



September 29, 2023

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## CFHLA Board Retreat & After Hours Networking Reception



On Wednesday, September 27, our **CFHLA Board of Directors** held their **Annual Strategic Planning Retreat** as they reviewed the progress of the initiatives and objectives that were approved earlier this year as part of the

Association's new [five-year strategic plan](#).

Following the retreat, which was sponsored by [Clean Tec Services](#) and held at [Delta Hotels by Marriott Orlando Celebration](#), CFHLA hosted nearly 200 Members at our September After Hours Networking Reception. During this After Hours Reception, CFHLA honored and recognized our June, July, August and September [Lodging and Allied Members of the Month](#). Additionally, we welcomed the members of the [CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II](#).

Thank you again to our host [Delta Hotels by Marriott Orlando Celebration](#), for providing a variety of savory options during the reception and a special thanks to our Members who were onsite providing samples to all attendees including: [Barista Cup](#), [CoAqua NA, Inc.](#), [EG Vodka](#), and [Kombucha 211 B.C.](#)





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Wednesday, November 1, 2023

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

UCF Rosen College of Hospitality

- Disney Dining Room

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Orlando, FL 32819

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**CFHLA Meets with School Board Member Salamanca**



Earlier this week, CFHLA President/CEO **Robert Agrusa**, **Melanie Anesh**, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, and **Tammie Watts**, Government Affairs Manager, had the opportunity to meet with newly-elected [School Board Member Maria Salamanca, District 2, of Orange County Public Schools](#).

We were excited to share how our CFHLA members have partnered [OCPS](#) for over twenty years through the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and how the CFHLA Foundation has now awarded over \$1.2 million in hospitality student scholarships since 2000.

We also shared CFHLA's long-term strategic goals of continuing to support our local students with career development opportunities, including mentorship, site visits, and guest speakers through our High School Outreach Program and scholarships and internship opportunities after they graduate high school. We look forward to continuing to work with all of our Orange County School Board Members this year and beyond as we continue to help students succeed and achieve their career goals!

Thank you again, School Board Member Maria Salamanca for your time, commitment, and dedication to the students of Orange County!

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## Orlando Business Journal Honoring CFHLA President/CEO and Board Members

Please join us in congratulating [Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association](#) President/CEO **Robert Agrusa**, as well as CFHLA Board Members **Chris Mueller** of [Hilton Orlando](#) and **Jason Siegel** of [Greater Orlando Sports Commission](#), on being named an [Orlando Business Journal](#) 2023 Power Player Winners in Central Florida!

OBJ's 2023 Power Players in Central Florida are the winners in a nomination-based awards program highlighting individuals helping grow and innovate the way business is done throughout metro Orlando. Full coverage, including the categories for each winner, can be found in the 2023 Power Players in OBJ's November 10-16, 2023, weekly edition.

A complete list of Power Players can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#).

### Congratulations Chris and Jason!



**Robert Agrusa**  
President/CEO,  
CFHLA



**Chris Mueller**  
General Manager  
Hilton Orlando



**Jason Siegel**  
President/CEO  
Greater Orlando  
Sports Commission

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## Get Set to Launch into an Antarctica Adventure at SeaWorld Orlando



An all-new Penguin Trek Family Launch Coaster is coming to [SeaWorld Orlando](#) in 2024.

This will be the coolest research mission you've ever joined! Prepare for [Penguin Trek](#), an unforgettable family launch coaster adventure through the breathtaking vastness of Antarctica. Race along with your team through twists and turns, narrowly escaping the hazards of an icy cavern before reaching the ultimate discovery: a real penguin habitat!

This new indoor/outdoor ride is the most immersive addition to the Coaster Capital of Orlando. It's a thrilling expedition with speeds up to 43 miles per hour, but with a height requirement of just 42", it's the perfect journey for families to share! Congratulations SeaWorld Orlando!

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## U.S. Paralympics Swimming Selects Orlando to Host 2023 National Championships

This week, the **U.S. Paralympics Swimming** announced that the [2023 U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Championships](#), presented by Toyota, will be hosted at the Rosen Aquatic & Fitness Center in Orlando.

This competition is set to run from Dec. 15-17, 2023 and will be the first time U.S. Paralympics Swimming has hosted an event in Orlando.

“We are proud to welcome U.S. Paralympics Swimming to Orlando's Rosen Aquatic & Fitness Center for the 2023 U.S. Paralympics Swimming National Championships,” said **Jason Siegel, President & CEO of the [Greater Orlando Sports Commission](#)**. “We are confident that these elite athletes and their coaches and families will have an incredibly positive experience while they are visiting and competing.”

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full announcement and we are exciting to welcome these athletes in December!



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## Adopt-A-School - Clean Tec Services

Recently, CFHLA VIP Member [Clean Tec Services](#) stopped by their Adopt-A-School partner, [Orlo Vista Elementary](#), and donated water bottles, student white boards, expo markers, and rewards for their Jaguar Store.

School leaders stated that the items go a long way in helping them create a positive school climate in which students can learn and grow academically, socially, and emotionally.



**Thank you again to Clean Tec Services for your continued involvement in support of our education partners in Central Florida!**



## **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](mailto:communications@cfhla.org).



**Raquel Rios**  
**Margaritaville Resort Orlando**



**Santos Diaz**  
**Hampton Inn and Suites**  
**Orlando East/UCF**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
SEPTEMBER MEMBERS OF THE MONTH**



**Joseph Delgado**  
**Celeste Hotel Orlando,**  
**a Tribute Portfolio Hotel**



**Camila Kerver**  
**Helpro Cleaning Services**

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**MEET THE SILVER**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [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 \(10/11/2023\)](#)
- [NEW DATE Security & Safety Council Active Assailant Training \(10/12/2023\)](#)
- [Leadership Mentoring Subcommittee Meeting \(10/17/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Foundation Board Meeting \(10/17/2023\)](#)
- [Halloween Golf Online Auction \(10/17-24/2023\)](#)
- [CARES Collection Drive \(10/18/2023\)](#)
- [Government Affairs Meeting \(10/18/2023\)](#)

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