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**Event Photos:
Best of Maryland
Awards 2017**

Under and among an amazing collection of historic aircrafts, the Maryland preservation community celebrated the Best of Maryland awards on Thursday,



York Road Façade Restoration

Best of Maryland: B-More Kitchen and the Accelerator Space

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On York Road in Baltimore, a 95-year-old former car dealership was transformed with style into an incubator for food entrepreneurs known as B-More Kitchen and the Accelerator Space for events. While not a designated historic building, the renovation was executed in an authentic and stylish manner. This project will receive a Community Choice award at our Best of Maryland award celebration.

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May 11 at the College
Park Aviation Museum.



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Best of Maryland: Gatehouses of the US Naval Academy

Working with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, a team from [The Tower Company](#), along with [Citadel DCA](#) and [Battle Creek Construction](#), restored the 19th century gatehouses of the Naval Academy in Annapolis. For their skillful work, this team will take home the [Artisan Award](#) at the [Best of Maryland awards celebration](#).



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Built in 1919, the earliest records show it was used as an automobile dealership – originally the Govans Motor Company then later Jerry's Chevrolet. After Jerry's moved to a new location in the 1970s the building was used for a variety of storage and retail uses. Over time, the main brick facade was covered with stucco that covered the upper story windows and the storefront transom. The interior was oddly partitioned and modified, original windows were partially removed and replaced with metal panels, dropped ceilings were installed and overall the building was neglected.

Accelerator, LLC purchased the 28,000sq structure on York Road in Baltimore and rehabilitated the renovated it into B-More Kitchen, Baltimore's first incubator for food entrepreneurs. The renovated facility includes a 10,000sf kitchen and support space for B-More Kitchen, a 6000sf event venue called the Accelerator Space and an additional 9000sf of lease space designated for food industry tenants.

Renovations included a total modernization of the building, including all new services and systems, installation of a fire suppression system and fire alarm, code compliant fire egress and an elevator. The York Road facade was restored at significant expense, all new windows designed to accurately mimic the original industrial sash were installed. Exterior brick was restored where needed. The Accelerator Space, which was originally constructed as a parking garage for the Govans Motor Company, was modernized and restored. The maple floors, long ago painted, were sanded and restored, with damaged areas replaced with new flooring of the same species as the original.

The renovated Accelerator Building has breathed new life and optimism into the Govans neighborhood and the York Road corridor. The businesses are net job creators and have become a beacon for

Best of Maryland: Legislative Champions

Our recent successes in increasing state support for preservation could not have been possible without a strong commitment from legislators in the General Assembly, including [Del. Brooke Lierman](#), [Sen. Bill Ferguson](#), [Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne Jones](#), and [Del. Brett Wilson](#). In recognition of their support, Preservation Maryland will recognize each legislator with a Champion award at our upcoming [Best of Maryland awards](#) in May.

the emergence of a local, sustainable and creative food industry in Baltimore.

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