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**CFHLA ANNOUNCES NEWEST LEADERSHIP MENTORING CLASS**

**ORLANDO, FLA** (May 19, 2023) – Today, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (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.

In 2022, the CFHLA Diversity Committee led the charge to create a brand-new and innovative leadership mentoring program, that would be designed to build more diverse leaders within the hospitality industry moving forward. In the inaugural class, CFHLA had 16 mentors help eight rising stars advance in their careers, by providing skill-development opportunities to a diverse group of mid-level leaders from various lodging and allied member companies across Central Florida.

This year, the program has nearly doubled in size and each participant will be mentored by at least two industry professionals throughout the year. Furthermore, the participants will focus on developing additional transferable leadership skills including leadership management, public speaking, networking, conflict resolution and emotional intelligence.

Congratulations to the following 17 individuals been selected to participate in Class II of the CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program:

<b>Angelina Cortez</b>	CEO, Pet2Go International
<b>Lilian Fernandez</b>	Food & Beverage Supervisor, Delta Marriott Hotel Orlando Celebration
<b>Will Gates</b>	Assistant Executive Housekeeping Manager, Hyatt Regency Orlando
<b>Chase Guarino</b>	Project Manager, Titan Flooring Inc.
<b>Khalil Hassin</b>	Front Office Supervisor, Embassy Suites ICON Park
<b>Jeremy Mercado</b>	Account Executive, Audio Visual Connection, Inc.
<b>Tony Morales</b>	Guest Services Manager, Hyatt House Orlando Airport

<b>Shane Oliver</b>	Manager, Front Office, Hilton Grand Vacations - Liki Tiki Village Resort
<b>Javier Ortiz-Trujillo</b>	Front Office Supervisor, Delta by Marriott Orlando Celebration
<b>Mike Pezo</b>	Account Manager, Atlantic Southern Paving
<b>Lille Pidor</b>	Recruiting / Social Media Coordinator, AC by Marriott Orlando Downtown
<b>Candace Raines</b>	Loss Prevention Manager, Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Resort Area
<b>Gabby Soo Hong</b>	Signature Collection Manager, Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort
<b>Glorymar Velazquez</b>	Director of Operations, Kings Service Solutions
<b>Ariel Wheelock</b>	Front Office Supervisor, Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection
<b>Tremaine Williams</b>	Kitchen Supervisor, Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park
<b>Danielle Wilson</b>	Front Office Manager, Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North

Additionally, CFHLA would like to thank the following 30 hospitality professionals who have graciously agreed to help mentor the next generation of hospitality industry professionals.

<b>Cindy Andrews</b>	Sunbrite Outdoor Furniture, Inc.
<b>Simon T Bailey</b>	Simon T Bailey International
<b>Jonathan Barisano</b>	Universal's Aventura Hotel at Universal Orlando Resort
<b>Lana Burke</b>	Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park, Hampton Inn & Homewood Suites by Hilton Orlando I-Drive Convention Center
<b>Dan DeBord</b>	The Grove Resort & Spa
<b>Joe Delgado</b>	The Celeste Hotel Orlando, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel
<b>Glenn Dickerson</b>	Aloft Orlando Downtown
<b>Keith DiNatale</b>	Vacation Villas at Fantasy World
<b>Abed Erikat</b>	Hilton Grand Vacations
<b>Carolynn Fennel</b>	GOAA – Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
<b>John Gill</b>	Premier Oracle Elevator
<b>George Haq</b>	B & H Towels and Linens
<b>Colleen Hazen</b>	System Tech Services, Inc.
<b>Steven Hollis</b>	Vacation Villas at Fantasy World
<b>David Lindsay,</b>	FPIS, Inc., Distribution & Marketing Solutions
<b>Michelle Logel</b>	Hyatt Place Orlando I-Drive/Convention Center
<b>Ally Martin</b>	Hyatt House Orlando Airport
<b>Bruce McDonald</b>	Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
<b>Jon McGavin</b>	JW Marriott Orlando & Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes
<b>Clint Militzer</b>	Aloft & Element Orlando International Drive
<b>Jorge Reyes</b>	Holiday Inn Club Vacations – Orange Lake Resort
<b>Lou Rocco</b>	Global Sourcing International, LLC

<b>Julia Rodriguez</b>	Evermore Resort
<b>Danny Rogers</b>	Vulcan Surfacing, Inc.
<b>Yale Schwartz</b>	Yale & Schwartz
<b>Glen Vlasic</b>	Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center Celebration Area
<b>Brandon Whaley</b>	Mainscape, Inc.
<b>Dana Whitaker</b>	Prosegur Security
<b>Pete Woodruff</b>	Southeastern Laundry Equipment

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 more than 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](http://www.cfhla.org).

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