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## CREW-CT RECOGNIZES STATE'S TOP REAL ESTATE PROJECTS



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**C**REW-CT – The Real Estate Exchange, an organization that supports women’s opportunities for advancement in the commercial real estate industry, recognized the state’s top projects of 2017 at its annual awards dinner this week at the Connecticut Science Center in Hartford.

Dunkin’ Donuts Park in Hartford won the blue ribbon award for best overall project. The 200,000-square-foot home of the Eastern League’s Hartford Yard Goats drew 400,000 fans in its inaugural year and created 300 seasonal jobs. Owned by the city of Hartford, the park’s project team included The S/L/A/M Collaborative Inc., architect of record Pendulum and additional team members Newman Architects, BVH Integrated Services and Beta Group Inc.

The new UConn Hartford campus won the people’s choice award and best in class in the educational category. The 180,000-square-foot satellite campus serves 3,300 students and staff with three wings including classrooms, labs, offices, conference rooms, a public atrium, student lounges, courtyards and a utility plant. The project involved the restoration of the former Hartford Times building’s Beaux Arts facade and new interior construction. The historical structure was updated to meet new seismic and building code requirements. The

property is owned by H.B. Nitkin Group and the project team included The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co., University of Connecticut, Robert AM Stern, Haley & Aldrich, BSC Group, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc. and Nutmeg Planners.

Additional projects receiving awards this week included:

- Best in Class Multifamily/Residential: Windsor Station Apartments, Windsor
- Best in Class Commercial/Retail: Goodwin Hotel, Hartford
- Best Specialty Project: Talcott Brothers’ Mill, Vernon
- Best Interior Design Project: Spectra Wired Café, Hartford
- Best Lobby/Common Area Renovation: Asnuntuck Community College-Tower Lobby & Student Center, Enfield
- Best in Class Educational: UCONN Hartford
- Best in Class Healthcare: The Burnham Family Memory Care Residence at Avery Heights, Hartford
- Community Impact: Crescent Crossings 1B, Bridgeport
- Workplace Innovation: Upward Hartford, Hartford

The selection panel included Cecil Adams, director of museum services at the Wadsworth Atheneum; Rebecca Nolan, vice president of global business development at the MetroHartford Alliance and Courtney Hendricson and vice president of municipal services at CERC. ■

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