



April 28, 2023

CFHLA GIVES LUNCHEON SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY & EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

We would like to once again offer our congratulations to the **57 student and family member scholarship recipients**, as well as the **seven community and educational grant recipients**, that received their awards during last week's **CFHLA Gives Luncheon** at the [Hilton Orlando](#) (Thank You, **Chris Mueller**).

A complete list of honorees can be found below.

In total, the CFHLA Foundation was PROUD TO AWARD another \$208,500 this year, in student scholarships and grants! This now brings our total awarded hospitality student and family member scholarships to more than \$1,200,000 since 2000!

COMMUNITY & EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

[Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts](#)
\$25,000, (Year 9 of 10 Commitment), for \$250,000 total

Valencia College Foundation

\$5,000, (Year 10 of 10 Commitment), for \$50,000 total

UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

\$10,000, (Year 2 of 2 Commitment), for \$20,000 total

***Dr. Jeff Weinland Memorial Scholarship Fund**

\$25,000, *New for 2023, for \$25,000 total

**To provide scholarship awards to one or more students annually,
in his honor, at UCF Rosen College.**

***Seminole State College**

\$5,000, *New for 2023, \$5,000 total

**To support the College's new Hospitality and Tourism Management
Program that began in 2019.**

***Wekiva High School**

\$6,900, New for 2023, \$6,900 total

**To support the installation of six bakery workstations within the
classroom and be one of three schools in the state to learn these skills.**

***Oak Ridge High School**

\$2,600, *New for 2023, \$2,600 total

**To create several hands-on and interactive simulation zones such as an
executive suite, a mock hotel room, a serv safe food storage and prep
area, a call center, a boardroom style multi-purpose room, and
a back-of-the-house zone.**



FAMILY MEMBER HOSPITALITY RECIPIENTS

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

ATMFLA

Abigail Lyons

Tallahassee Community College

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#)

Adrianna Mercedes-Torres

Florida Gulf Coast University

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#)

Ximena Villegas

University of Florida

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Hyatt Regency Orlando](#)

Luis Mavarez

Orange Technical College

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Orange County Convention Center](#)

Diego Espinoza

Valencia College

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Withum](#)

Morgan Combs

University of Tampa

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek/Waldorf Astoria Orlando](#)

Diana D'sa

Seminole State College

CFHLA Family Member Scholarship

[Wealth Management Strategies of Central Florida/Equitable Advisors](#)

Morgan Bucher

University of North Florida



HOSPITALITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Antonietta Feroce

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Alli Moyer

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Allison Koch

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Jade Martineau

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Melissa Radley

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Rachael McCann

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Andrea Harris

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Ashley Champagne

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Caleb Jessee

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Reilly Hoellein

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Irene Veronica Cantillo

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Jada Constant

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Jiayi Tan

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CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Julia Anderson

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Mahala Geronasso

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Marlo Moore

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Liv Wastier

UCF Rosen College

Clean Tec Services Student Scholarship

Marcella Lewis

UCF Rosen College

Clean Tec Services Student Scholarship

Natasha Spara

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Abigail Cohen

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Alexis Tirrell

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Brandon Celani

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Camila Viera

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Caroline Renjilian

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Cathy Hasselberger

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Joseph Hollifield

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Michael Mestre

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Monica Torres Mondragon

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Morgan Dodson

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Sophie Duguid

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Taylor Sackella

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

William J Zambelli

UCF Rosen College

CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarship

Zykeria Rolle

UCF Rosen College

Frank Gay Commercial Student Scholarship

Hojun Cho

UCF Rosen College

Global Sourcing International Student Scholarship

Daniel Neddo

UCF Rosen College

ATMFLA Student Scholarship

Michael A. McFarlin, Jr.

