



## Greater Harrisburg Association Of REALTORS®

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### REALTORS® NAME AWARD WINNERS

HARRISBURG (December 7, 2009) – The Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS® presented REALTORS® with top honors during their annual Holiday Lunch and Officers and Directors Installation at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East on December 4, 2009.

A. Jerrod Paterson, GRI, CRS, CSP, from RE/MAX Realty Professionals, was named 2009 REALTOR® of the Year. James L. Helsel, Jr., SIOR, CPM, CCIM, GRI, CRB, CRE, from RSR REALTORS®, LLC, was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The REALTOR® of the Year Award annually recognizes the best in REALTOR® spirit, business accomplishments, commitment and involvement in the REALTOR® Association, and participation in civic and community affairs. Jerrod Paterson has been an active member of the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS® since joining the Association in 1994. He has served on numerous committees, as well as the Association's Board of Directors. Paterson was president of the Association in 2007. He also served on the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS® Foundation Board of Directors, the Central Penn Multi-List Board of Directors and as a Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® State Director. Through all of his volunteer involvement, Paterson has served with a commitment to the Association, a passion for the real estate industry, and a positive attitude.

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The Hall of Fame was established in 2000 to recognize the lifetime achievements of individuals involved in or having influenced the real estate industry. Past recipients include Ruth A. Myers, James E. Grandon, Jr., CRB, Gary L. Nalbandian, Harrisburg Mayor Stephen R. Reed, Eldon “Jack” Gaughen, Viola E. “Vi” Thompson, CRB, John E. Glise, Douglas Heineman, CRB, CRS, CSP, GRI, Robert S. Hamilton, CRB, and Daniel T. Piscioneri, GRI.

Jim Helsel has been working in the real estate industry for more than three decades. He has engaged in the betterment of the real estate industry by reaching out to elected officials on issues that effect the REALTOR<sup>®</sup> and consumer populations. Helsel has been a defender of private property rights on all levels of government and has testified before government agencies on a local, state and national level. He has served on numerous committees for the local, state, and national associations. Helsel also has been proponent of real estate education, earning several designations as well as serving as a real estate educator. He currently is the treasurer of the National Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, and he is a past president of both the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> and the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

In addition to the awards mentioned above, the Association also presented additional awards including Professional Merit Citations and a Special Achievement Award. The Professional Merit Award recognizes those REALTORS<sup>®</sup> who exhibit a high degree of professionalism through a continuation of their education and through active involvement in the Association and the community. Since 1989, the Association has presented this Award to 47 members.

Winners of the 2009 Professional Merit Award include: Fredrick L. Briggs, from Prudential Thompson Wood, Bernard J. Campanella, from Fine Line Realty, Jodi F. Diego, CSP,

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from Jack Gaughen REALTOR<sup>®</sup> ERA, and Jerrod Paterson, GRI, CRS, CSP, from RE/MAX Realty Professionals.

Larry L. Hatter, from RE/MAX Realty Associates, was presented with a Special Recognition Award for his strong commitment to the Association and its government affairs efforts.

Jim Goldsmith, Esquire, from Caldwell & Kearns, was honored as the 2009 recipient of the Affiliate of the Year Award for his involvement and support of Association activities.

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*The Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup>, established in 1916, represents 1,700 REALTORS<sup>®</sup> in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties. Its members adhere to a strict Code of Ethics. For more information, or for a REALTOR<sup>®</sup> near you, contact the Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS<sup>®</sup> at 717-364-3200 or visit the website at [www.GHAR.info](http://www.GHAR.info).*

Designations:

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| ABR = Accredited Buyer Representative         | GRI = Graduate, REALTORS <sup>®</sup> Institute           |
| CCIM = Certified Commercial Investment Member |   |
| CAE = Certified Association Executive         | CPM = Certified Property Manager                          |
| CRS = Certified Residential Specialist        | CRB = Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager             |
| CRE = Counselor of Real Estate                | CSP = Certified New Home Sales Professional               |
| LTG = Leadership Training Graduate            | SIOR = Society of Industrial Office REALTORS <sup>®</sup> |
| SRES = Senior Residential Specialists         | e-PRO = REALTOR <sup>®</sup> e-PRO                        |