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REALTORS® in King County Honor 11 for Special Achievements During 2016

BELLEVUE, Wash. (Dec. 22, 2016) – Eleven individuals were singled out for special honors at the 2016 Installation & Awards Banquet of the Seattle King County REALTORS®. The event also featured the installation of the organization’s 2017 leaders and a dessert auction to benefit a scholarship fund.

The annual event drew more than 220 participants, including members, affiliates, and representatives from the group’s Young Professionals Network (YPN) and Women’s Council of REALTORS®.

SKCR’s highest honor, the Realtor of the Year award, went to **Tyler McKenzie** in recognition of his leadership and support of the local, state and national Realtor associations.

Another special honoree was **Evangeline “Van” Anderson**, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award, a Realtor Excellence award, and the Realtor Emeritus designation.

Other 2016 recipients of SKCR awards include *(listed alphabetically by award name)*

- Affiliate of the Year **Elizabeth Peterson**, Chicago Title, Bellevue
- Community Service Award..... **Laura Roth**, RE/MAX Choice Executives, Covington
- Government Affairs Volunteer of the Year **Bruce MacKintosh**,
Centennial Home Inspection Services, Woodinville
- Instructor of the Year **Donald Filius**, Coldwell Banker Danforth & Associates, Seattle
- Leader of the PAC **J. Lennox Scott**, chairman and CEO, John L. Scott Real Estate, Bellevue
- REALTOR Achievement..... **Rich Bergdahl**, Bergdahl Real Property, Kirkland
- REALTOR Excellence Awards (3 recipients)
..... **Rachel Adler**, Windermere Real Estate/East, Inc., Bellevue
..... **Evangeline “Van” Anderson**, Windermere Real Estate, Mercer Island
..... **Steven Wayne**, Windermere Northwest, Inc., Seattle
- Young Professionals Achievement Award **Dan Faulkner, Jr.**, John L. Scott Real Estate, Issaquah

In honoring Tyler McKenzie as the association’s Realtor of the Year, 2016 president Patti Hill said his service spanning the past five years has “set the stage for our association’s success now and in the years to come.” In addition to serving on the board and as 2015 president, he has provided leadership on special projects and has chaired SKCR’s global real estate council, she noted. The graduate of the national association’s Leadership Academy serves on the state association’s executive committee and in 2017 will assume the new position of vice president of membership. Earlier this year he marked his 15th year in the profession by becoming the owner of a new John L. Scott office in West Seattle.

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Elizabeth Peterson, the winner of the Affiliate of the Year Award, was recognized in part for her role as chair of the Education Committee for SKCR's Affiliate Council for the past two years. As administrator for the Chicago Title School of Real Estate and senior account executive at the firm, she works with SKCR staff to develop educational materials and programs to help association members succeed. She is also active with the Seattle Metro Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors.

The association's Community Service award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the community through leadership, volunteer and charitable activities, went to **Laura Roth**. She is an ambassador and top fundraiser for Vine Maple Place, a nonprofit that serves homeless children and families, and families in crisis in the South King County region. She is also co-founder and current president of Mighty Miracles, which raises money for the Children's Miracle Network. Roth, a Realtor since 2000, is the designated broker/owner of RE/MAX Choice Executives in Covington and is serving a second term as president of the Covington Kiwanis Club.

SKCR honored Bruce ("MacK") MacKintosh of Woodinville as the Governmental Affairs Volunteer of the Year. His industry career dates to 1981 when he was a real estate agent on Whidbey Island. He founded Centennial Home Inspection Services in 1989 and became one of the first affiliate members to sit on SKCR's Governmental & Public Affairs Committee. Since then, he has served as a Realtor association "key contact" with various legislators. In 2009, Gov. Christine Gregoire appointed him to sit on the first Washington Home Inspector Advisory Licensing Board. He was voted chairman at the first meeting and served in that role for six years. As a reflection of his strong belief in the Realtor legislative mission, his company sponsors bus transportation for Realtors to attend the annual "Hill Day" in Olympia to meet with state senators and representatives and their key staff members.

Donald Filius, managing broker at Coldwell Banker Danforth & Associates in Seattle, received Instructor of the Year recognition for his in-depth "Tools of the Trade" series of classes to promote understanding of myriad forms and contracts used by industry professionals. The popular clock-hour courses draw on his 25-plus years of experience as a broker, branch manager, trainer and avid musical performer to both engage and inform the program participants.

