow Foundation was established in 1981 in honor of the late Bryce Harlow to promote integrity within the lobbying profession and to increase the understanding of its essential role in the development of sound public policy. Bryce Harlow, who served under four U.S. presidents, established the first White House Congressional Liaison Office and served as its director during the Eisenhower and Nixon administrations. For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit www.bryceharlow.org.

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