UCF Rosen College

System Tech Services Student Scholarship

Camila Hernandez

Valencia College

Addition Financial Student Scholarship

Danielle Tatham

UCF Rosen College

Clean Tec Outsourcing Student Scholarship

Michael Macchiarola

UCF Rosen College

Marriott Business Council Student Scholarship

Alexa Perez

UCF Rosen College

Greenery Productions Student Scholarship

Annika Swayze

UCF Rosen College

Landform of Central Florida Student Scholarship

Elizabeth Cardona

Orange Technical College

Walt Disney World Student Scholarship

Diana Gonzalez

UCF Rosen College

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort Student Scholarship

Noah Pompa
UCF Rosen College

**Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek /
Waldorf Astoria Orlando Student Scholarship**

Payson Van Lom
UCF Rosen College

**Don and Lorraine Freeburg Foundation Scholarship
(in Partnership with the Caribe Royale Orlando)**

Jonah Thompson
Valencia College

**Don and Lorraine Freeburg Foundation Full Ride Scholarship - 2021
(in Partnership with the Caribe Royale Orlando)**

Javyn Alexander
Valencia College

**Don and Lorraine Freeburg Foundation Full Ride Scholarship - 2022
(in Partnership with the Caribe Royale Orlando)**

Sophia Chase-Azzaoui
UCF Rosen College

**Don and Lorraine Freeburg Foundation Full Ride Scholarship - 2023
(in Partnership with the Caribe Royale Orlando)**

Melanie Bezold
UCF Rosen College



[Click Here to View Photos from the Gives Luncheon](#)

SEMINOLE COUNTY GENERAL MANAGERS LUNCHEON



On Tuesday, April 25th, the **Seminole County General Managers** held their latest luncheon at the [Hilton Orlando Altamonte Springs](#) (Thank You **Jaclyn Lorigan, General Manager**).

This informative meeting provided additional information on the proposed Seminole County Tourist Improvement District, as well as the proposed Seminole County indoor sports complex.

CFHLA would like to thank our **2023 Seminole County General Managers meeting sponsor**, [Spinout Guest Laundries](#) for their continued support!



OSCEOLA COUNTY GENERAL MANAGERS LUNCHEON



On **Thursday, April 27th**, the **Osceola County General Managers** held their luncheon at the [Wyndham Orlando Resort and Conference Center](#) (Thank You **Glen Vlastic, General Manager**).

This meeting featured an in-depth presentation from **Steven Kane, Transportation and Transit Director**, regarding transportation updates and projects for [Osceola County](#).



CFHLA would also like to thank our **2023 Osceola County General Managers meeting sponsor**, [Spinout Guest Laundries](https://www.spinoutinc.com) for their support!



MAY ALLIED RELATIONS COUNCIL BREAKFAST
LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER



ALLIED RELATIONS COUNCIL BREAKFAST

*"Why the Political Process is So Important and
How it Affects Your Business and the
Hospitality Industry"*

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 8:00AM - 9:00AM

**Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area
1850 Hotel Plaza Blvd, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830**

Moderated by:



Erin Sims
President
Landform of Central Florida
Board Member, CFHLA PAC & PC

Featured panelists:



Brad Boland
Vice President of Development
Innovative Hospitality Partners
Board Member, CFHLA PAC & PC



Jay Leonard
General Manager
Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort
Disney Springs Resort Area
Chair, CFHLA PAC & PC Board



Jackie Bozzuto
Partner
Lowndes
Board Member, CFHLA PAC & PC



Jason Lopez
General Manager
DoubleTree by Hilton at the
Entrance to Universal
Board Member, CFHLA PAC & PC

**Corporate
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**Registration:
\$35 per person
[CLICK HERE to Register](#)**

All registrations are due by Thursday, May 4, 2023. Cancellations must be submitted in writing to faith.moore@cfhla.org and will not be taken after Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 2:00PM.

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DENNIS HALE NAMED 2022 EMBASSY SUITES GENERAL MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to **Dennis Hale**, General Manager of the [Embassy Suites by Hilton™ Orlando Lake Buena Vista South](#), who was recently honored as the **2022 General Manager of the Year!**

This award recognizes the General Manager, whose hotel ranks highest in a combined score of Problem Resolution, Problem Avoidance, Hilton Honors

Enrollment, RevPAR Index growth over Embassy Suites Brand average, and Overall Experience score of guest satisfaction.

The award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the entire team at the property, and the Sierra Land Group ownership group.

[Click Here](#) to read the full announcement.

Congratulations again Dennis!



