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Presti earns Realtor of the Year award

Marie Presti, broker and owner of The Presti Group in Newtonville, has been named the 2017 Realtor of the Year by the Greater Boston Association of Realtors. Presti was recognized recently during the group's annual awards luncheon.

Realtor of the Year was first presented locally in 1957 and honors members for their vol-



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unteerism and industry work in three areas: Participation and service to the Realtor organization on the local, state and national levels; community involvement, including volunteerism in community service projects and membership and support of civic and charitable organizations; and outstanding business and industry accomplishments.

In addition to running The Presti Group, Presti serves as the 2017 president-elect of GBAR. She serves on the association's Forms Taskforce and is also a member of the Executive, Mediation and Professional standards committees and the Homelessness Presidential Advisory Group's taskforce. Since 2009, she has been a member of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors board of directors and

is a 2006 graduate of its Leadership Academy.

Presti holds several industry designations, including Accredited Buyer Representative, Certified Residential Specialist and Seniors Real Estate Specialist. She holds a "green" designation from the National Association of Realtors, and is certified in negotiation, loss mitigation and real estate instruction in Massachusetts. In 2014, Presti received a Realtor Spirit award from GBAR.

A Newton Corner property owner for the past 30 years, Presti is involved with local groups, including the Newton Historical Society, Newton Mother's Forum, Newton Free Library, Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. For the past 13 years, she has taught more than 100 real estate courses through Newton Community Education. Marie also does industry volunteer work through The Realty Guild.

Presti holds a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Holyoke College and an Master of Business Administration from the Olin Graduate School of Business at Babson College.

The Presti Group is an independent real estate agency specializing in the Newton market. For information: <http://theprestigroup.com>.