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### **Naples Area Board of REALTORS® Honors Members and Citizens at Annual Awards Night**

**NAPLES, FL** (April 14, 2022) – Naples Area Board of REALTORS® (NABOR®) held its annual Night of Honors celebration on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Hilton Naples. Chartered in 1949, the 7,000+ professional member organization of REALTORS® in Collier County recognized the accomplishments of many of its outstanding members and citizens who volunteered their time and talents to better the organization, industry and community in 2021. (Gallery of photos below)

The awards ceremony, which was hosted by NABOR® member Antonio Barroso, included the presentation of NABOR®'s most prestigious and coveted awards. The highest honor – REALTOR® of the Year recognizes a member who has distinguished themselves through outstanding contributions in the community, and local, state, and national association level – and was awarded to **Rick Baranski**, NABOR® President 2018. During his presidency, Baranski created the Circle of Excellence program to promote professional conduct among members. He was awarded the Hall of Fame Award in 2019 and continues to be an inspiration to other members as he lifts the spirit of NABOR® while serving on several committees and attending many fundraisers, parties, and golf tournaments.



*2021 REALTOR® of the Year **Rick Baranski** with  
2020 REALTOR® of the Year Paula Angelopoulos Urbinati*

Corey McCloskey, NABOR® President 2021 announced that through the efforts of NABOR® member volunteers in 2021, over \$44,000 was raised and presented to 11 local charities. Next, she presented Terrilyn VanGorder and Adam Vellano each with the President's Award® in recognition of the outstanding service they contributed to NABOR® during her presidency. Terrilyn VanGorder worked behind the scenes to make member events enjoyable and successful, and Adam Vellano worked to keep brokers and members well-informed and engaged.

A remarkable 22 members were inducted into the NABOR® Honor Society, many of whom were also inducted into the Florida Realtors® Honor Society. The Honor Society honors members for their overall participation at the local, state, and national levels including their activity in NAR®'s institutes, societies and councils, designations earned; educational activities; and political involvement.

The 2021 NABOR® Hall of Fame Award was presented to Brenda Fioretti, NABOR President 2010/11, and to Spencer Haynes, NABOR® President 2007. The Hall of Fame award recognizes members who have exhibited extraordinary dedication and service over 20 years of membership in NABOR®.

The prestigious Addison B. Miller Award was presented to Florida State Congressman Byron Donalds. This NABOR® award recognizes an individual who works to enhance and/or preserve private property rights, ownership and transferability, and the preservation of the free enterprise system. This award was presented by Lauren Melo, 2020 NABOR® President and Florida House of Representatives (District 80), who apprised attendees of the many significant projects the Congressman has supported over the past few years that made a positive impact on the lives of professionals working in the Florida real estate industry. In his acceptance speech, the Congressman stated assuredly, "I will make sure property rights are always protected [pause], always!"

The Annual Night of Honors also recognized the following award-winning NABOR® members:

- Allied/Affiliate Committee Contribution Award: James Morey
- Allied/Affiliate Rising Star Award: Shannon Livingston
- Allied/Affiliate Member of the Year: Sam Saad
- Commercial REALTOR® Achievement Award: Mike Carr, Sr.
- Education Volunteer of the Year: Gwen Davis-Gideon
- Educator of the Year: Marcie Roggow
- Global Achievement Award: Brett Brown
- Humanitarian Award: Katuska Villamizar
- REALTOR® Committee Contribution Award: Gwen Davis-Gideon
- REALTOR® Rising Star: Allisa Pipes

The 2021 NABOR® Night of Honors Gold Sponsor was generously provided by Lake Michigan Credit Union. Our generous Silver Sponsors included the Law Office of Sam Saad III and First Horizon Bank.



**Spencer Haynes,**  
2021 Hall of Fame  
Inductee  
with 2019 Hall of  
Fame recipient Rick  
Baranski

**Congressman  
Byron Donalds,**  
2021 Ad Miller Award  
winner with Rep.  
Lauren Melo

**Shannon  
Livingston,**  
2021 Allied/Affiliate  
Rising Star

**Sam Saad,**  
2021 Allied/Affiliate  
Member of the Year  
with Corey  
McCloskey, 2021  
NABOR® President

**Gwen Davis-  
Gideon,**  
2021 Education  
Volunteer of the  
Year and  
2021 REALTOR®  
Committee  
Contribution  
Awardee



**Marcie Roggow,**  
2021 Educator of the  
Year with Corey  
McCloskey, 2021  
NABOR® President

**Brett Brown,**  
2021 Global  
Achievement Award  
winner

**Katiuska  
Villamizar,**  
2021 Humanitarian  
Award winner

**Allisa Pipes,**  
2021 REALTOR®  
Rising Star

**Terrilyn  
VanGorder,**  
2021 President's  
Award with Corey  
McCloskey, 2021  
NABOR® President

The Naples Area Board of REALTORS® (NABOR®) is an established organization (Chartered in 1949) whose members have a positive and progressive impact on the Naples community. NABOR® is a local board of REALTORS® and real estate professionals with a legacy of over 60 years serving 7,000 plus members. NABOR® is a member of Florida Realtors® and the National Association of REALTORS®, which is the largest association in the United States with more than 1.5 million members and over 1,200 local boards of REALTORS® nationwide. NABOR® is structured to provide programs and services to its membership through various committees and the NABOR® Board of Directors, all of whose members are non-paid volunteers.

The term REALTOR® is a registered collective membership mark which identifies a real estate professional who is a member of the National Association of REALTORS® and who subscribe to its strict Code of Ethics.

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