CFHLA ANNOUNCES THE 2022 GOLDEN PINEAPPLE AWARD WINNERS
This Annual Signature Event Recognizes Hospitality Workers For Superior Service

Orlando, Fla (March 3, 2022) – On Tuesday, March 1st, 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 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 dinner. During the awards dinner, CFHLA recognized and honored the following 13 “front-line” hospitality employees, as the winners for each of the categories.
The 2022 Golden Pineapple Award winners include:

**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

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.cfhl.org.

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