GOLDEN PINEAPPLE AWARDS

On Tuesday, March 1st, CFHLA hosted its annual Golden Pineapple Awards dinner and celebration at the Orlando World Center Marriott (Thank you CFHLA Board Member and General Manager, Robert Bray!) This year, CFHLA recognized over 230 “front line” hospitality employees - from 63 Central Florida lodging properties - for exemplary service and outstanding customer satisfaction throughout 2021.

Additionally, Ryan Elijah of Fox 35, served as our guest emcee along with City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, who joined us for a special toast. During the awards dinner, CFHLA recognized and honored 13 “front-line” hospitality employees, as the winners for each of the categories.

CLICK HERE to read the full press release.

CLICK HERE to see the entire photo album.

Golden Pineapple Award Nominees with City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer
Suzanne Larson  
PeakCM  
March Lodging  
Member of the Month

Erin Arpke  
Avanti International Resort

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Golden Pineapple Award Nominees

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Partners of the Month:

Executive Committee Meeting
Clean Tec Outsourcing
Member Spotlight
JD Restorations
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Clean Tec Outsourcing

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

Outstanding Back Office Employee of the Year
Casey White
Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando - Lakewood

Outstanding Bell Person / Concierge Employee of the Year
Joshua Hoskins
Hyatt Regency Orlando

Outstanding Community Service Employee of the Year
Vinon Vincent
Marriott’s Cypress Harbour

Outstanding Convention Center / Banquet Employee of the Year
Curtis Freeman
DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal

Outstanding Culinary Employee of the Year
Mondarin "Mo" Williams
Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort

Outstanding Engineering Employee of the Year
Damian Chin
Coco Key Hotel and Water Park Resort

Outstanding Food & Beverage Service Employee of the Year
Susan Grogan
Sheraton Vistana Resort

Outstanding Front Office Employee of the Year
Valerie Neal
Staybridge Suites Orlando Royale Parc Suites

Outstanding Housekeeping Employee of the Year
Sandra Hill
Embassy Suites Orlando Downtown

Outstanding Laundry Employee of the Year
Santos Diaz
Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando East UCF

Outstanding Recreational Employee of the Year
Deirdre Wynn
Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes
Outstanding Security / Loss Prevention Employee of the Year
Linda Reed
Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Outstanding Steward/Dishwasher Employee of the Year
Daniel Acevedo
Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

CFHLA would like to thank our Golden Pineapple Award Sponsors:
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2022 CALENDARS & ANNUAL REPORT

Our new 2022 CFHLA Calendar and 2021 Annual Report is now available. Thank you to our CFHLA member Drip Communications for their help in producing and printing this year’s calendar/annual report! The colorful front cover celebrates the diversity of our workforce in the hospitality industry, as well as the guests that we welcome from around the globe!

Be sure to stop by our CFHLA office (during normal business hours) or pick up your copy at an upcoming CFHLA event!
CFHLA would like to thank our 2022 Calendar & Annual Report Sponsors:

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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND LIFESAVING TRAINING TODAY!

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TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 • 9:00-10:30AM
CFHLA OFFICES
6675 WESTWOOD BLVD, SUITE 210, ORLANDO, FL 32821

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
Registration Fee: $20 Per person
(Continental Breakfast will be provided)

This Training will cover:
• Overview of the Overdose Crisis & Opioid Epidemic
• Opioid & Overdose Basics
• Understanding Substance Use Disorder
• Prevention and Harm Reduction Techniques
• The W.W.W.W. on Narcan (naloxone)
• Florida’s Good Samaritan Protections

Additionally, you will receive 2 FREE Narcan kits to take with you.

SAVE THE DATE: LOCAL ONLINE AUCTION

CLICK HERE to save the link to the online auction that will begin next Wednesday, March 9th at 9:00 am.

Thank you to our Online Auction Sponsor:
UCF MEET AND GREET

Thank you CFHLA Board Member Paul Joseph, along with his team at Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress, for participating in this week’s “CFHLA Meet and Greet” at the CFHLA Student Lounge at the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management. This weekly event gives students the opportunity to listen, learn and connect with our local leaders from the hospitality industry.

Local Online Auction

Wednesday, March 9th @ 9:00AM -
Wednesday, March 16th @ 9:00PM

Many items up for bids including hotel stays, attraction tickets, gift certificates and more!
Partial proceeds to benefit the CFHLA Gives Scholarship Program through the CFHLA Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) organization.
THANK YOU HYATT REGENCY GRAND CYPRESS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH UCF ROSEN COLLEGE OF HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT!

CFHLA STUDENT AND FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

The CFHLA Foundation is continuing to accept applications for the Hospitality Student and Family Member Scholarships. If you or someone you know is interested in applying, please click the flyers or scan the QR codes below for more information.
Hospitality Scholarships
APPLY NOW!

SCAN QR Code for student eligibility and application

APPLICATIONS DUE BY
FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022

For more information, please contact us at
CFHLAFoundation@cfhla.org and/or 407-313-5022.

CFHLA Foundation Mission Statement:
To enrich an environment where the hospitality community
in Central Florida can grow and thrive.
2022 MEX TOUR

Great News for Central Florida! The 2022 #MEXTOUR, one of the top sports properties in North America, just announced yesterday that Orlando will host the 2022 opening match on **Wednesday, April 27th**. This match will kick off at 8:00 p.m. and will feature the Mexican National Team versus Guatemala at the newly-renovated Camping World Stadium.
Tickets for the Orlando MexTour match will go on sale via [www.MexTour.org](http://www.MexTour.org) on Tuesday, March 8th at 10 a.m. EST. Use code GO26 to access the presale.

Congratulations to the City of Orlando, Greater Orlando Sports Commission, Selección Nacional de México (Federación Mexicana de Fútbol), and Major League Soccer (MLS)/Soccer United Marketing (SUM) for bringing this exciting match to Orlando!

**CFHLA CELEBRATES NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH**

CFHLA is proud to celebrate the diversity of the hospitality industry and our entire Central Florida community. During the month of March, we’ll be celebrating National Women’s History Month as we highlight the success stories of several of our CFHLA members and leaders within the hospitality industry, on our social media platforms. So be on the lookout for these stories and more, over the next few weeks, as we...
continue to cultivate an environment where diversity and inclusion is celebrated throughout the Central Florida Hospitality Industry.

TRAVELHOST

CFHLA Member TravelHost Magazine/Orlando recently announced that they are launching a Brazilian edition of their publication, as a part of their aggressive expansion plan in Central Florida. TravelHost can be found in hotel rooms, online and through a variety of social channels.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR EXPANSION TRAVELHOST MAGAZINE/ORLANDO!

CLICK HERE to read the press release.

MEET THE VIP

Vulcan Surfacing has been in business since 2017.

Their first Central Florida hospitality client was the Florida Hotel & Conference Center in Orlando. They needed a long-term solution for their pool deck, walkways and outdoor meeting spaces which were constantly needing to be re-painted. They installed around 22,000 square feet of rubber surfacing directly over all of their exterior painted concrete in the summer of 2019 and is still looking beautiful today.

Recently, Vulcan did resurfacing work for Westgate at the Villas which was an 8,000 sq. ft. removal and replacement of surfacing for their splash pad.
THANK YOU VULCAN SURFACING, FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO CFHLA AND FOR SUPPORTING OUR MOTTO OF MEMBERS DOING BUSINESS WITH MEMBERS!

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