



March 17, 2023

MARCH ARC BREAKFAST



Steven Hollis, General Manager, Fantasy World Resort; Abed Ereikat, General Manager, Hilton Grand Vacations at SeaWorld; Michelle Logel, General Manager, Hyatt Place Orlando I-Drive/Convention Center; VIP Member Erin Sims, ARC Chair, President of Landform of Central Florida, Inc.

On **Tuesday, March 14th**, CFHLA held its second Allied Relations Council Meeting and Breakfast of the year.

The event was held at the [Avanti Palms Resort and Conference Center](#) (Thank you **Duane Dickson, General Manager**). Also, we'd like to thank

Absolute AV for their services at the event.

In addition to enjoying a tasty breakfast, members had the opportunity to hear from a panel comprised of newly elected CFHLA Board Members.

The discussion panel, which was moderated by ARC Chair, VIP Member, and CFHLA Board Member **Erin Sims** of [Landform of Central Florida, Inc.](#), included: **Abed Ereikat**, General Manager, [Hilton Grand Vacations at SeaWorld](#); **Steven Hollis**, General Manager, [Fantasy World Resort](#); and **Michelle Logel**, General Manager, [Hyatt Place Orlando I-Drive/Convention Center](#).

The panel spoke about their careers in the hospitality industry, and provided updates on their respective properties.



CFHLA would also like to thank the 2023 Allied Relations Council Breakfast Sponsor, [Wealth Management Strategies of Central Florida](#), for their support of "Members Doing Business With Members!"



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE, CEDRIC PAS

CFHLA is sad to share the news of the passing of Cedric Pas a longtime Member, friend, and Board Member to CFHLA and the hospitality industry.

After a courageous battle with cancer, Cedric passed away suddenly on February 25, 2023, surrounded by his loving family. Cedric was an amazing person who touched a so many of our lives.

A Celebration of Cedric's life is being planned for Wednesday, April 5 at the

[Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area](#).

If you are able to join us and celebrate Cedric, please [CLICK HERE](#) to RSVP. Light hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided. Guests are encouraged to share stories and memories of Cedric with his wife Tania and their children Isabella and Sebastian.

For those wishing to assist Cedric's family during this difficult time, a [gofundme](#) page has been set up.



Please join us in celebrating the life of

Cedric PAS

A longtime Member, Friend and Board Member to CFHLA and the hospitality industry.

February 12, 1972 - February 25, 2023

Wednesday
5th of April, 2023
5 - 7 p.m.

Lakeview East Room
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista
Disney Springs Resort Area

Please
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to RSVP

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**CFHLA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS DEADLINE IS
THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 19**



HOSPITALITY STUDENT & FAMILY MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY NOW!



Since 2000, the CFHLA Foundation has awarded more than \$1 Million in Hospitality Student & Family Member Scholarships.

[Click on the link to get your application started today!](#)

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MARCH 19, 2023

The CFHLA Foundation deadline for applications for the Hospitality Student Scholarships and Family Member Scholarships is this **Sunday, March 19, 2023!**

This is your final chance to complete or finish your applications!

If you know of someone who is interested in applying, please click on the links below to either begin or complete the process of submitting your application.

[CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarships](#)

[CFHLA Family Member Scholarships](#)



THE MADNESS COMES TO ORLANDO



Members and guests of CFHLA were proud to support one of the biggest sporting events of the year, as they take on **Rounds 1 & 2 of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament** at the [Amway Center](#).

Commonly referred to as 'March Madness,' eight teams were chosen to compete in Orlando this week, with two schools eventually advancing to play in next week's Sweet 16.

Congratulations to the [Greater Orlando Sports Commission](#), the [University of Central Florida](#) and all of the others who were involved in securing this incredible sporting event and providing Central Florida with another memorable guest experience!



DECA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

This April, DECA will be hosting the [International Career Development Conference](#) where over 20,000 students will be competing in different areas of business!

DECA is seeking local industry professionals to serve as volunteer judges on April 23rd, 24th, and 25th at the [Orange County Convention Center](#).

For more information and to register as a judge for this competition, please [CLICK HERE](#).



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SUMMER INTERNS AT NO COST TO THE EMPLOYER?

This summer, [CareerSource Central Florida \(CSCF\)](#) is partnering with the hospitality industry to invite employers to establish a 4-week summer internship opportunity for our local high school students.

CSCF's Summer Youth Experience provides seasonal help for employers while providing students with a hands-on work experience, additional workforce training, and increased networking opportunities.

Additionally, **CSCF will cover all of the students' wages (and insurance)** during the four-week paid internship.

This is an excellent opportunity for the hospitality industry to support and develop the future workforce and community leaders, right here in Central Florida. To learn more about this program and to apply, please [CLICK HERE](#).



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MARCH MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



Jonathan Raz
[Signia by Hilton](#)
[Orlando Bonnet Creek](#)



Luis Rivera
[Clean Tec Outsourcing](#)

MEET THE VIP

Did You Know...The Team at [Minuteman Press Sandlake](#) appreciates all of the relationships we have developed within CFHLA. The hoteliers, engineers and allied members have been a big part of our growth and it means the world. We would love to develop a working relationship with all CFHLA members, even if you may not need our services! If you do, keep in mind we specialize in hotel/vacation property signage (indoor/outdoor), wayfinding, ADA and ALL TYPES of other signage and printing. We want to help make your upcoming project, stress free, on budget with our team supporting you the whole way!



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on upcoming events, or to register, just click on the links below.

- [CFHLA Foundation Board Meeting \(3/24/2023\)](#)
- [Membership Committee Meeting \(3/27/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting and VIP Member Reception \(3/29/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA PAC/PC Board of Directors Meeting \(4/5/2023\)](#)
- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(4/6/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(4/11/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Wednesday Morning Leads Group \(4/12/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Wednesday Noon Leads Group \(4/12/2023\)](#)
- [Security & Safety Council Meeting \(4/13/2023\)](#)
- [Clay Shoot Station Sponsorships \(4/14/2023\)](#)
- [Seminole County General Managers Luncheon \(4/25/2023\)](#)
- [Osceola County General Managers Luncheon \(4/27/2023\)](#)
- [Vacation Ownership Council Meeting \(5/4/2023\)](#)
- [I-Drive/LBV Area General Managers Meeting and Reception \(5/10/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Hob Nob - Allied Registration \(5/17/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Hob Nob - Lodging Registration \(5/17/2023\)](#)
- [Airport Area General Managers Luncheon \(5/23/2023\)](#)

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