

Windstar Cruises Presents Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg with ASTA Icon Award

MIAMI, FL, August 26, 2024 – <u>Windstar Cruises</u> is pleased to announce that it has awarded Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg, Head of Travel Policy for Chase Travel, with the ASTA Icon Award. The award was presented at the ASTA (American Society of Travel Advisors) Travel Masters event on August 21 by Windstar Cruises' Vice President of Sales Dianna Rom.

"Now a 3-time ASTA award winner among several other awards and notable accomplishments, Jennifer Wilson-Buttigieg is a staple in the travel industry," shared Rom. "She brings a forward-thinking approach and 'challenge the status quo' mindset to all her endeavors. Her commitment and contributions to the industry is tremendous and only continues to grow."

Wilson-Buttigieg was previously awarded the Paul Ruden Industry Ambassador Award (2018) and the ASTA Barbara O'Hara Advocacy Award (2010).

The ASTA Icon Award, co-created with Windstar, recognizes and celebrates women who have made significant contributions to the advancement of women in the travel industry. This award honors female leaders who have demonstrated excellence in their respective roles, while simultaneously inspiring and empowering other women in the travel industry and promoting women's advancement. This award highlights the accomplishments and success stories of women in various sectors of the travel industry, including travel advisors, agency owners, tourism representatives, and supplier partners.

"What truly sets Jennifer apart is her relentless pursuit of excellence," said Rom as she presented the award to Wilson-Buttigieg. "She has inspired us all to dream bigger and aim higher, reminding us there are no limits to what we can achieve. This was clear on the golf course for this year's women's day where we had 31 female golfers in attendance as compared to two golfers three years ago! Jennifer understands that the future of travel relies on diverse voices and perspectives. Through her advocacy she has encouraged women to have the confidence to pursue their passion and work towards leadership roles. Jennifer is helping to build a legacy that encourages collaboration, support and empowerment among women in travel. She is nurturing a generation of women who will make waves in the travel industry."

Press images: relevant photos <u>available here.</u>

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About Windstar Cruises:

With a fleet of six boutique all-suite and sailing yachts, each carrying between 148 to 342 guests, Windstar Cruises, voted #1 boutique cruise line, offers an intimate experience like no other. Guests can explore enchanting destinations across Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal, New England, Eastern Canada, South America, and the South Pacific. Plus, Windstar operates year-round in Europe and will offer two unique ship experiences in Tahiti starting in 2027. Windstar will introduce two new ships to its Star Class starting in December 2025 - the *Star Seeker* and *Star Explorer*. At Windstar Cruises, it's not just about travel – it's about creating experiences that resonate with the soul. With port-intensive itineraries, iconic destinations, exceptional service, and an innovative culinary program, every moment with Windstar is an opportunity for discovery and delight.

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