

# The 'best of the best': local hotel earns award

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The Excellence in Quality award the Hilton Garden Inn and University of Wyoming Conference Center received in July distinguishes the hotel as the "Best of the Best" in Hilton Worldwide, Angela Ver Ploeg, director of sales and marketing of the hotel, said.

It is the first time the Hilton Garden Inn has received this award presented by Hilton Worldwide. To receive the award, a Hilton property must receive five consecutive outstanding quality assurance evaluations, Hilton Garden Inn press release says.

"Hotels must demonstrate excellence compared to brand standards in the lobby and restaurant areas, banquet areas and guest rooms. Each Hilton property undergoes stringent biannual inspections where a Hilton representative reviews guest surveys and loyalty, cleanliness and quality standards.

Receiving this award involves a lot of dedication from each of our departments to make sure that we are exceeding the standards given to us," Ver Ploeg said.

"I am very proud of this amazing property. Every department gives 100 percent to provide our guests with a unique experience when lodging in Laramie and having this award to share with the team is very special," she said.

The Hilton Garden Inn has hosted a



**The University of Wyoming Hilton Garden Inn received an Excellence in Quality award this summer from Hilton Worldwide for a fifth consecutive outstanding quality assurance evaluation.**

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variety of local, state, regional and international events since it opened in February 2008, the release says.