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## SIX COMCAST-SPECTACOR EMPLOYEES NOMINATED FOR WOMEN OF INFLUENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to six Comcast-Spectacor employees who were nominated by Venues Today Magazine for one of three Women of Influence awards.

These individuals were nominated for their newsworthy achievement and outstanding leadership. Venues Today subscribers must cast their votes at [venuestoday.com](http://venuestoday.com) before Wednesday, May 27. Venues Today will showcase the winners in their July issue.

Here are the six Comcast-Spectacor employees nominated for Women of Influence recognition:

- Kim Damron, SVP of Operations at Paciolan
- Alice Fei, Comcast-Spectacor, Senior Vice President, Human Resources
- Linda Recke, Regional Vice President, Ovations Food Services
- Robyn Schon, Global Spectrum, General Manager, Berglund Center in Roanoke, VA.
- Karen Totaro, General Manager, Atlantic City Convention Center, 1st Vice Chair IAVM
- Melissa Wasson, assistant general manager, Global Spectrum, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.



### **Kim Damron, SVP of Operations at Paciolan**

Kim Damron has been an executive in the ticketing industry for over a decade and has been with Paciolan for more than 9 years. As SVP of Operations, she oversees the client partner, ecommerce, marketing, customer service, professional services and technical operations teams of the Paciolan business. During her tenure at Paciolan, Damron launched numerous programs and partnerships to the community, including the extremely successful StubHub partnership. Prior to her role at Paciolan, Damron

was an executive at Tickets.com for over 3 years, and previously held senior positions at Buy.com and Paramount Studios.



**Alice Fei, Comcast-Spectacor, Senior Vice President, Human Resources**

A 20-year Human Resources professional, Alice Fei is responsible for leading all facets of human resources and organizational effectiveness for Comcast-Spectacor, the parent company of Global Spectrum, Ovations Food Services and Paciolan. She oversees all people-related functions including compensation and benefits, diversity, employee relations, labor relations, employee communications, HR policy, performance management, talent acquisition and talent management. Fei is part of the executive team at Comcast-Spectacor, bringing the company's three separate business units together to operate as OneComcast-Spectacor, to be renamed under the Spectra title June 2. Since joining Comcast-Spectacor in February 2014, Fei created standardization across all areas of human resources and payroll, including performance management, talent management, compensation, employee communications and employee engagement.



**Linda Recke, Regional Vice President, Ovations Food Services**

From selling hot dogs in concession stands to overseeing the food services at America's First Zoo in Philadelphia, Recke has experience in all areas of food and beverage. With more than 30 years of experience in the industry, Recke most recently played a key role in the design, build and operation of the new PPL Center in Allentown, Pa. But Recke's true passion lies in giving back to her employees, and to

the communities in which she operates venues. She is a past Ovation Food Services' Top Team Builder, and the N.J. Civilian Meritorious Service medal (the highest medal a civilian can receive) winner. She captured the medal after organizing a welcome home parade and USO concert for 2,800 men and women returning from Iraq, all at no cost. She currently works with City Team Ministries at PPL Park to donate leftover food and prepare Holiday Dinners for those in need.



**Robyn Schon, Global Spectrum, General Manager, Berglund Center in Roanoke, Va.**

Robyn Schon is a 20-year veteran of the facility management industry, having worked previously in Greensboro, N.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Detroit, Mich., before landing in Roanoke. She joined the Roanoke Civic Center, now the Berglund Center, in 1998 as director of Marketing. Now the facility's general manager, Schon's leadership and city-wide influence enabled her to play an instrumental role in overseeing a smooth transition from public management to private when Global Spectrum took over in 2009. In her first few years, she was able to decrease the facility's deficit by over \$550,000 through her ability to increase event bookings and find additional revenue streams for the building. As of October 2014, she sold a \$1.75-million, 10-year naming rights contract to Berglund Automotive. Schon is overseeing a long list of capital improvements to overhaul the 40-year-old Berglund Coliseum and Theatre.