



September 22, 2023

Hyatt Meet & Greet at UCF Rosen

With the 2023 - 2024 school year in full swing, so are the [UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management](#) Meet & Greets!

This year, CFHLA has partnered with UCF Rosen College to host six different opportunities for students to speak with General Managers and leaders from the Events, Sales, Food & Beverage, and Human Resources departments about what it's like to work in hotels/resorts and what future career paths might be available.

Thank you to all of the leaders from [Hyatt House Orlando / International Drive](#), [Hyatt Place Orlando Airport](#), [Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress](#), [Hyatt Regency Orlando](#), and [Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport](#) and the more than 100 students, who participated in the first meet and greet of the Fall Semester on Wednesday, September 20.

Also, thank you so much to our CFHLA member properties for donating gift certificates to the first raffle for this event and congratulations to the seven student winners! We are so excited about the rest of the meet and greets that will take place throughout the 2023 - 2024 school year!




**Save the Date and Please Share! CFHLA CARES
Collection Drive Scheduled for October 18th**



Collection Drive for Students in Need
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 11:00AM - 3:00PM
CFHLA OFFICES
6675 Westwood Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32821
Donation Drop-Off Location is in the Office Complex Parking Lot

CFHLA is collecting school supplies, toiletry & hygiene products items for:

 **Orange County Public Schools**  **School District of OSCEOLA COUNTY FLORIDA**  **Seminole County Public Schools**

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

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



All Aboard! Brightline Officially Begins Service in Orlando



Congratulations to [Brightline](#), in partnership with [Orlando Health](#), on officially welcoming their first train today from Miami at the [Orlando International Airport \(MCO\)](#) train station! This is the first high-speed passenger rail line in the state of Florida and just the second to operate in the entire United States.

Thank you for inviting CFHLA to join today's "train-cutting" as our community welcomed the first arrival from South Florida! The train's new schedule (subject to change) will now include 16 daily round trips between Central and South Florida, with hourly northbound and southbound departures.

On behalf of the hospitality and tourism industry, we are extremely excited to welcome new guests daily to our destination #AllAboard the Brightline train!



**Have You Registered To Join Us At The CFHLA
Hospitality Gala?**

2023 CFHLA HOSPITALITY GALA

Saturday, December 16 6:00pm – 11:00pm

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6:00pm: Reception
7:00pm: Dinner & Awards Presentation
9:30pm - 11:00pm: Live Entertainment

EVENING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Recognition of the CFHLA Lodging, Allied & Engineer Members of the Year
- Presentation of the Charles Andrews Memorial Award for Community Leadership

\$220 / PERSON | \$2,200 / TABLE OF 10
Inclusive of All Food & Beverages (including alcohol)

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All guests must be at least 21 years of age to attend.
CFHLA REFUND POLICY: Cancellations must be received in writing prior to
Friday, December 1, 2023 to faith.moore@cfhla.org.

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Hilton Grand Vacations at SeaWorld Welcomes Clean the World

Recently, [Hilton Grand Vacations at SeaWorld](#) welcomed Clean the World, along with a German Television Show to interview General Manager and CFHLA Vacation Ownership Council Vice Chair, **Abed Ereikat**, as one of the

hospitality partners with Clean the World that is participating in the collection of soap.

In 2020, Hilton Grand Vacations joined Hilton's network of soap recycling partners through Clean the World and is committed to improving the quality of life for vulnerable communities around the world. From January 2020 to December 2022, HGV properties have donated more than 22,000 pounds of discarded soap, which have been recycled into nearly 120,000 bars of soap. In addition, HGV has donated over 11,000 pounds of unused bottled amenities.

Did you know that approximately 3,600 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable disease, and studies show that hand washing with soap and water is the single most effective way to prevent hygiene-related deaths? As a global hospitality company, HGV is proud to be good stewards of the environment as well as supporting our communities in need.

Thank you HGV and all of our hospitality partners who are committed to helping Clean the World save lives by delivering soap to communities vulnerable to hygiene-related illnesses!



Scott Tripoli Named Managing Director at the Omni Orlando ChampionsGate

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association is happy to welcome back to Central Florida, a former chair of the CFHLA Board of Directors, **Scott Tripoli**.

Scott was recently named the new Managing Director at [Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate](#).

Scott joins the Omni family from PCH Hotels & Resorts where he was the General Manager and Managing Director for the past seven years at their Grand Hotel Golf Resort and Spa in Alabama.

Scott has also held General Manager roles at properties in Florida including [Doubletree by Hilton Orlando at SeaWorld](#) and the [Crowne Plaza Orlando Universal](#). Scott was also an active member of several boards, including serving as Chairman and President, for Skal International Orlando and the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association.