R.P RAMA AWARDED WITH INNOVATION AWARD AT AAHOA CONVENTION

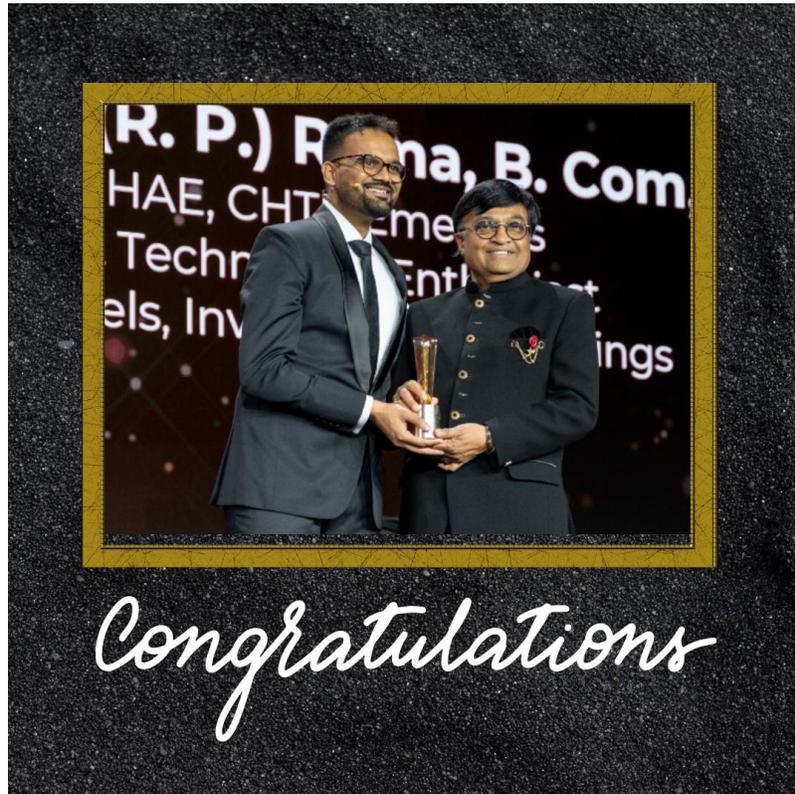
Congratulations to **CFHLA Board of Directors Member, R.P. Rama**, president of [Saron Holdings and Hotels](#), who was presented with the Innovation Award at the recent 2023 Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) Convention & Trade Show in Los Angeles.

Rama, a lifetime member of the AAHOA, is a pioneer in the industry and has been a big advocate, when it comes to leveraging technology within the industry.

The Innovation Award is for individuals who have gone above and beyond introducing technology to AAHOA Members and the industry at large.

[Click Here](#) to read the full announcement and see the video presentation of R.P.'s award.

Congratulations again R.P.!



IT'S TIME FOR THE CFHLA SECURITEE GOLF CLASSIC

CFHLA SecurTee Golf Classic



Proudly Sponsored By:



Friday, June 23, 2023

8:00 am Shotgun Start - Scramble Format

Celebration Golf Club

701 Golf Park Dr., Celebration, FL 34747

\$175 per Player or \$700 per Foursome
(Includes Lunch and 1 Raffle Ticket)

A portion of the net proceeds from this event will go to support the CFHLA Foundation, a 501 c3 organization, as well as local first responders and other good will initiatives for the community.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



For additional information, please contact Faith Moore at 407-313-5015 or faith.moore@cfhla.org

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ORLANDO BUSINESS JOURNAL'S 40 UNDER 40 AWARDS

The [Orlando Business Journal](#) recently announced this year's **40 Under 40 Awards**, recognizing Central Florida's brightest young business leaders based on demonstrated business success over the past 12 to 18 months.

Among this year's recipients are six honorees representing CFHLA Member Businesses and Partners.

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees, including the following CFHLA Members:

- **Ashley Blasewitz**, senior vice president of donor and volunteer experiences, [Heart of Florida United Way](#)
- **Chris Brown**, executive director, [Orlando Repertory Theatre](#)
- **Lori Gustafon**, executive vice president and chief brand and digital officer, [Marriott Vacations Worldwide](#)
- **Rachel Moalli**, director of corporate affairs, [Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts](#)
- **Bryan Waldron**, regional sales manager, [Naples Hotel Group](#)
- **Elizabeth Watkins**, senior manager government relations, [Walt Disney Company](#)



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 HUMAN RESOURCES SEMINAR SERIES



2023 HUMAN RESOURCES SEMINAR SERIES

Seminar Pricing:

3 Seminar Package: \$135

Seminar #1: \$50

Seminar #2: \$50

Seminar #3: \$50

CFHLA Policy:

Cancellations must occur at least 7 days in advance to qualify for a refund. Registrations may be transferred between company employees.

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For more information, please contact **Melanie Anesh** at melanie.anesh@cfhla.org or 407-313-5022

SEMINAR #1

How to Navigate Emerging Risks and Trends

Thursday, June 8, 2023

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Orlando World Center Marriott

8701 World Center Drive,
Orlando, FL 32821

SEMINAR #2

2023 Annual Legal Update

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center (before HEAT)

6000 West Osceola Parkway,
Kissimmee, FL 34746

SEMINAR #3

Workforce and Immigration Policy and Updates

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

UCF Rosen College of Hospitality

- **Disney Dining Room**

9907 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32819

**CLICK HERE
TO REGISTER**

PARTNERS IN ACTION - DOMINO'S PLAYS HOST TO WEKIVA HIGH SCHOOL FOR FIELD TRIP



Earlier this month, [Domino's](#) hosted students from CFHLA's High School Outreach Partner, [Wekiva High School](#).

