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## 2023 CFHLA HOB NOB



On Wednesday, May 17th, CFHLA hosted our annual **Hob Nob** at the [DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal Orlando](#) (Thank You, **Jason Lopez, General Manager**).

This Reverse Tradeshow provided **more than 350 CFHLA Allied and Lodging Members** with the opportunity to meet one-on-one for numerous

three-Minute "speed meetings" throughout the day.

Thank you again to all of our sponsors, members, and the representatives from the 63 properties who supported us for this fantastic annual networking event!



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## CFHLA WELCOMES THE LEADERSHIP MENTORING PROGRAM, CLASS II

CFHLA is proud to announce the selection of **17 mentees and 30 mentors**, who will participate in CFHLA's Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II. Each

of these individuals represent **our up-and-coming diverse and future leaders of the hospitality industry** throughout Orange, Osceola, and Seminole County.

This year, the program has now **doubled in size** and each participant will be mentored by at least two industry professionals throughout the year.

Congratulations again to this year's participants and [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this year's Class!

**CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Class II**

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|  <p>Angelina Cortez<br/>CEO<br/>Pet2Go International</p>   |  <p>Lillian Fernandez<br/>Food &amp; Beverage Supervisor<br/>Delta Marriott Hotel<br/>Orlando Celebration</p>              |  <p>Will Gates<br/>Assistant Executive Housekeeping<br/>Manager Hyatt Regency Orlando</p>                        |  <p>Chase Guarino<br/>Project Manager<br/>Titan Flooring Inc.</p>                                       |  <p>Khalil Hassin<br/>Front Office Supervisor<br/>Embassy Suites ICON Park</p>                 |
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|  <p>Tremaine Williams<br/>Kitchen Supervisor at Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park</p>           |  <p>CFHLA<br/>Central Florida<br/>Hotel &amp; Lodging Association</p>  |  <p>Danielle Wilson<br/>Front Office Manager at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North</p>               |   |   |

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# 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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## **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

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## **CFHLA MEMEBRS RECOGNIZED IN LATEST MICHELIN GUIDE RANKINGS**

The **MICHELIN Guide**, a foodie fan's roadmap to gastronomic heaven, released its 2023 selections for the Orlando area, which **included a total of 11 CFHLA Members**.

[MICHELIN Guide distinctions in Orlando:](#)

**MICHELIN One Star Designations:**

[Capa](#) at the [Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World® Resort](#) -

[Knife & Spoon](#) at [The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes](#)

**MICHELIN Recommendations:**

[California Grill](#) at [Disney's Contemporary Resort](#)

[Citricos](#) at [Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa](#)

[Four Flamingos, A Richard Blais Florida Kitchen](#) at [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#)

[Morimoto Asia](#) at [Disney Springs at the Walt Disney World Resort](#)

[Primo](#) at [JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes](#)

[Ravello](#) at [Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World® Resort](#)

[Sear + Sea](#) at [JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa](#)

[Toledo](#) at [Gran Destino Tower at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort](#)

[Victoria & Albert's](#) at [Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa](#)

**Congratulations to all of those honored and Bon Appétit!**



## DELTA MARRIOTT HOTEL OLANDO CELEBRATION CELEBRATES RIBBON CUTTING & RE-GRAND OPENING



Congratulations to **CFHLA Board 1st Vice Chair and General Manager Jeff Swirsky** and his entire team at the [Delta Hotels by Marriott Orlando Celebration](#) on their ribbon cutting and re-grand opening this week!

Following its extensive \$35 million renovation, the Celebration hotel now boasts 718 rooms, over 16,000 sq. feet of meeting space, an outdoor function area, and various dining options, including the newly renovated Pointe restaurant and updated poolside bar and grill, Rum Shack.

**Once again, congratulations to the Delta Hotels by Marriott Orlando Celebration on a successful re-launch!**



## HILTON ORLANDO SCORES WITH FASTBREAK





Congratulations to the [Hilton Orlando](#) who unveiled its latest dining concept with the debut of [FastBreak](#) this past Wednesday!

