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Downtown Alliance Honors Seven Exceptional Leaders for Service to Lower Manhattan



*Exceptional Service Honorees, Left to Right:
David Ng, Glen Guzi, Yume Kitasei, Seth Myers, Liz Berger, Sean Wilson, Thomas Moran, Dr. Robert Corrigan*

New York, N.Y. (November 29, 2012) - The Alliance for Downtown New York presented Exceptional Service Awards today to seven individuals who have helped make life better for residents, workers and visitors in Lower Manhattan.

“These seven individuals have played a major role in helping in making Lower Manhattan a resilient, dynamic, 21st century neighborhood,” said Downtown Alliance President Elizabeth H. Berger at a breakfast at the Down Town Association. “In recent weeks, as Lower Manhattan faced significant challenges in the wake of Superstorm Sandy, these individuals once again displayed their tireless dedication to restoring Lower Manhattan to the world class neighborhood that it has become.”

Thursday’s event was the 11th annual installment of the awards, given out by the Downtown Alliance, the city’s largest Business Improvement District. The event annually honors members of the public and private sectors who have worked to improve and advance Lower Manhattan.

You can view photographs of the event at the Downtown Alliance’s Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/downtownny>

The honorees are:

- Sean Wilson, CB Richard Ellis. Wilson is a Senior Research Analyst responsible for leading rigorous and elaborate analyses to assess the Midtown South and Downtown office markets. He has routinely contributed timely information to the Downtown Alliance's research and communications efforts, including industry-specific information about Lower Manhattan's growing media industry.
- Yume Kitasei, Office of Council Member Margaret S. Chin. As the Director of Budget and Legislation, Kitasei is a chief advisor on legislation and represents the council member at community meetings. Previously, she worked for Community Board 1, where she managed constituent issues.
- Seth Myers, New York City Mayor's Office of Capital Projects. Myers serves as Senior Project Manager and is City Hall's point person on Lower Manhattan. He previously worked for the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and the New York City Economic Development Corporation. In his current role, he manages planning, design and construction elements of multiple projects in Lower Manhattan, and collaborates with government agencies, public authorities and stakeholders to solve environmental review, budgetary, regulatory and technical issues.
- Dr. Robert Corrigan, Ph.D., New York City Department of Health. Dr. Corrigan is a Scientist and Rodentologist, and has been active in scientific approaches to controlling rodents for more than two and a half years. He has authored or co-authored four scholarly textbooks in the pest control sciences and published more than 160 technical publications, and in 2005 the Environmental Protection Agency accorded him an Environmental Award for his novel approaches to pest control, and he is an inductee into the Pest Management Hall of Fame.
- Glenn Guzi, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Guzi is a Program Director within the Government Relations Department at the Port. IN this position he has represented the Port on all issues involving Lower Manhattan and the World Trade Center, and is the lead on all government and community issues as they relate to the Port's subsidiary, the Port Authority Trans Hudson – or PATH – railroad.
- Det. Thomas Moran, New York City Police Department. Detective Moran serves as the Community Affairs Officer with the NYPD's First Precinct, and in this role has worked tirelessly to address constituent issues in Lower Manhattan. Over the last year, he has worked with the Downtown Alliance involving issues concerning Occupy Wall Street. He also serves as the liaison to the Manhattan South Borough Command.
- David Ng, Pan Am Equities. Ng serves as Construction and Design Coordinator at Pan Am Equities, and worked closely with the Downtown Alliance and the New York City Department of Transportation to establish the Water and Whitehall Plaza, which has become a popular spot for Lower Manhattan's office workers, residents and visitors.

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The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to provide service, advocacy, research and information to advance Lower Manhattan as a global model of a 21st century Central Business District for businesses, residents and visitors.

