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CFHLA ANNOUNCES THE 2023 GOLDEN PINEAPPLE AWARD WINNERS

This Annual Signature Event Recognizes Hospitality Workers for Superior Service

ORLANDO, FLA (March 3, 2023) – On Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Hyatt Regency Orlando, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) hosted its annual Golden Pineapple Awards dinner and celebration.

This year, CFHLA recognized over 280 “front line” and management/supervisor employees from 70 different Central Florida lodging properties, for their exemplary service and outstanding customer satisfaction throughout 2022.

Additionally, George Waldenberger of WFTV 9, served as the emcee for the event, which attracted nearly 1,100 attendees.

Throughout the evening, CFHLA recognized and honored the following fifteen hospitality employees, as the winners for each of the designated categories.

The 2023 Golden Pineapple Award winners include:

Outstanding Back Office Employee of the Year

Debra Williams, Sheraton Vistana Resort

Outstanding Bell Person/Concierge Employee of the Year

Abdellah Falous, Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive

Outstanding Community Service Employee of the Year

Lisandra Rivera, Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort

Outstanding Convention Center/Banquet Employee of the Year

Eduardo Rodriquez, Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

Outstanding Culinary Employee of the Year

Enrique Gonzalez, DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld

Outstanding Engineering Employee of the Year

Jose Alvarez, Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando International Drive ICON Park

Outstanding Food & Beverage Service Employee of the Year

Luis Nunez, Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort

Outstanding Front Office Employee of the Year

Angelo Moncayo, Holiday Inn Orlando International Airport

Outstanding Housekeeping Employee of the Year

Christina Derival, Universal's Aventura Hotel

Outstanding Laundry Employee of the Year

Alix Escalante, Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport

Outstanding Recreational Employee of the Year

Christopher Quinonez, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort

Outstanding Security/Loss Prevention Employee of the Year

Vanessa Fleurilien, Sheraton Vistana Villages

Outstanding Steward/Dishwasher Employee of the Year

Nairobi Chirinos, Hyatt Regency Orlando

Outstanding Back of House Management Employee of the Year

Jennifer Olivo, Springhill Suites Lake Buena Vista South

Outstanding Front of House Management Employee of the Year

Farah Strickland, The Grove Resort & Spa

The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's mission is to represent the Central Florida Hospitality Industry, by setting the standard of excellence through advocacy, collaboration, education, recognition, and service. As the largest regional lodging association in the United States, CFHLA represents approximately 80 percent of the more than 129,500 hotel rooms in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, and the 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.cfhla.org.