



The City of Gallup announced Oct. 1 it received six finalist nominations for the New Mexico Hospitality Association's annual Hospitality and Tourism Awards.

The Top HAT Awards celebrate those who have done exceptional work to elevate the travel, tourism and lodging industry in New Mexico. The Gallup finalist nominees include:

Best New Event Finalist: Best in Show Night 2017 sponsored by Emerald Tanner in partnership with Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial and gallupARTS/ART123 Gallery.

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Best Print Campaign Finalist: 2018 Gallup Visitors Guide by the Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce, the Gallup Journey, and the City of Gallup Tourism and Marketing Department.

Front-of-House Food & Beverage Employee of the Year Finalist: Gloria John, Breakfast Attendance at Quality Inn & Suites Gallup

Tourism Professional of the Year Finalist: Bill Lee, County Commissioner & Executive Director of Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce

Limited Service Hotel of the Year Finalist: Comfort Suites Gallup

Outstanding Attraction Finalist: Comfort Suites Gallup Military Museum

Gallup's own Ken Riege of the Comfort Suites won Hospitality Professional of the Year at the 2017 Top HAT Awards.

The 2018 New Mexico Top HAT Awards Gala is an annual dinner and awards ceremony that celebrates the top hospitality and tourism individuals, businesses and more. The event will be held at the Santa Ana Star Casino Hotel on Nov. 8.

The event also serves as the major fundraiser for the Hospitality and Tourism Scholarship Fund, powered by the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

For additional information about the 2018 New Mexico Hospitality Association Top HAT Awards, visit: www.newmexicohospitality.org/2018TopHAT

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