J. Lennox Scott was honored with a "Leader of the PAC" award for his 40 years of leadership and advocacy for issues and candidates that are important to the industry, the livelihood of Realtors and the organization's mission to help more Americans achieve the dream of homeownership. The nonpartisan Realtors' Political Action Committee (RPAC) and Realtor Party work to support candidates who understand industry concerns. In affirming his commitment and voluntary contributions to RPAC, Scott encouraged his colleagues to invest in the trade association's public awareness campaigns on issues affecting both residential and commercial real estate. "Supporting Realtor issues is good for business, good for our members, good for our clients, and good for housing, local communities, and the U.S. economy," stated Scott, the chairman and CEO of John L. Scott Real Estate. He also achieved Realtor Emeritus status this year, an honor conferred to those who have been members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) for a minimum of 40 years, and fulfilled at least one year of service as a federal, state, or local association officer and or on a committee.

Kirkland resident **Rich Bergdahl** received the Realtor Achievement Award for outstanding contributions to the profession. His service encompasses numerous local, state, and national committees focused on protecting U.S. homeowner interests and the real estate industry. The licensed attorney has chaired the Washington Realtor Legal Affairs Committee and is starting his fifth year as a director on the board of the National Association of Realtors, representing SKCR. His background also includes experience as a real estate appraiser and title insurance claim administrator/litigator. Bergdahl, a 2003 graduate of the Realtors' Leadership Institute Northwest, and his wife Nanette, a top-producing Realtor, are partners at Bergdahl Real Property.

The Young Professional Achievement Award went to **Dan Faulkner, Jr.** of John L. Scott Issaquah where he was named “Rookie of the Year” in 2006. Formerly known as the “Ones to Watch” recognition, the “YP” award recognizes a Realtor who exemplifies growth and opportunity for the next generation of this profession’s leaders. Faulkner, a 2006 University of Washington graduate, is active with SKCR’s Young Professionals Network and serves on the board for Youth Eastside Services. *REALTOR Magazine* named him to its 2012 class of “30 under 30,” a select list of successful real estate practitioners who have also demonstrated skill, creativity and leadership in their careers.

Rachel Adler, one of three recipients of a REALTOR Excellence Award, received special recognition for her leadership in guiding the remodel of the classroom at the SKCR building in Bellevue. She is a broker at Windermere Real Estate/East in Bellevue and a founding board member of the association’s Young Professionals Network. **Van Anderson** and **Steven Wayne** also received Excellence Awards for their long service as Federal Political Coordinators. These individuals maintain regular contact with assigned members of Congress and perform other tasks as advocates for the nonpartisan Realtor party and all Realtors. Anderson served as FPC to Sen. Patty Murray and Wayne was FPC to Rep. Jim McDermott.

Anderson was also the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from SKCR and, like J. Lennox Scott, achieved Realtor Emeritus status this year, one of only two designees from King County in the 2016 class. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes special individuals who have shared their dedication, leadership, and knowledge with their peers, leaving a lasting mark on the industry and organization. Anderson, who is affiliated with Windermere’s Mercer Island office, obtained her license in January 1974 and began a stellar career as a real estate professional and as an extraordinary volunteer, notably in the political arena. Now 90, she has served as a local president, national director, real estate commissioner, instructor and tireless mentor. “Our organization has been the beneficiary of her guiding hand in many significant ways during the past 50 years,” stated Tyler McKenzie, SKCR president in 2015. “There is not a person in this room who has not been touched in some way by her kindness and friendship,” he added.

As part of the evening’s festivities, installing officer Margo Willis, 2017 Washington Realtors president, swore in next year’s leaders for SKCR’s Board of Directors, Women’s Council of Realtors (Seattle Metro and South King County chapters), and Young Professionals Network.

Banquet attendees also participated in a dessert auction to support the Seattle First Citizen Scholarship Foundation. The foundation awards annual scholarships to association members, affiliates and their family members based on good citizenship and involvement in community service.

About the [Seattle King County REALTORS®](#)

The Seattle King County Realtors® is a nonprofit professional trade association whose goals include promoting ethical business practices and supporting policies that preserve and expand real property rights and housing affordability. Based in Bellevue, SKCR has around 6,500 members and is a local board of the National Association of Realtors®. The term Realtor® is a registered collective membership mark that identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of Realtors® and subscribes to its strict Code of Ethics.

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Pictured below: photos of award recipients with Tyler McKenzie, 2015 president, Seattle King County Realtors® (JPEGs are available on request).

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