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## 26 North Idaho REALTORS and Lenders commended for helping area families buy homes

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho – More than 269 Coeur d'Alene area families became homeowners last year with assistance from 26 local housing professionals who will be honored at today's STAR Awards luncheon. Idaho Housing and Finance Association will present STAR awards to 13 lenders and 13 REALTORS® for connecting these homebuyers to Idaho Housing's affordable home loans.

"The great service these partners provided to area families last year represents a \$48 million investment in the North Idaho community," said Gerald M. Hunter, president and executive director of Idaho Housing. "We are proud to have worked with housing partners such as these for more than 40 years, helping more than 14,000 north Idahoans find and purchase homes while adding more than \$1.3 billion to the local economy."

The June 7, 2017 STAR Awards Appreciation Luncheon will be held from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. at the Coeur d'Alene Resort at 115 South Second Street. The following local lenders will receive STAR Awards for helping North Idaho homebuyers to obtain Idaho Housing home loans:

RECOGNITION	LENDERS	
	Name	Company
Gold STAR Award	James Costello	Umpqua Bank
Silver STAR Award	Scott Petersen	Academy Mortgage Corporation
Bronze STAR Award	Valerie Cheyne	Fairway Independent Mortgage
Certificates of Appreciation	Joel Botker	Axia Financial
	Andrew Byrd	Willamette Valley Bank
	Jessica Callins	Willamette Valley Bank
	Ryan Deschryver	HomeStreet Bank
	Krista Kaufman	Platinum Home Mortgage
	Teresa Metz	Academy Mortgage Corporation
	Sabrina Nelke	Idaho Central Credit Union
	TyAnn Severtson	Mountain West Bank
	Michael Wall	Willamette Valley Bank
	Jennifer Lynn Ward	Platinum Home Mortgage

These 13 REALTORS will receive STAR Awards for guiding Coeur d'Alene homebuyers to their dream homes and to Idaho Housing mortgages last year.

RECOGNITION	REALTORS®	
	Name	Company
Gold STAR Award	Michaela Corcoran	Coldwell Banker
Silver STAR Award	Wade Jacklin	Century 21 Beutler & Associates
Bronze STAR Award	Karen Rodriguez	Keller Williams Realty
Certificates of Appreciation	Josh Adams	Keller Williams Realty Coeur d'Alene
	Chris Briner	Keller Williams Realty

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	Carol Curtis	Century 21 RiverStone
	Scott Fink	Century 21 Beutler & Associates
	Blair Hammer	Keller Williams Realty
	Susan Howard	Realteam Real Estate Center
	Jan Leaf	Coldwell Banker
	Lanette Livingston-Clark	Realteam Real Estate Center
	Cassidy Noordam	Team of the Century Real Estate
	Stephen Preston	Keller Williams Realty Coeur d'Alene

Idaho Housing mortgages offer competitive rates, low down payments, and closing cost assistance to qualified borrowers. To date, 113,958 Idahoans with low to moderate incomes have made the leap to homeownership with the help of Idaho Housing home loans, adding more than \$10 billion to the Idaho economy. All Idaho Housing home loans are serviced in Idaho. More information about Idaho Housing home loans is at: [www.idahohousing.com/homebuyers/home-loans](http://www.idahohousing.com/homebuyers/home-loans).

**About Idaho Housing and Finance Association**

[Idaho Housing and Finance Association](http://www.idahohousing.com) is a financial services and housing business organization. IHFA's mission is to improve lives and strengthen Idaho communities by expanding housing opportunities, building self-sufficiency, and fostering economic development.

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