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**The Hamister Group, Inc. Adds Business Development Specialist
*Rene Pienta joins corporate headquarters team***

WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK – The Hamister Group, Inc., a leader in healthcare and hospitality management, has named Rene Pienta a Business Development Specialist at the company's corporate headquarters. She will work on the Mergers and Acquisitions team headed by Daniel M. Hamister.

In her new role, Pienta will be interacting and developing business relationships with new and potential clients as The Hamister Group, Inc. pursues management services contracts and acquisition opportunities to complement its current portfolio of four healthcare and ten hotel businesses. She will also assist with account reporting and marketing initiatives within the Mergers and Acquisitions team.

"External growth is one of our company's main goals," said Mark E. Hamister, Chairman and CEO, The Hamister Group, Inc. "Our active and dedicated Mergers and Acquisitions group is focused on identifying strategic opportunities to bring our proven operations and management expertise to new areas so that we may continue to deliver results for our customers, our co-workers and our shareholders."

Despite economic conditions which have impacted many operators in both the hospitality and healthcare sectors, The Hamister Group, Inc. has continued to deliver successful bottom line results. This year alone, the company has been named one of the top 100 Hotel Management Companies in the United States and was recognized as one of the 50 fastest-growing companies in Western New York.

A recent Canisius College graduate, Pienta received her bachelor's degree in Corporate Finance and Financial Accounting and completed a one-year internship with New England Financial. She is a resident of East Aurora.

The Hamister Group, Inc. is a leader in healthcare and hotel management, with over 32 years of experience and a solid management portfolio in the eastern United States. The

company has a proven record of superior management results and today employs nearly 1,000 co-workers at its facilities in New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Kentucky. The hotels and healthcare businesses managed by The Hamister Group, Inc. consistently achieve the highest honors in guest satisfaction and operations excellence. For more information, visit www.hamistergroup.com.