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## **Kate Patay, CPCE, of the National Association for Catering and Events (NACE) Receives Convention Industry Council 2015 Pacesetter Award**

*Award recognizes leaders in the events and catering industry*

**September 8, 2015 (Columbia, MD)** – Kate Patay, CPCE, Treasurer and Secretary for the National Association for Catering and Events (NACE), will be honored with the 2015 Convention Industry Council (CIC) Pacesetter Award for her achievements in the events and catering industry. The award will be given out at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Hall of Leaders Celebration on Tuesday, October 13, at the Light Night Club at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The CIC introduced The Pacesetter Awards in 2012 to salute emerging leaders and industry supporters who exhibit individual excellence based on innovation, impact, vision, leadership, influence, collaboration, courage, perseverance and other achievements.

“We’re thrilled that Kate is being honored with the CIC Pacesetter Award this year,” said Bonnie Fedchock, CAE, Executive Director of NACE and CIC Chair Elect. “She has become an influencer in our industry through her creative ideas and keen insight on modern trends, and we are very proud of her.”

Kate has spent nearly 20 years in various facets of the events and catering industry. She is currently the Executive Director of Sales and Marketing for Creative Coverings Specialty Linen Rentals and Sales.

Kate is the only recipient in North America to receive the Pacesetter Award this year. This is the second year in a row that a NACE board member has received the award; Donnell Bayot, CPCE, received the award in 2014.

### **About NACE**

The National Association for Catering and Events (NACE) is the first non-profit, national association for caterers, event planners and event professionals that provides education, certification and resources for members in all segments of the hospitality industry. You can learn more about NACE at [www.nace.net](http://www.nace.net) and connect with them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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