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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rice Lake Receives IHG® 2018 Newcomer Award

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Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rice Lake has been named as the recipient of the IHG® Newcomer Award, its first since opening the doors of the hotel in May of 2017. This award recognizes the achievement of superior levels of excellence in hospitality. The distinction is highly coveted, awarded to less than 3% of properties selected from the company's more than 5,000+ hotels.

"I am beyond proud to announce this recognition for the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rice Lake," says Thomas Larson, President of Larson Companies. "Clearly the hotel team puts our guests at the heart of everything they do, and they exemplify what it means to truly be the very best in hospitality."

Rick Fleishauer, General Manager of Holiday Inn Express & Suites Rice Lake, extends his gratitude to his team for their commitment to daily excellence, and to the Rice Lake community for their outpouring of support for the new property. Rick adds, "We're very honored to receive this award from IHG, and we've really just been received with open arms since we opened the hotel here in Rice Lake. It's meant the world. We keep looking for new, meaningful ways to partner with community organizations here as well. For example in March, we hosted a classroom session on site for the WITC Hospitality Foundations Program students. The students were able to shadow various job roles and get a behind the scenes look at our hospitality operations. It was a great partnership and it's important to us to give back to the community where we live & work."

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