



Awards and Recognition

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In the past year, Webster has earned more than 50 recognitions for our performance, our focus on excellence and serving our clients and communities that exceed expectations. Our accomplishments over the years are due to the dedication, teamwork and commitment to values demonstrated by our colleagues every day. Webster is making meaningful progress toward becoming one of the highest performing commercial banks in the country. Along the way, we are pleased to have been recognized for our overall accomplishments as a bank, as well as for the individual achievements of our colleagues. The recognition we receive builds on our momentum and confidence as we focus on our strategic priorities.

RepTrak Reputation of Commercial Banks

Webster is the top CT-based bank among customers in the 2023 RepTrak reputation survey of America's 40 largest commercial banks. American Banker draws its list of companies from the Federal Reserve's list of commercial banks as of Dec. 31, 2022. The survey asks consumers to rate their own bank and others they are highly familiar with on seven factors: products and services, innovation, workplace, conduct, citizenship, leadership and performance. It also tracks emotional sentiment and actions consumers would take related to a given institution, including whether they would recommend it to someone else or work there.

RankingBanking

Webster Bank was ranked in the top 10 in Bank Director's RankingBanking annual survey of banks with \$50B or more in assets, and is the only New England-based bank in the Top 10 at that level. The study scores the 300 largest publicly traded banks nationally based on year-end performance for 2022, using return on average equity, return on average assets, capital adequacy, asset quality and one-year total shareholder return. Banks are scored on each of the five metrics and scores are merged into an overall score, which determines the ranking.

Forbes Recognizes Webster

Forbes Webster once again is included in Forbes' annual list of Best in State Banks. To create the sixth annual ranking Forbes works with Statista to survey more than 31,000 Connecticut residents to evaluate financial institutions based on criteria such as customer service, quality of financial advice, whether fees are transparent and reasonable, ease of navigating the company website, on-location branch services and the overall level of trust the companies inspired.

Earlier this year, Forbes recognized Webster as one of 40 Best Employers in Connecticut and included Webster on its list of the country's Best Employers by State.

Newsweek 2024 America's Greatest Workplaces for Diversity

Webster was recognized as one of 500 mid-size companies by Newsweek in its 2024 America's Greatest Workplaces for Diversity. Winning companies spanned 78 industries and a diverse array of businesses recognized by their employees for genuinely respecting and valuing individuals from different walks of life. For the second year, Webster was one of 250 regional banks recognized by Newsweek in its 2024 America's Best Regional Banks and Credit Unions.

ABF Journal Top Women in Asset-Based Lending

ABF Journal recognized Abby Parsonnet, Head of Asset-Based Lending, as one of its Top Women in Asset-Based Lending. The publication highlighted 50 women in leadership positions from across the industry.

Investor's Business Daily Best HSA Accounts for 2023



HSA Bank was included in Investor's Business Daily Best HSA Accounts for 2023 list which highlights the best HSA account providers that offer HSAs to individuals and offer a winning combination of low fees, high-quality investment options and low minimum investment requirements. HSA Bank has been included in this list for the past seven years.

Datos Award

Webster was recognized by Datos with a 2023 Impact Award for its execution of the On-Ramp software to streamline the enrollment process and simplify the setup and movement of clients from a legacy bank solution to a destination platform during our recent core platform conversion.

Individual & Regional Awards

City and State 100 Above & Beyond: Innovators



Marissa Weidner, Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer, was recognized as one of 50 innovative New Yorkers in the public, private and nonprofit sectors who are making a positive impact across the state to be

recognized in the 2023 City and State 100 Above and Beyond: Innovators.

2023 MoXY Awards

Javier Evans, executive vice president, Chief Human Resources Officer, was recognized by the Moxxie Mentoring Foundation as one of its 2023 MoXY award winners for his efforts to advance the careers of women through mentoring. The Moxxie Mentoring Foundation supports and fosters the career advancement and leadership development of young women through generational mentoring.

Profiles in Diversity Journal Asian Leadership Awards



Simeng (Sam) Yang, senior managing director, IT Strategy & Business, was recognized as one of the winners of the Profiles in Diversity Journal Asian Leadership Awards. The award recognizes

excellence in guiding staff, influencing peers, mentoring emerging leaders and community involvement.

