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ELIAS ACUNA NAMED 2016 REALTOR® OF THE YEAR BY THE REALTOR® ASSOCIATION OF PIONEER VALLEY



Springfield, MA – June 27, 2016 – Elias Acuna, a real estate agent with Maria Acuna Real Estate in Springfield has been named the 2016 Realtor® of the Year by the Realtor® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV). The announcement was made during the association’s Annual Awards Banquet held June 9 at The Log Cabin in Holyoke.

As the highest honor given to a member, the Realtor® of the Year award is bestowed upon the one person who has shown outstanding service and devotion to the 1,650-member organization during the past 17 months in the areas of Realtor® activity, community service and business activity.

A Realtor® since 2004, Elias serves on the Association's Board of Directors, Finance Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Young Professional's Network Committee, where was the chairman in 2015. He is a co-presenter at the bi-monthly new member orientation promoting involvement and member benefits. Elias is a frequent technology instructor teaching topics such as real estate apps and social media practices.

At the state level, Elias is a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® (MAR). He is the Chairman of the Massachusetts Association of REALTORS® Young Professional's Network Committee, and a member the MAR Diversity Committee. He participated along with 400 Massachusetts Realtors® in the 2015 and 2016 Realtors® Day on Beacon Hill to lobby on behalf of homeownership and private property rights. He attended the 2015 Massachusetts Association of Realtors® (MAR) Convention and Trade Show.

Elias is the trainer and a manager for Maria Acuna Real Estate.

He is active in the parent teacher organization at his children's school.

Elias now competes for the coveted Massachusetts Realtor® of the Year honor, which will be announced later this year.

NOTE: Elias can be reached at 626-4097 and hesellshouses@yahoo.com

About the REALTOR Association of Pioneer Valley:

Organized in 1915, the REALTOR® Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) is a professional trade organization with more than 1,650 members in the Pioneer Valley of western Massachusetts. RAPV is one of 1,200 local chapters of the National Association of REALTORS®. RAPV covers 68 cities and towns in 3 counties; Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden. The term, REALTOR®, is a registered trademark for use exclusively by members of the National Association of REALTORS®, whose members subscribe to a strict Code of Ethics.

Mission

To champion private property rights and advocate for our members

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