



## Councilmember David Grosso Speaks at HAWDC's September Luncheon:



HAWDC Members gathered at the Grand Hyatt Washington on September 17<sup>th</sup> for HAWDC's September Luncheon where Councilmember David Grosso served as our guest speaker. Councilmember Grosso shared with Members his experience working in the hospitality industry, as well as, the importance of training and education programs for District residents and students to prepare them to work in the hospitality industry.

We were also joined by students and faculty members from the District's Hospitality & Tourism NAF Academies. The NAF Academies introduce students to and help prepare them for work in our exciting industry. Councilmember Grosso applauded HAWDC for its leadership in hospitality education, and thanked Members for their significant contributions and support of these hospitality programs by providing internships and training opportunities for the students. HAWDC thanks Councilmember Grosso for sharing his thoughts on the importance of education in the hospitality industry and his continued commitment to remain accessible to discuss issues that may impact our industry.



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*\* Pictured above: (top) Councilmember David Grosso addresses Members at the luncheon; (bottom) Councilmember David Grosso; Solomon Keene, President, HAWDC; Thomas Penny, Chairman, HAWDC and General Manager at the Courtyard Marriott Convention Center; with DCPS students and faculty.*

## **2015-2016 Allied Member Co-Chairs Elected at Allied Member Annual Meeting:**

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, HAWDC hosted its Allied Member Annual Meeting at the Grand Hyatt Washington. Solomon Keene, President of HAWDC, presented an industry snapshot and updated Allied Members on HAWDC initiatives. Allied Members had the opportunity to exchange ideas that will help them better engage with HAWDC initiatives and enhance their allied membership participation. They also voted for two Allied Member Co-Chairs who will sit on HAWDC's Board of Directors for the next year. HAWDC is pleased to announce that Holly Miller of USI Insurance Services and Christine McDaniel of SP Plus/ Central Parking were elected as Allied Member Co-Chairs, and will represent the Allied Members on the HAWDC Board for the next year.

## **Allied Member Highlight:**

Standard Textile is a manufacturer of bed and bath linens and custom decorative products. A global company, they specialize in creating innovative and luxurious products that will reduce costs per use. Their products are "Room Ready for You", pre-laundered with Tide so they do not need to be washed upon delivery. Their OneSTEP program has a feature that allows housekeeping staff to take the linens straight from the boxes to the guest rooms efficiently.

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Their latest product, EuroTech Waterproof, is a mattress pad that protects mattresses from liquids that can ruin them. Additionally, this product is plastic free, so it does not create heat or noise when guests use the bed. For more information, visit <http://www.standardtextile.com>.

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