The 10th, and 11th-grade Culinary Students enjoyed a behind-the-scenes pizza-making experience, as Domino's set up multiple stations for dough, cheese, and sauce, then each student was able to top their pizza with anything they wanted and eat it. Students also got to watch Domino's top team in the Fastest Pizza Maker competition!

Thank you, Cindy Traenkner, Amy Walsh, and the team at Domino's for hosting this interactive and memorable visit for Wekiva High School culinary students!

PARTNERS IN ACTION - CLEAN TEC SERVICES

Recently, the team at [Clean Tec Services](#) dropped off school supplies needed for the end of the school year at their CFHLA Adopt-A-School partner, [Orlo Vista Elementary](#).

They have been huge supporters and partners of the school for over four years!

Thank you, Clean Tec Services, for everything you do to help Central Florida students succeed!



PARTNERS IN ACTION - ORLANDO GATEWAY'S HAMPTON INN AND SUITES AND HYATT HOUSE ORLANDO AIRPORT

Orlando Gateway's [Hampton Inn and Suites](#) and [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#) recently assisted their Adopt-A-School partners [Cheney Elementary](#) and [Little River Elementary](#) Schools.

The team stepped up to volunteer for field day and also assisted in a sock donation where the Gateway Cluster gathered 256 pairs for the donation effort.

Thank you to the team at Hampton Inn and Suites and Hyatt House

Orlando Airport for your continued commitment to education in Central Florida!



MEMBERS DOING BUSINESS WITH MEMBERS - CAROUSEL'S & HOLIDAY INN RESORT ORLANDO SUITES - WATERPARK

Recently, CFHLA learned about a great story regarding our Members fulfilling the CFHLA Motto, "Members Doing Business With Members."

After months of discussions and planning, [Carousel's](#) was pleased to announce the debut of their newest kiosk at the [Holiday Inn Resort Orlando Suites - Waterpark](#).

Nestled in the heart of the fun-filled waterpark, where guests can enjoy waterslides, the massive pool, a kids' splash pad, and more, you can now find their permanent (yet mobile) kiosk, where you can indulge in their fruity, frozen ice that delivers a creamy texture and a condensed tidal wave of flavor, without the dairy, fat, and calories of other frozen treats.

The partnership between Carousel's and IHG is a testament to the

professionalism and gourmet standards that both exemplify with every swirl. Both are renowned for their commitment to quality and giving back to their community, as well as making a difference for their guests, colleagues, owners and communities, and to protecting the world around us.

Interested in learning more about this opportunity for your property? [Click Here](#) for more information.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

APRIL MEMBERS OF THE MONTH



John McCracken
[Marriott Village Orlando](#)



Chad Rocheford
[Crown Linen LLC](#)

MEET THE SILVER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [Vacation Ownership Council Meeting \(5/4/2023\)](#)
- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(5/4/2023\)](#)

- [Diversity Committee Meeting \(5/8/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Breakfast \(5/9/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(5/9/2023\)](#)
- [Leads Groups \(5/10/2023\)](#)
- [I-Drive/LBV Area General Managers Meeting and Reception \(5/10/2023\)](#)
- [Security & Safety Council Meeting \(5/11/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Hob Nob - Allied Registration \(5/17/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Hob Nob - Lodging Registration \(5/17/2023\)](#)
- [Airport Area General Managers Luncheon \(5/23/2023\)](#)
- [Government Affairs Meeting \(5/24/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Board of Directors Meeting \(5/31/2023\)](#)
- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(6/1/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(6/6/2023\)](#)
- [HR Seminar Series #1 \(6/8/2023\)](#)
- [Security & Safety Council Meeting \(6/8/2023\)](#)
- [State of Orange County Address \(6/9/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(6/13/2023\)](#)
- [Leads Groups \(6/14/2023\)](#)
- [Employee Relations Committee Meeting \(6/14/23\)](#)
- [Foundation Board Meeting \(6/20/2023\)](#)
- [Government Affairs Meeting \(6/21/2023\)](#)
- [2023 Orlando City Soccer Club - Hospitality Night \(6/21/2023\)](#)
- [SecuriTee Golf Classic \(6/23/2023\)](#)

[**Click Here to View Upcoming
CFHLA Meetings & Events**](#)

JOB OPENINGS

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