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2026 AMAC Catalyst Awards Nominees

Advocate of the Year Award

- **Suzanne Arkle**, President, ZANN Inc
- **Thalia Andre-Noel**, Vice President, Operations, McKnight International
- **John Clark**, Senior Vice President, Development, SSP America
- **Jose Cuevas**, Vice President, New York | JFK Terminal 5, Fraport USA
- **Atif Elkadi**, CEO, Ontario International Airport
- **Karen Ellis**, Airport Assistant General Manager – Chief Customer Experience Officer, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- **Gary H. Gilliard**, Deputy Director, Aviation, ABQ Sunport
- **Liz Gonzalez Tetenbaum**, Director, Strategic Alliances, Avolta
- **Tammie Hall-Roberts**, Chair, Board of Directors, Raleigh Durham International Airport
- **Amy Imamura**, Director, Capital Program Outreach & Engagement, Los Angeles World Airports
- **Alicia Ivey**, CEO, Goldberg Concessions
- **Alea LaRocque**, Vice President, Business Development, WHSmith North America
- **Joshua Mandel**, Vice President, Development – Airports, ASUR Airports
- **Star Somilleda**, Director, Strategic Partnerships, WHSmith North America
- **Rocsean Spencer**, Director of Contract Compliance, City of Atlanta
- **Vernon Taylor**, Director, People Operations, JFK International Air Terminal (JFKIAT T4)
- **Nikki Tinsley Harland**, CEO, Concessions International
- **Walter Vinson**, Assistant General Manager, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

Airport Concessions Innovation Award

- Albuquerque International Airport
- ASUR Airports
- Concessions International
- Fraport New York
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- Houston Airport System
- JFK International Air Terminal (JFKIAT T4)
- M&R Concessions
- San Francisco International Airport





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Airport Design Innovation Award

- Abstract Architecture
- Chicago Department of Aviation
- Ideation Design Group
- JFK International Air Terminal (JFKIAT T4)
- John F. Kennedy International Airport T5
- VRH Construction

Airport of the Year Award

- Albuquerque International Sunport
- Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport
- Chicago Department of Aviation
- Dallas Fort Worth International Airport
- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport
- John F. Kennedy International Airport T5
- John F. Kennedy International Airport T8
- Los Angeles International Airport
- Ontario International Airport

Chapter of the Year Award

- AMAC Atlanta Chapter
- AMAC Chicago Chapter
- AMAC Denver Chapter

Emerging Leaders Award

- **Shawnte Buck**, Director, CX Strategy, CXE, Inc.
- **Cariño Cortez**, President, Cortez Hospitality
- **Jose Cuevas**, Vice President, New York | JFK Terminal 5, Fraport USA
- **Jasmine Edwards**, Vice President, South River Partners
- **Shakera Harris**, HR Services Manager, Maryland Aviation Administration





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- **Dianna Rose**, Principal, Dianna Rose & Associates
- **Mori Russell Atkins**, Director, Business Development, Concessions International
- **Rajiv Singla**, CFO & Co-CEO, M&R Concessions LLC
- **Austin Smith**, Director, Business Development, Love From USA Group
- **Isela Toledo**, Director, Business Opportunities, Ontario International Airport
- **Brittannii Wells Winslow**, Concessions & Leases Manager, Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport

Hall of Fame Award

- **Brenda Branch**, Founder & CEO, High Places Concessions
- **Marlene Coleman**, Director, Strategic Alliance, Areas USA
- **Tammie Hall-Roberts**, Chair, Board of Directors, Raleigh Durham International Airport
- **Roderick McOwan**, Chief Development Officer, WHSmith North America
- **Donata Russell Ross**, CEO, Concessions International (Retired)
- **Michael Washington**, CEO, Cato Hospitality Group
- **Phillip Washington**, CEO, Denver International Airport
- **Kenneth Weeden**, President, Ken Weeden & Associates, Inc.

Local Small Business Champion

- **Tisha Burnett**, President & CEO, Icon Foods
- **Cedrick Johnson**, President, Airport Design Consultants, Inc.
- **Carolina Seldes**, President/CEO, IT Nova

Small Business Partner Award

- **Thalia Andre-Noel**, Vice President, Operations, McKnight International
- **Suzanne Arkle**, Procurement Navigator, ZANN
- **Patricia Chinander**, Founder & CEO, Love From USA Group
- **Cariño Cortez**, President, Cortez Hospitality
- **Teresa Dominguez**, President, MAJA 3 ART
- **Albert G. Edwards**, President & CEO, CERM
- **Loycent Gordon**, Owner, Neir's Tavern
- **Dawn Kelly**, Founder & CEO, The Nourish Spot, Inc.
- **Gloribelle J. Perez-Mrabet & Walid Mrabet**, Founders, Harissa Hot Honey
- **Shawn Pressley**, President, McKnight International





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- **Monisha and Rajiv Singla**, Co-CEOs, M&R Concessions LLC
- **Tisha Burnett**, President & CEO, Icon Foods
- **Gregory Torrez**, Founder & President, Torrez International LLC
- **Susan VanBrackle**, Founder & President, Palmer, Perry, Dixon & White Media Group
- **Keishon Warren**, CEO, BKLYN BLEND
- **Ken Weeden**, President & Principal, Ken Weeden and Associates

Supplier Leadership Award

- **Jamaal Avilez**, Senior Vice President, Administration, Ontario International Airport
- **Patricia Chinander**, Founder & CEO, Love From USA Group
- **Tanya Davis-Ezidinma**, Manager, Business Learning & Development, Denver International Airport
- **Ebony Gaynor Barbour**, CEO, Ever-Evolving Consulting
- **Francoise Lyles-Wiggins**, Assistant Airport Director, Office of Business Opportunities, St. Louis Lambert International Airport
- **Star Somilleda**, Director, Strategic Partnerships, WHSmith North America