Crain's New York Business Diversity & Inclusion Awards

Craig Johnson, Manager, DEIB programs, was a finalist in the Top Emerging Leader category of the third annual Crain's New York Business Diversity & Inclusion Awards. The award recognizes New York leaders who remove barriers and make business more inclusive and equitable.

Connecticut Green Bank Eighth Annual Awards

The CT Green Bank honored Webster for its outstanding partnership and support of Green Bank initiatives, including residential and commercial solar PV, Green Liberty Bonds and C-PACE. The awards recognize key partners in the dedicated network of contractors, developers, lending partners, community leaders and home and building owners.

The Island 360



The Island 360 recognized **Ed Blaskey**, executive managing director, Middle Market Banking-NY, New England and Pennsylvania, as one of its 2023 Top Business

Leaders on Long Island. Ed was recognized for his leadership in building and managing commercial banking teams throughout the mid-Atlantic region.

IR Magazine Awards – Finalist

Webster Bank was a finalist in the 2023 IR Magazine Awards that honor excellence in the investor relations profession across the U.S. Webster was one of six finalists in the Best IR During a Corporate Transaction category.

Crain's New York Business Notable HR Leaders

Javier Evans, executive vice president, Chief Human Resources Officer, was recognized by Crain's New York Business in its 2022 Notable HR leaders list. Evans is part of a group of professionals from the greater New York City area who were chosen for demonstrating the ability or power to effect change in their organizations by navigating new ways to recruit talent, open new ways to support employees and/or retain talent, improve efficiency, enhance company culture and promote diversity and inclusion.

Individual & Regional Awards

United Way of Greater Waterbury James C. Smith Spirit of Excellence Award



United Way of Greater Waterbury

Webster Bank and its employees were recognized for their 2022-2023 campaign efforts, noting the workplace campaign board's diligence, hard work and execution of the workplace campaign and "the company's unwavering commitment to the communities in which they live and work." Webster has raised more than \$20 million over two decades through employee pledging, fundraising and corporate donations.

United Way of Westchester and Putnam Philanthropy and Corporate Citizenship Award

Webster Bank CEO **John R. Ciulla** and his wife, **Erin Fuller**, were recognized for their roles as Tocqueville donors to United Way both locally and regionally. Webster was recognized for its longstanding commitment to the United Way through its workplace campaigns and volunteer efforts.

Junior Achievement-Rhode Island – Morris J.W. Gaebe Profile in Excellence Award



Member of
JA Worldwide

Webster was recognized for its longstanding support of Junior Achievement's programming with "vision

and innovation, inspiring leadership and community mindedness." Webster's work with its JA partners has doubled over the years, including adding partnerships with new chapters and increasing funding and volunteer involvement.

Community Investment Corporation Third-Party Lender of the Year award

Webster Bank was recognized by the Community Investment Corporation, a Hamden (CT)-based private economic development lender providing financing and practical guidance to small business owners in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, at its 50th Annual Meeting.

2023 Boston Business Journal Top Charitable Contributors

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Webster Bank was once again recognized on the 2023 BBJ Top Charitable Contributors list by donating at least \$100,000 in cash contributions to Massachusetts-based charities and social service nonprofits in 2022. Webster has been recognized by BBJ for the past 13 years as a Top Corporate Contributor.

Yonkers Partners in Education Corporate Award

Webster was recognized as the Corporate Honoree by Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE). The location of the first of Webster's signature Finance Labs, YPIE provides Yonkers High School students with the opportunity to enhance their academics as well as take advantage of the opportunity for exposure to various educational enrichment programs including the YPIE Finance Major.

Women's Enterprise Development Center (WEDC)

The WEDC recognized Webster Bank with its Corporate Partnership Award for its many years of support for the WEDC's programs. WEDC provides training programs and services for underserved women and minority small business owners in Westchester and the Hudson Valley (NY), opening the door to business ownership for low- to moderate-income women and minorities.