Under the direction of **CFHLA Board Treasurer and Hotel General Manager Chris Mueller** and **Executive Chef David Scalise**, FastBreak is dubbed as Orlando's ultimate sports bar.

Fans can grab a spot at the indoor bar or the outdoor Biergarten. Every seat has a view when the game is on, so you'll never miss any of the action. Fastbreak serves up all-American eats and a wide variety of beers on tap. The drinks flow as easily as the conversations and delicious eats are always the MVP.

**Congratulations to Chris and the FastBreak team; we're sure it will be a slam dunk!**



## **WEKIVA HIGH SCHOOL CULINARY YEAR-END AWARDS BANQUET**

Last week, our **CFHLA High School Outreach** Partner, [Wekiva High School](#), proudly hosted its end-of-year awards banquet to celebrate the

successes of this year's culinary students!

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors were recognized for outstanding accomplishments in the classroom and at local, state, and national culinary competitions. Additionally, various businesses and community partners were recognized for their time and support of the program throughout the year.

Chefs from CFHLA members [Walt Disney World Resort](#) and [Hyatt Hotels](#) were recognized for their mentorship. **Cindy Traenkner, Amy Walsh**, and the entire [Domino's](#) team received special recognition for their time and support of the program's new pizza station, and an unforgettable field trip for Culinary sophomores to one of their Domino's stores.

Lastly, Chef Bates thanked CFHLA for their continued partnership and the **recent Educational Grant of \$6,900**. This educational grant will be utilized towards the installation of **six new bakery workstations** (only two others throughout the state of Florida).

We are excited about the future of this program and the next generation of Culinary Leaders in Central Florida!

**Thank you, Chef Bates, Cindy, Amy, and all the CFHLA members who support the incredible students of Wekiva High School's Culinary Magnet Program!**



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## **PARTNERS IN ACTION - THE CELESTE HOTEL, ORLANDO**

Recently, in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, the team at [The Celeste Hotel, Orlando, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel](#), visited the temporary home of [Riverdale Elementary School](#), by bringing breakfast to the administrators and teachers.

**Thank you to everyone at The Celeste Hotel, Orlando, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel for continuing to engage with our community and helping to support our educational partners throughout Central Florida!**



**PARTNERS IN ACTION - WYNDHAM ORLANDO RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER CELEBRATION**

The [Wyndham Orlando Resort and Conference Center Celebration](#) recently welcomed the team and students from the AFS Intercultural Program.

AFS develops Intercultural Programs for international exchange students from around the world. In the case of the group that visited **CFHLA Board Member and General Manager Glen Vlastic** and his team, the high school seniors were finishing up a 10-month exchange program and came from Italy, Austria, South Africa, Columbia, and Mexico.

AFS itself is a voluntary, non-governmental, non-profit organization that with mentors, provides intercultural learning opportunities helping the students to develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed to create a more just and peaceful world.

**Thank you to the Wyndham Orlando Resort and Conference Center team for being an active community partner and assisting in the continued success of this program!**



## **PARTNERS IN ACTION - CASTLE HOTEL**

The [Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection](#), also recently conducted a food and clothing collection drive for their Adopt-A-School partner, [Tangelo Park Elementary School](#).

In addition, the property is also sponsoring graduation shirts for students at the school.

Thank you to CFHLA Board Member and General Manager, Anna Snow and everyone at Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection for your generosity and support of these students!



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- [GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MEETING \(5/24/2023\)](#)
- [HURICANE PREPAREDNESS SEMINAR \(5/25/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING \(5/31/2023\)](#)
- [MAY AFTER HOURS \(5/31/2023\)](#)
- [ENGINEERS COUNCIL BOARD MEETING \(6/1/2023\)](#)
- [ADOPT-A-SCHOOL & CARES COMMITTEE 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 \(6/20/2023\)](#)
- [HEAT COMMITTEE MEETING \(6/20/2023\)](#)
- [GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS MEETING \(6/21/2023\)](#)
- [ORLANDO CITY SOCCER HOSPITALITY NIGHT \(6/21/2023\)](#)
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