



## **Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club and JB Duke Hotel Earn Prestigious *Smart Meetings and ConventionSouth* Awards**

*Both properties receive high recognition awards; full 2017 winners are revealed in the publications' December issues.*

**DURHAM, N.C., December 7, 2017** — [Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club](#) and [JB Duke Hotel](#), father and son premier AAA Four Diamond luxury properties, located on the campus of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, today announced both properties have been honored with prestigious awards from *Smart Meetings* and *ConventionSouth* magazines respectively.

Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club has been named among the winners of *Smart Meetings'*, the leading media company and most trusted resource for meeting professionals, [2017 Platinum Choice Award](#). This award recognitions and honors hotels, venues and destinations that demonstrate exemplary standards of excellence in service and amenities including ambience, breadth of resources, facility quality, guest services, recreational activities, dining options, technical support and more. The award will be featured in the magazine's December issue.

"My team and I are elated to honor this year's Platinum Choice Awards winners," said Marin Bright, *Smart Meetings* founder and CEO. "We are delighted that the awards have become a metric of achievement for the industry's valued hotels and continue to serve as a practical and valuable tool for meeting planners."

And on behalf of *ConventionSouth*, the national multimedia resource for planning events held in the South, JB Duke Hotel has been named as one of their [2018 Top New or Renovated Meeting Site Award](#) recipients. This recognized elite list of 66 meeting facilities, located across the South, will be featured in the December 2017 Awards Issue of the magazine.

"ConventionSouth readers are constantly seeking information on the newest and like-new meeting sites in the South in order to offer their attendees the most modern facilities available, and this is why we are honored to bestow JB Duke Hotel with a Top New or Renovated Meeting Site Award," said Marcia Bradford, *ConventionSouth* associate publisher. "After a lengthy review of what JB Duke Hotel now has to offer meeting planners and attendees, we feel it indeed displays a superior commitment to providing groups with the top-of-the-line amenities and service that they require."

"We are honored to be recognized for the quality and excellence of our elegant Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club property, and for the purposefully contemporary appeal and construction of our new JB Duke Hotel," said Jack Schmidt, area director, sales and marketing, Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club and JB Duke Hotel. "We look forward to continuing excellent service, planning and holding various meetings and events, food and beverage selections, innovation in our operations and more within both properties, so that each guest that walks through our doors has a grand experience."

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### **About JB Duke Hotel**

The JB Duke Hotel is a AAA Four Diamond contemporary hotel located on the campus of Duke University, conveniently near both athletic and academic facilities, as well as only 20 minutes from Raleigh-Durham International Airport and 10 minutes from Research Triangle Park. It features 198 guestrooms and 20,850 square feet of meeting and event space and is home to a full-service restaurant and two bars.

The hotel is owned by Duke University and is managed by JBD Hospitality, LLC of Durham, North Carolina, which has operated progeny property Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club for decades. For more information or reservations call (919) 660-6400 or (844) 490-7100, or visit [jbdukehotel.com](http://jbdukehotel.com). Follow JB Duke Hotel on Facebook at [facebook.com/jbdukehotel](https://facebook.com/jbdukehotel), Twitter at [twitter.com/jbdukehotel](https://twitter.com/jbdukehotel), or Instagram at [instagram.com/jbdukehotel](https://instagram.com/jbdukehotel).

### **About The 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. The Washington Duke Inn is the original AAA Four Diamond hotel in Durham, North Carolina. 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 Fairview Dining Room — winner of the AAA Four Diamond Award, 2017 Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star Award and Wine Spectator Award of Excellence — the Bull Durham Bar, the Robert Trent Jones-designed 18-hole championship Duke University golf course, and its convenience to local points of interest. It is set apart from other area hotels and conference centers by unparalleled service, a gracious staff, luxurious interiors and attention to detail. The Inn is owned by Duke University and is managed by WDI Hospitality, LLC of Durham, North Carolina. For more information or reservations call (919) 490-0999 or (800) 443-3853, or by visiting [washingtondukeinn.com](http://washingtondukeinn.com), and on Facebook at [facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn](https://facebook.com/WashingtonDukeInn) and on Twitter at [twitter.com/WashingtonDuke](https://twitter.com/WashingtonDuke).

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