Building Neighborhoods Together – Community Impact Award

Mina Minelli, senior managing director, Regional Sales and Mortgage Lending, was recognized by Building Neighborhoods Together (BNT) at its annual gala with its Community Impact Award for her support of BNT's programs through the years she has worked with the nonprofit. Webster is a longtime partner funder of BNT, which focuses on developing affordable housing in Bridgeport and providing housing counseling statewide in Connecticut.

HAUP Legacy Awards

Haitian American United for Progress (HAUP) recognized Webster Bank at its 48th anniversary Legacy Luncheon for its longtime support of the nonprofit, community based organization dedicated to empowering and serving the community.

Profiles in Diversity – Latino Leadership Award

Chief Credit Officer **Jason Soto** is one of 40 Latino leaders across the country chosen as a 2023 Latino Leadership awardee by Profiles in Diversity Journal. The 40 leaders were recognized based on their hard work and impressive achievements in their field, their mentoring of others and advancing diversity and inclusion in the workplace and the community.

Long Island Business News Banking and Finance Power List

Ed Blaskey, executive managing director of Middle Market Banking for Metro New York/Long Island/New England and Pennsylvania, was recognized by the Long Island Business News in its 2022 Banking and Finance Power list. Blaskey is part of a group of 27 banking and finance professionals from the greater Long Island area who were chosen for their dedication, commitment and contributions to the Long Island economy, helping entrepreneurs and business leaders to reach their potential and to pursue their dreams.

Banking Northeast – New England Women in Banking Award

Claude Rousseau, senior managing director, Culture and Colleague Experience, is being highlighted by Banking Northeast with its 2023 New England Women in Banking award. Banking Northeast annually recognizes accomplished women bankers from throughout the Northeast who are accomplished leaders making strides in their organization and their communities.

Individual & Regional Awards

Five Star Wealth Manager – 10 Consecutive Years

Chris Perry, senior vice president and senior managing director for Webster Wealth Advisors, was recognized as a Five Star Wealth Manager in Connecticut for the tenth consecutive year. The Five Star Program is one of the largest and most widely published financial services award programs in North America.

America On Tech Innovators & Disruptors Awards

Matt Smith, executive managing director, Digital Bank & BaaS, was one of eight executives from around the country honored as part of America On Tech's 2022 Innovators & Disruptors, which celebrate the outstanding achievements of leaders in technology. Winners are diverse professionals who are leaving a measurable impact on their respective fields of work.

Long Island Business News Awards

Kathleen Stanley, executive managing director, Head of Business Banking, was recognized by Long Island Business News in both its 2023 list of the 60 Most Influential Long Islanders and as a Banking and Finance Influencer. The publication recognizes professionals from a wide variety of organizations and companies who are making an impact in their business and the community.

Long Island Business News 40 Under 40

David Cinelli, senior managing director, Small Business Banking, Market President, Long Island, NY, is one of Long Island Business News' 2023 40 Under 40 class. Honorees include Long Islanders who have distinguished themselves in business, government, education and the not-for-profit sector. To be chosen they must have a proven track record of success, are involved in mentoring and promoting their profession and find time to give back to their communities.

Milwaukee Journal C-Suite Stars Awards

HSA Bank's Chaz Rodriguez, senior managing director, Associate General Counsel for HSA Bank, was recognized as one of the Milwaukee Journal's C-Suite Stars Awards as Best Assistant Corporate Counsel in the Corporate Counsel and HR Awards category. Rodriguez has been with HSA Bank since 2019 and oversees HSA Bank's legal matters including contract negotiation, regulatory compliance, collateral review and strategic and tactical counsel.

Connecticut Banking Association New Leaders in Banking

Michael Sciamanna, senior managing director, region manager, was recognized by the Connecticut Banking Association as one of its New Leaders in Banking for 2023, honoring outstanding bank employees, managers and business leaders in Connecticut. Michael was one of 13 recognized and was honored for his passion and impact within Webster Bank and his community.

Crain's New York Business Notable Hispanic Leaders and Executives

Melissa Santos, executive managing director, Head of Segment and Channel Strategy and BrioDirect, was recognized by Crain's New York Business in its 2022 Notable Hispanic Leaders and Executives list. Santos is part of a group of 78 professionals

from the greater New York City area who were chosen for their professional accomplishments and their records of powering change to help mentor and elevate other diverse professionals.

