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elite|studio e Celebrates Team Excellence and Leadership at Annual Holiday Party

elite|studio e, a national foodservice design, build and consulting firm, recently recognized outstanding team members and achievements during its annual holiday celebration. It marks the close of a milestone year as the firm wrapped up 25 years in business and looks ahead to an exciting year 26.

The awards honor individuals and teams who exemplify excellence, leadership, learning, and impact – values that have guided elite|studio e from its early beginnings to its continued national growth today.

2025 Award Recipients

Rookie of the Year – Steven Goldenstein

Awarded to a team member who joined elite|studio e within the past year and made an immediate impact. Steven was recognized for his rapid growth, passion for learning, and the meaningful contributions he has already made supporting projects and clients.

Jim Williams Learning Excellence Award – Jenna Sperl

Named in honor of one of elite|studio e's earliest project designers, this award recognizes a deep commitment to learning and teaching others. Jenna was honored not only for embodying that legacy, but for redefining how learning happens across the firm. Her recent promotion to Director of Project Operations further reflects her leadership and impact.

Circle of Excellence Awards – Joshua Cohan and Hannah Mayer

The Circle of Excellence Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication, adaptability, and achievement. Josh was honored for successfully balancing a dual role, while Hannah was recognized for managing the highest project load among project managers this summer, all while supporting projects across multiple regions.

Team of the Year – Team Wolfpack

Earning this distinction for the second time, Team Wolfpack was recognized for its top revenue generation across all teams. The team, led by Senior Vice President of Project Solutions Aaron Weiss, was instrumental in expanding the company's reach to some key accounts and regions this year.

Team Member of the Year – Kassi Grant

The evening's highest individual honor was awarded to Kassi for her unwavering reliability, leadership, and calm presence. In addition to mentoring emerging talent, Kassi balanced growing responsibilities with remarkable grace.

"You never have to follow up or worry – Kassi delivers, every time," shared company President & COO Ivan J. Weiss during the presentation. "Through every challenge, she moves forward with calm confidence and a smile. Kassi truly embodies the heart of elite."

As elite|studio e closes the chapter on its 25th anniversary year, the firm is energized by continued growth, new partnerships, and a strong team culture rooted in collaboration and excellence.

"Celebrating 25 years is an incredible milestone, but what excites us most is what's ahead," shared Ivan Weiss, who has been with the company since its inception. "Year 26 is about building on this momentum, investing in our people, and continuing to deliver exceptional experiences for our clients nationwide."

elite|studio e congratulates all the award winners and looks forward to another year of success and innovation.

elite|studio e is a design, build and consulting firm specializing in foodservice and hospitality solutions. With a quarter-century of excellence, the company is committed to delivering innovative and tailored solutions for clients across the country. For more information about elite|studio e, contact Marcy J. Weiss, Director of Marketing, at mweiss@elitestudioe.com or 631.420.9400 ext. 114.

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