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Scott Casabona Honored with 2026 AWCI Pinnacle Award

FALLS CHURCH, VA—In a powerful moment that brought industry leaders to their feet at BUILD26: AWCI's Convention + Expo, the Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry (AWCI) presented its most prestigious honor, the 2026 Pinnacle Award, to Scott Casabona.

The Pinnacle Award represents the absolute apex of professional achievement within the wall and ceiling industry. It is reserved for individuals who have dedicated a lifetime to bettering the wall and ceiling community through unselfish dedication of their time, energy and vision.

For Scott Casabona—chief executive officer of New Jersey-based Sloan & Company—this recognition serves as a testament to decades of leadership and an unwavering commitment to the association. The award is unique for its "peer-to-peer" nature, with candidates selected by a committee of professionals who intimately understand the complexities of the field. Beyond business success, the award honors the "whole person," including character, civic contribution and roles within the recipient's family and community.

A Legacy of Service and Leadership

The criteria for the Pinnacle Award are notoriously rigorous, requiring long-term dedication to AWCI, excellence in business management, and deep community commitment. Casabona has checked every box with distinction:

- AWCI Leadership: A past president of the AWCI (2014–2015), he has served in nearly every executive capacity, including secretary, treasurer and vice president.
- Continued Mentorship: He currently chairs the Carpenters Craft Committee and the Nominating Committee, as well as serving as a member of the Past Presidents Committee.
- Local Industry Leadership: In addition to AWCI, Casabona is a past president of the Drywall and Interior Systems Contractors Association (DISCA), an AWCI chapter.
- Community Impact: He has served for years as a board member for the Fighting Children's Cancer Foundation of New Jersey, co-chairing major fundraisers for families in need.

The Power of Shared Success

Peers frequently cite Casabona's "open-door" philosophy and his willingness to share technical expertise for the benefit of the entire trade.

"Scott hasn't just participated in this industry; he has helped shape its future," noted Mike Taylor, AWCI past president and chair of the Pinnacle Award Committee.

Recognized as both a premier business executive and a statesman-level visionary, Scott Casabona takes his place among the construction industry's most distinguished legends.

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About AWCI
AWCI represents more than 2,500 members and organizations in the acoustics systems, ceiling systems, drywall systems, exterior insulation and finish systems, fireproofing, insulation, prefabrication/panelization and stucco industries. Our members are contractors, suppliers and manufacturers and those in allied trades. Our mission is connecting people in the wall and ceiling industry to innovate, grow and succeed.