CFHLA looks forward to working with Scott once again, back in Central Florida!

Welcome Back

SCOTT TRIPOLI

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CFHLA welcomes the return of Scott Tripoli in his new role as Managing Director, Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate



Universal Orlando Resort Celebrates Major Milestone for Team Member Volunteer Program

This year, marks the 25th anniversary of the [Universal Orlando Foundation](#) and the [Universal Orlando Resort](#) Team Member Volunteer Program.

Since the program's inception, Team Member volunteers have committed more than 580,000 hours of service and are on track to set a record by exceeding 50,000 hours this year.

To honor the milestone, 125 Universal Orlando volunteers recently supported [Second Harvest Food Bank](#), a local branch of Feeding America, by sorting 42,000 pounds of food to provide more than 30,000 meals to Central Florida families.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more about this milestone and **thank you Universal Orlando Foundation and Universal Orlando Resort for your outstanding record of philanthropy and community service to our community!**



CFHLA Partners Among Those Honored at Women in Sports Leadership Awards

Congratulations to CFHLA partners **Jennifer Lastik**, of the [Greater Orlando Sports Commission](#) and **Uneeke Armani**, of [Florida Citrus Sports](#) for being honored at the **Greater Orlando Sports Commission** Annual Celebrating Women in Sports luncheon last week!

Lastik's **Women in Sports Leadership Award** recognizes leaders who have helped make sports in Greater Orlando the successful industry it is today. It is an honor reserved for those who have given their time, energy and passion to improving the industry and taking it in new directions.

Armani's **Rising Star Award** recognizes a young female professional in the sports industry who has demonstrated strong leadership, initiative, and exceptional contributions early in their career. The award is intended to support and encourage the next generation of female sports industry leaders who will take sport to new heights.

Congratulations again to both of these recipients and thank you for all you do in promoting Central Florida!



Delta Hotel Orlando Celebration Hosting Blood Drive

Today, Friday September 22, the **OneBlood Big Red Bus** will roll into the [Delta Hotel Orlando Celebration](#) from 1 - 6pm.

Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, OneBlood T-shirt and a Wellness Checkup Kit which includes blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

To make an appointment, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code #62042.



DONATE BLOOD

Delta Hotel Orlando Celebration

Friday, September 22
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

All donors receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: The average human heart pumps 2000 gallons of blood each day.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **62042**

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*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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USA Fencing to Kick Off Season in Orlando



Ready, set, fence!

The 2023-24 fencing season is kicking off with a bang (well, technically a clang of steel) as **USA Fencing brings the October North American Cup to Orlando, from October 26 - 29, 2023.**

Congratulations to our partners at the [Greater Orlando Sports Commission](#) on securing this event, as the [Orange County Convention Center](#) will be buzzing with the electrifying sounds of blades meeting blades. And for fencers in Division I, the highest tournament classification, the stakes are even higher: This tournament offers valuable points toward qualification for the 2024 Olympic Games.

And best of all, admission is free!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the event.

Orlando City Gearing Up for Playoff Run



For the fourth consecutive year, our CFHLA partner [Orlando City](#), has clinched a spot in the Audi MLS Cup Playoffs.

As one of the first four teams from the Eastern Conference to secure a berth, the Lions will be playing for a chance to lift their first-ever MLS Cup.

Round one of the Best-of-Three format is expected to begin in late October. For more information about this year's playoff format, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Playoff ticket information has not yet been released, but fans are encouraged to provide their information [HERE](#) to be among the first to secure their tickets. Let's Go City!

CFHLA Heart of Hospitality

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association would like to congratulate this week's **"Heart of Hospitality"** professionals!

If you haven't been following us on our social media channels you should! We've been sharing the stories of our incredibly diverse hospitality professionals who are truly the "Heart of Hospitality" throughout Central Florida. Each industry professional has also been recognized and highlighted on the [CFHLA WEBSITE](#).

[Click here to learn more](#) about the recognition series and please help us share their amazing stories! Do you know someone that is the "Heart of

Hospitality" and should have their story shared? If so, please email us at communications@cfhla.org.



[Kenneth Huebler](#)
[Hard Rock Hotel at](#)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [CFHLA Board of Directors Retreat \(9/27/2023\)](#)
- [September After Hours Networking Reception \(9/27/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA PAC/PC Meeting \(9/28/2023\)](#)
- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(10/5/2023\)](#)
- [Halloween Golf Open Committee Meeting \(10/5/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(10/10/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(10/10/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Leads Groups \(10/11/2023\)](#)
- [Hospitality Gala Committee Meeting \(10/11/2023\)](#)

- [Active Assailant Training \(10/12/2023\) NEW DATE](#)

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