

Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club Awarded Chambers' Business Excellence Award

Durham, N.C. (October 25, 2011) - Some things are worth waiting for. The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club was recognized for its years of philanthropy as well as the years of positive initiatives that impact the Durham community by receiving The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce's coveted Business Excellence Award for 2011. At an awards dinner last month—attended by more than 200 small, medium and large businesses, as well as non-profits and business leaders, and hosted at the Durham Convention Center—The Chamber presented the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club with the award. The Inn's General Manager Randal Kolls accepted the award in the large business category, one of three categories (small, medium and large business based on the businesses' number of employees) presented to a business for its overall contributions to making Durham stronger—the Chamber's Business Excellence Award's theme this year.

“From the Inn's original legacy and tradition to our gorgeous facility nestled on 300 acres on the campus of Duke University to our 287 stellar staff members, it all plays a role in the Inn's success each and every day, but it's wonderful to be recognized by The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce among our peers and we were honored to receive the 2011 Business Excellence Award,” said Randal Kolls. Since it opened in 1988, the Inn has been home to the entire Durham community, Duke University, its faculty as well as students, dignitaries, actors, entertainers, political leaders and travelers from around the world. But it was the overall depth and breadth of the Inn's philanthropic endeavors and the Inn's green initiatives that captivated the Chamber in its decision. To name a few: charity and fundraising events hosted at the Inn like the Duke Children's Classic and the Jim Valvano Kids Klassic, in-kind donations that support local organizations' fundraising and charity events, staff members that volunteer for countless charitable activities including Habitat for Humanity of Durham and Ronald McDonald House as well as the Inn's ongoing green initiatives.

About Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club

The Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club is located on the campus of Duke University, only twenty minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and ten minutes from Research Triangle Park, and is the only AAA Four Diamond hotel in Durham. Nestled on 300 acres filled with tall pines and hardwoods, the Inn is known for its beautiful facility and grounds, 271 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, marvelous cuisine in the Four Diamond Award-winning Fairview Dining Room, the Bull Durham Bar, a Robert Trent

Jones-designed 18-hole championship golf course, and convenience to local points of interest. It is set apart from other area hotels and conference centers by its unparalleled service, gracious staff, luxurious interiors and attention to detail. The Inn is owned by Duke University and is managed by The Continental Companies of Miami, Florida. For more information or reservations call 919.490.0999 or 800.443.3853, or visit www.washingtondukeinn.com.

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