

CADRE AWARD WINNERS

Top councils and members in remodeling honored during annual awards gala

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The annual Council Awards for Demonstrating Remodeling Excellence (CADRE) recognize the top National Association of Home Builders Remodelers councils and members whose efforts demonstrate the best practices of the remodeling industry at the local level. This year, NAHB Remodelers presented seven CADRE Awards at an awards gala during the 2014 Remodeling Show in Baltimore, commemorating the hard work of local councils and individuals across the nation.

Professional Remodeler sponsored the 2014 CADRE Awards, which were presented by NAHB Remodelers Chairman Paul Sullivan, CAPS, CGR, CGP, and our Editorial Director, Sal Alfano. They are considered to be NAHB Remodelers' highest national awards for work at the local level.

Outstanding Associate Member: Jennifer Wall, Greater Houston Builders Association Remodelers Council

Jennifer Wall joined the Greater Houston Builders Association Remodelers Council Board in 2013, where she serves as co-chair of the special events committee. She was also recognized for her work in volunteer recruitment and organization and for managing the sponsorship and budget process. An exceptional event planner, Wall is responsible for two of the council's largest annual fundraising events. Her dedication to supporting the council in attracting new members and engaging inactive members has been vital to the success of the council.

Outstanding Council Coordinator: Lurenda Avery, Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders

Coordinator of the Greater Birmingham Association of Home Builders Remodelers Council from 2010 to 2014, Lurenda Avery was honored for her commitment to the council's members, working hard to en-

sure members are able to spend their time networking and learning at events. She worked with the board to host a workshop for younger members that focused on submitting quality entries to the Alabama Remodeling Excellence Awards (AREA). Her efforts paid off when three new remodelers submitted entries to the awards program and won, bringing a higher profile to the local council.

Outstanding Council Chair: Gonzalo Garcia, CAPS, CGP, CGR, GMB, GMR, Greater Houston Builders Association Remodelers Council

Gonzalo Garcia is the 2014 Houston Remodelers Council President. He has been active throughout council leadership since 2007, when he served on the board as co-chairman of the public relations committee. In this role he also took on the responsibilities of home show coordinator, and was in charge of magazine distribution for the Houston Remodeling Guide. Garcia later became secretary of the council board, and was elected president in 2014.