



October 13, 2023

## Vacation Ownership Properties Host Osceola County Students



Last week, four CFHLA Vacation Ownership properties hosted students from [The School District of Osceola County](#). These schools included [Celebration High School](#), [Osceola High School](#), [Toho High School](#), and [Zenith Academy](#).

In addition to touring the resorts and learning about the industry, students had the opportunity to learn about the many different departments that comprise a successful property and hear from industry professionals.

Thank you to our Members, [FantasyWorld Resort](#), [Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort](#), [Liki Tiki Village Resort](#), and [Westgate Vacation Villas](#) for your support in helping to build the future leaders of the hospitality industry!



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**Reminder - CARES Collection Drive is NEXT WEEK!**



**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**

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[Collection Items Needed \(English\)](#)

[Collection Items Needed \(Spanish\)](#)

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**Expanding Our High School Outreach Program**



This week, CFHLA President / CEO **Robert Agrusa** and **Melanie Anesh**, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, visited [Horizon High School](#) to meet with the administration and hospitality and culinary teachers.

They were joined by Pam Carson and Kathleen Wright of the [Foundation for Orange County Public Schools](#), as well as Shannon Latimer and Erika Byrnes of [OCPS Career and Technical Education](#) to explore a new partnership opportunity between CFHLA and Horizon High School.

After three years of the school opening, there are nearly 400 students already enrolled in a hospitality and/or culinary class! Additionally, three students from their first graduating class, the Class of 2022, were recipients of CFHLA Hospitality Student Scholarships and are continuing their education right here in Central Florida.

Thank you, **School Board Member Gould** for initiating this conversation, and thank you, **Principal Jackson**, the teachers, and everyone from OCPS who joined us for this meeting.

We are excited about the future of Horizon High School and look forward to working together to support the next generation of leaders in Central Florida's hospitality industry!

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**Register For Our Final Human Resources Seminar #3**



# 2023 HUMAN RESOURCES SEMINAR SERIES

## **Seminar Pricing:**

**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.*

## **Presenting Sponsor:**

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## **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**

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Leadership Development Panel



On Wednesday, October 11, CFHLA Allied, Lodging Leaders and regional elected officials joined us for a leadership development panel with our **Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II participants.**

Each speaker shared their career paths in hospitality and career advice, along with answering questions from the Class II participants.

Thank you so much to CFHLA VIP Member and Allied Relations Council Treasurer **Beatriz Domingez**, Vice President of [Clean Tec Services](#); CFHLA Board Member **Les Harris**, Area General Manager of [Hilton Garden Inn Lake Buena Vista/Orlando](#), [Homewood Suites by Hilton Lake Buena Vista/Orlando](#) & [Homewood Suites by Hilton Orlando Theme Parks](#) and **Nicole Suarez**, Director of Training of [Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center](#) for your time and expertise!

Additionally, thank you, [Commissioner Peggy Choudhry, Osceola County, District 1](#); [Commissioner Lee Constantine, Seminole County, District 3](#); and [Commissioner Michael Scott, Orange County, District 6](#), for your time, leadership, and commitment to supporting Central Florida's Hospitality employees and our community priorities!



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**Halloween Golf Online Auction Opens Next Week!**



# HALLOWEEN AUCTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 9AM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 9PM



## OPENING SOON

Online Auction Sponsor:

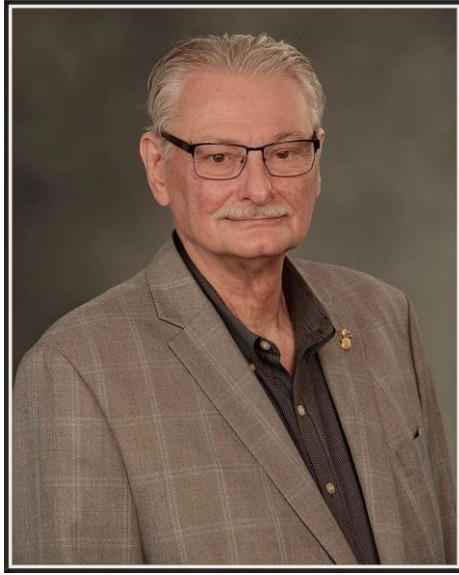


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**Wade Michael Elected Vice Chair of Osceola County  
Tourist Development Council**





Congratulations to CFHLA Board Member and General Manager of the [StayBridge Suites Orlando Royale Parc Suites](#), **Wade Michael**, on being elected Vice Chair of the [Osceola County Tourist Development Council](#) this week!

The Tourist Development Council makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for the effective operational uses of the tourist development tax revenue.

**Congratulations Wade!**

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## Orlando Pride Eye NWSL Playoff Spot This Sunday



This Sunday, October 15, 5 p.m. the [Orlando Pride](#) will play its most important match of the season, and they would like your help in packing [Exploria Stadium](#)!

With just one Orlando Pride regular season home match remaining, the Pride

are putting it all on the line this weekend for spot in the NWSL Playoffs, sitting just a single point out of a postseason spot.

This year has been one of the most successful and important seasons for the Pride, both on and off the pitch. From record home wins to the fastest goal in team history, to many hours serving in the community and several of our players representing their countries at the Women's World Cup. This season has been exciting and the energy at Exploria Stadium has been buzzing. Thank you for being a part of it and supporting the growth of professional women's soccer in Florida!

As they approach the end of 2023 regular season, the team looking to finish with their largest crowd of the year and building even more support heading into the playoffs and the 2024 season. That's where you come in. As part of the Pride Collective, the organization is excited to offer a few unique opportunities for the Sunday, Oct. 15 match:

- **Invite your Family & Friends:** An exclusive for our Pride Collective, we're excited to offer you this exclusive group ticketing rate and ask that you share with your company, family, friends, and overall network. Just copy and paste the link here: <https://fevo.me/48owPOn>
- **Support Breast Cancer Awareness Night & Our Healthcare Heroes:** Orlando Pride & Orlando Health Cancer Institute are teaming up for our Breast Cancer Awareness match & we want you to get involved. This year we are working with businesses & individuals that want to support our Breast Cancer awareness night on packages that donate tickets to Orlando Health Cancer Institute patients & their families along with the staff providing lifesaving care. Click the link here to learn more & purchase: <https://fevo.me/3RcdZnl>
- **Become a 2024 Orlando Pride – Season Ticket Member & Receive Complimentary Tickets for 10/15:** Season tickets are now available for the 2024 season. Starting at just \$140 for the entire season, we still have great seats available, which also include a number of **exciting benefits**. If you purchase four (4) 2024 season tickets, you'll receive your choice of two (2) suite tickets to the 10/15 match OR ten (10) donated tickets to a non-profit of your choice.

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**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).



**Arsenio Levanti**  
**Westgate Vacation Villas &**  
**Town Center Resort**



**Roberto Rodriguez**  
**Cypress Pointe Resort**

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



**Frank Dolley**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [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 \(10/18/2023\)](#)
- [Governmental Affairs Meeting \(10/18/2023\)](#)
- [Halloween Golf Open \(10/27/2023\)](#)
- [HR Seminar #3 \(11/1/2023\)](#)

- [Engineers Council Board Meeting \(11/2/2023\)](#)
- [Adopt-A-School & CARES Committee Meeting \(11/2/2023\)](#)
- [Leads Groups \(11/8/2023\)](#)
- [Government Affairs Meeting \(11/8/2023\)](#)
- [Security & Safety Council Meeting \(11/9/2023\)](#)
- [Diversity Committee Meeting \(11/9/2023\)](#)

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## JOB OPENINGS

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