CFHLA RECOGNIZES HOSPITALITY WORKERS
FOR SUPERIOR SERVICE

Orlando, Fla (October 7, 2021) – On Thursday, September 30th, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) hosted its annual Golden Pineapple Awards dinner and celebration. This year, CFHLA recognized over 200 “front line” employees - from 54 Central Florida lodging properties - for their outstanding guest service in hospitality.

Additionally, this awards dinner and celebration honored 13 of Central Florida’s “front line” hospitality employees, who showed exemplary service throughout 2020 including:

Outstanding Back Office Employee of the Year
Amichelton Obei, Loews Hotels

Outstanding Bell Person / Concierge Employee of the Year
Robert Mejias, Floridays Resort Orlando

Outstanding Community Service Employee of the Year
Alfredo Edouard, Marriott’s Cypress Harbour

Outstanding Convention Center / Banquet Employee of the Year
Joan Calhoun, Orlando World Center Marriott
Outstanding Culinary Employee of the Year
Thu Ho, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Outstanding Engineering Employee of the Year
Roopnarayan Tulsieram, DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld

Outstanding Food & Beverage Service Employee of the Year
Lila Najar, Alfond Inn at Rollins

Outstanding Front Office Employee of the Year
Ruth Neal, DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Downtown

Outstanding Housekeeping Employee of the Year
Rose Cherfrere, Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando

Outstanding Laundry Employee of the Year
Ijeoma Obilar, Hyatt Regency Orlando

Outstanding Recreational Employee of the Year
Orlando Medina, Regal Palms Resort & Spa

Outstanding Security / Loss Prevention Employee of the Year
Terkessa Waithe, Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

Outstanding Steward/Dishwasher Employee of the Year
Virginie Joseph Luma, Margaritaville Resort Orlando

The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association’s mission is to advance tourism and the community through hospitality. As the world’s largest regional lodging association, CFHLA represents approximately 80 percent of the more than 125,500 hotel rooms in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, and nearly 500 “supplier” organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

For more information on the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, please visit www.cfhlao.org.

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