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**FIRST HOSPITALITY GROUP INC.'S FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES COLUMBUS
AIRPORT EMPLOYEE WINS "SALES MANAGER OF THE YEAR" AWARD**
*Machelle Collins receives the 2016 Fairfield Inn & Suites "Sales Manager of the Year"
award*

Rosemont, Ill. - May 11, 2017 – Rosemont, Illinois-based First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG), a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company, announced today that Machelle Collins, Director of Sales for the Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus Airport has been awarded the 2016 Fairfield Inn & Suites "Sales Manager of the Year" award. FHG President & CEO Bob Habeeb made the announcement.

"Machelle not only consistently goes above and beyond to ensure each guest at the hotel has a great experience, but she continues to maximize our revenue through her incredible sales efforts," said Habeeb. "Her hard work and passion for what she does is portrayed in her every day work and has consistently demonstrated pro-active direct sales execution that has led to positive results."

Collins has more than 20 years of sales experience in the hospitality industry. Prior to that, she was the director of sales at the Hampton Inn & Suites and was the sales manager for the Holiday Inn/Doubletree Hotel. Collins started her career part time at the front desk, was promoted General Manager, and was introduced to sales at an Embassy Suites in 2001.

The Fairfield Inn & Suites Marriott Performance Awards recognize top performers and celebrates the exceptional achievements and dedication of its hotels and associates. Nominations are reviewed by discipline experts, brand vice presidents, brand representatives, franchise vice presidents and various other experts. The selection committee selects their top candidates and the winners are chosen when a majority agrees on who should win the award.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) was recognized as #1 in Travel in Forbes America's Best Midsize Employers 2016. FHG received a #28 ranking out of the 250 best midsize employers in the country and #3 amongst all of America's best travel companies. For more information about FHG, visit www.fhginc.com or follow them on Facebook at @FHGinc and Twitter at @FHGroup_Inc.

First Hospitality Group, Inc. (FHG) is a leading hotel management, acquisition and development company with more than 30 years of award-winning experience. FHG's unique people-driven professional culture fosters a team of highly skilled and motivated hospitality experts who consistently deliver outstanding property level performance, as well as memorable and engaging guest experiences. Headquartered in Chicago, FHG's portfolio features 19 brands and 46 properties throughout the Midwest. Recognized as #1 in Travel in

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