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## DOLPHIN DEMOCRATS TO HOST 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY AWARDS GALA

*Premier South Florida event to honor community leaders including Rep. Christine Hunschofsky (D), Wilton Manors City Commissioner Chris Caputo, and more.*

WILTON MANORS, Fla., May 2, 2024 — [Dolphin Democrats](#) is proud to host its annual 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Anniversary Awards Gala on Sat., May 18, 2024, at the Westin Hotel - Fort Lauderdale located at 400 Corporate Dr. in Fort Lauderdale.

The Awards Gala will honor several high-profile leaders, trailblazing activists, and unwavering champions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community in Florida who are at the forefront of the fight for equality and protection for LGBTQ+ citizens.

### Gala honorees include:

- **State Rep. Christine Hunschofsky (D)** who will receive the Jamie Bloodworth Award, named in honor of the late Jamie Bloodworth, a longtime Dolphin Democrats member, and LGBTQ+ and women's rights activist.
- **Wilton Manors City Commissioner Chris Caputo** will receive the Harvey Milk Award, named in honor of the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in the State of California.
- **Nik Harris**, VP of Strategic Outreach & Engagement at the [Human Rights Campaign](#), who will receive the Trailblazer Award.
- **Jasmine McKenzie**, founder of the [McKenzie Project](#), will receive the Bishop S.F. Makalani-MaHee Award, named after Bishop S.F. Makalani-MaHee, a longtime Dolphin Democrats member and transgender rights activist.
- **Patti Lynn** who will receive the Volunteer of the Year award.

[Tickets](#) are available to reserve your seat at the Awards Gala, or you may become a [sponsor](#) to support Dolphin Democrats' work to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community in Broward County and Florida at large.

### About Dolphin Democrats

Founded in 1982, Dolphin Democrats, Inc. is a Florida non-profit corporation and chapter of the Florida LGBTQA Democratic Caucus, chartered by the Florida Democratic Party. It is the oldest LGBTQ+ political organization in the State of Florida founded with the mission to educate voters, advocate for LGBTQ+ people, support the community and help elect pro-LGBTQ+ Democratic candidates. To learn more about Dolphin Democrats, visit their website at [www.dolphindems.org](http://www.dolphindems.org).

