

Debi Kinney



Debi Kinney has twenty years of experience in the hospitality industry and has recently joined the ACCESS Destination Services team out of the Las Vegas, Nevada office as Sales Manager.

Previously Debi was Senior National Sales Director, North America for Clean the World where she was responsible for the establishment and growth of the hospitality partner recycling program through both sales and partner relations activities. She served as Account Manager Clean the World's national accounts including Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Marriott International, Best Western International, Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group, Wyndham Hotels and Resorts and InterContinental Hotels Group, among others.

In March 2014 Debi was named one of Las Vegas' 40 Under 40. Her current service roles include membership in the Las Vegas Hospitality Association (LVHA) and service on the University of California Santa Barbara Alumni Association Board of Directors. Most recently Debi was appointed to Governor Sandoval's Commission for Nevada Volunteers, for a three year term.

Debi's previous professional experiences include owning and operating her own restaurant consulting and event planning firm and employment with a variety of hospitality industry entities: a convention and visitors bureau, a Six Flags theme park marketing department, a restaurant chain, a caterer, and a top tier Las Vegas hotel. In addition, in 2004 she was recruited to manage the Meeting & Event Planning Certificate Program at a California state university. She taught Fundamentals of Meeting and Event Planning and Strategic Event Planning and directed the program for over four years. Most recently she served as Director of Operations for a Las Vegas business with four companies under one roof. Her main responsibility was meeting planning for one large conference (over 1,000 attendees) and more than twenty-five smaller meetings annually.

Debi has been asked to present at various industry forums, including Elite Meetings International West, the Southwest Chapter of International Association of Exhibitions and Events, IMEX, Las Vegas Hospitality Association, Caesars

Entertainment Diamonds are Forever FAM, Wynn/Encore Educational Event 2011 and FIMP West Conference for Strategic Meeting Leaders, regarding key hospitality industry issues such as sponsorship, green meetings and strategic event planning.

During the course of her career Debi has received many accolades. In August 2010 she decided to spearhead the formation of the Las Vegas chapter of Green Meeting Industry Council (GMIC) because she believes that the message of sustainability in the hospitality industry is an important one, especially in a city like Las Vegas where the impact of meetings and events is an integral part of the community as a whole. Debi joined GMIC and started her term as inaugural President of the Las Vegas chapter in September 2010. The process of starting a chapter and knowing that she is leaving a legacy for others to build upon is one of her greatest professional satisfactions. In 2009 she was recognized for her work at Caesars Palace in an international rating as one of the top 20 Convention Services Managers of the year. Debi is a past member and Executive Board member of the San Diego Chapter of Meeting Professionals International. In 2006 she was honored with the Chapter Leadership award, given once a year to recognize a member who has demonstrated exceptional dedication toward chapter success. In addition, chapter leaders awarded her the Star of the Month and nominated her for the Chapter Leadership and Chapter Supplier of the Year awards.

Debi graduated from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a Bachelors degree in Communication. In 2000 she completed The George Washington University Event Management Certificate program, hosted at the University of San Diego.