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The Ballston BID Honors Leaders in Real Estate and Innovation Marymount President, Avison Young, GHT Limited, and Lincoln Property Company all honored at second annual Best of Ballston Awards

ARLINGTON, Va. (June 15, 2018) – The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) hosted the second annual Best of Ballston Awards Program presented by Clark Construction in conjunction with BID’s Annual Meeting at the Hilton Arlington Hotel on June 14th. The awards program celebrated the innovative businesses, community leaders and real estate professionals behind Ballston’s renaissance.

Highlighting the evening was the presentation of the Robert Ball Sr. Award to **Dr. Matthew D. Shank**, the President of Marymount University, in recognition of his contributions to Arlington and his dedication to serving the community. Serving as Marymount’s President since 2011, Dr. Shank has worked tirelessly to strengthen Arlington both intellectually and aesthetically, from his role in developing the “Blue Goose” into the Marymount Ballston Center to his work with the Arlington Street People’s Assistance Network and numerous additional community organizations.

Tina Leone, CEO of the Ballston BID, presented the “Best of Ballston” Awards. A panel of local leaders determined winners from submissions in the following categories:

- **Property Manager’s Award** – *Michael Cahill of [Lincoln Property Company](#) and the [Meridian Group](#)*
 - Michael has been instrumental in aiding the Ballston BID’s community unification programs, from BLinked, Ballston’s free public WiFi network, to new benches and improved trash receptacles, Michael has utilized all these programs to connect tenants to services, products and programs that help build business.
- **Innovation & Creativity Award** – presented to *Paul O’Brien and Susan Dawson of [GHT Limited](#)*
 - GHT’s work to create innovate, comfortable and healthy environments for office tenants has made Arlington an attractive business location that attracts and retains companies. Their project portfolio includes more than 25,000,000 square feet of local LEED Certified space, including the Arlington Gateway and the Westin Arlington Hotel in Ballston.
- **Broker Award** – presented to *Peter Berk, David Millard, Caroline Guidera and Nicholas Gregorios of [Avison Young](#)*.
 - In the last nine months, the team completed 75,000 square feet of leases between two properties at 901 North Glebe Road and 1000 North Glebe Road, of which 60,000 square feet represent new tenants to Ballston and expansion of tenants already located in Ballston.

“The Best of Ballston Awards was created to honor the individuals and companies that are instrumental in making Ballston a premier destination to do business, not just in our region, but in the entire country,” said Tina Leone. “Our property managers, real estate brokers, and local businesses are the backbone of our community, and Ballston’s resurgence could not have happened without their dedication and creativity.”



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For photos of the Best of Ballston Awards and Annual Meeting, visit the event's press photo folder.

About the Ballston Business Improvement District

The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) is a 25-block neighbourhood with more than 8.3 million SF of office space, one-million SF of retail space and 8,000 residential units. The BID works to attract, support and connect the most compelling and ambitious minds in our region. Ballston's blend of urban sophistication and neighborhood charm make it a premier business, cultural and entertaining destination with top universities, scientific research organizations, Fortune 500 companies, upscale hotels, retail, green space, 60 restaurants and home to the Washington Capitals – all easily accessible by metro and major thoroughfares. For more information about the Ballston BID, visit www.ballstonbid.com.