Westfair Publications C-Suite Awards

Marissa Weidner, chief corporate responsibility officer, was one of 16 C-Suite executives from throughout the Fairfield and Westchester County area honored by Westfair Publications with a 2022 C-Suite Award. She was recognized for her leadership of Webster's Office of Corporate Responsibility and its community investment programs, which are creating greater opportunities and value for the clients and communities we serve.

New Haven Biz Women in Business

Cathy Velez, senior managing director, Private Client Market president, was named a New Haven Biz 2022 Women in Business, a recognition honoring area businesswomen for their achievements, putting a spotlight on a group of the successful women in the region and their accomplishments. Cathy was one of 10 women recognized in 2022.

NJBiz 2023 Leaders in Finance Awards

Robert Koar, senior managing director, was selected for a NJBiz Leader in Finance award, which recognizes New Jersey's top financial executives who contribute to the success of their companies and their communities. Robert was among 13 awardees in the Banking category.

Long Island Business News Who's Who in Banking & Finance

James Griffin, head of Consumer Banking, shared his insights on Webster's focus on the customer as one of the Long Island region's top 16 financial experts in a special section.

Prospanica CT Leadership in Diversity Award

Carlos Rivera, senior managing director of Marketing for Commercial banking, was honored by Prospanica Connecticut chapter with its annual Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Leadership Award, which celebrates an individual for their commitment and efforts made in advancing DEI initiatives and leading by example. Carlos was one of two individuals honored with this award for his advocacy and support of the Latinx community.

Hartford Courant 2023 Best of Hartford Awards

Readers of the Hartford Courant voted Webster Bank No. 1 for Best Regional Bank and second runner up for Best Community Bank.

Creative Awards

American Bankers Association Brand Slam Awards

Webster Bank earned top honors in the 2023 American Bankers Association Brand Slam awards with Most Out of the Box Campaign – “Big Goals Bracket.” Webster was one of only seven banks across the United States to earn one of the coveted awards that recognize the best in integrated marketing campaigns by banks across the country.

AVA Digital Awards

AVA DIGITAL AWARDS Webster won four awards in the 2023 AVA Digital Awards, an international competition that recognizes excellence by creative professionals responsible for the planning, concept, direction, design, and production of digital communication. Awards included: Platinum award for a social media campaign promoting Black-owned and LGBTQ-owned businesses; Gold award for the 2021 HSA Bank Health & Wealth Index media campaign and Honorable Mentions for digital publications: Webster Financial Corporation’s 2021 Annual Report and Webster’s 2021 Environmental, Social and Governance Report.

DotComm Awards

dotMM AWARDS Webster won four top honors in the 2023 DotComm Awards, an international competition honoring excellence in web creativity and digital communication. The 2022 Corporate Responsibility Report, the integrated strategic communications and marketing plan to mitigate conversion issues and the March Madness Brand Play received Platinum awards. The “Introducing Webster’s Community Liaison Officers” video won a Gold award.

HERMES Creative Awards



The redesign of Webster’s employee newsletter, Webster Weekly, earned a Gold Award in the E-Newsletter/E-zine category, and the 2022 Annual Report won Honorable Mentions in two categories: Annual Report and E-Annual Report in the 2023 HERMES Creative Awards, an international competition recognizing outstanding work in traditional and emerging media.

MarCom Awards



Webster won four top honors in the 2023 MarCom awards, a leading international competition recognizing excellence in marketing and communications around the world. “Webster Bank Core Conversion – Mitigating Reputational Risk”, “Introducing Webster’s Community Liaison Officers” and Marketing’s “March Madness Brand Play” won Platinum Awards. Webster’s 2022 Corporate Responsibility Report won a Gold Award in the Publications category.

PRSA-CT Mercury Awards

Webster won a Bronze award in the 2023 PRSA-CT Mercury Awards competition, which recognizes the talents and accomplishments of communications professionals throughout Connecticut. Webster’s 2023 Conversion Mitigation - Integrated Communications Plan, was recognized in the Issues Management category.

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