



CHRISTOPHER P. DESTITO TOURISM LEADERSHIP AWARD

Oneida County Tourism (OCT) established the **Christopher P. Destito Tourism Leadership Award Program** to honor select Oneida County individuals/businesses whose vision and commitment help make our region a remarkable tourism destination. These individuals and organizations lead by example, take action on their ideas, and represent the very best of our community.

Chris Destito was a founding director of the Oneida County Convention & Visitors Bureau, dba Oneida County Tourism, establishing the bureau in 1984 and subsequently spearheaded legislation to create the occupancy tax which funds tourism promotion for Oneida County. To commemorate his countless contributions to the tourism industry, this award program has been named in his honor.

The **Tourism Leadership Award** is an honor bestowed annually in recognition of exceptional volunteerism, contributions of time, talent, and/or financial support on the part of an individual, organization or business to further advance the tourism industry in the Oneida County area.

We all work diligently together to generate awareness of our community assets and promote Oneida County as a tourism destination. This is your chance to nominate an outstanding individual, organization or business to recognize and honor their spirit, service, and commitment to our community.

Please complete the enclosed nomination form and return it to the Oneida County Tourism, P O Box 551, Utica NY 13503, by fax to 315-724-7335, or by email to Kelly@oneidacountytourism.com. **Deadline for nominations is November 1.** If you have multiple nominations, please copy the form as needed and complete separate forms for each nominee. Awards will be presented at OCT's Annual Meeting in February. Should you have any further questions, please contact the Oneida County Tourism at 315-724-7221.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Blazosky". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Blazosky
President



Christopher P. Destito Tourism Leadership Award Nomination Form

Tourism Leadership Award recognizes exceptional volunteerism, contributions of time, talent, and/or financial support on the part of an individual, organization or business to further advance the tourism industry in the Oneida County area.

Nominee: _____

Business (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Up to 100 words describing why you have chosen to nominate this individual or business for a Tourism Leadership Award: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____

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