



December 8, 2023

Help Us Support Our Final CFHLA CARES Drive of 2023!

Each year, with the generous support of our members and partners, CFHLA hosts several collection drives to help our local students in need from across the Central Florida region.

As we near the holiday season, please consider helping us to achieve our goal of collecting more than 800 shoes, at our final **CFHLA CARES Collection Drive** on **Saturday, December 16th**. This is in conjunction with the **CFHLA Hospitality Gala** at the [Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld](#) (6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821).

For more information on how to help support this collection drive, please [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Melanie Anesh at (407) 313-5022 and/or melanie.anesh@cfhla.org.

 **Collection Drive for Students in Need** 

Saturday, December 16, 2023

Donation Drop-Off is during the Hospitality Gala Reception from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld
6677 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, FL 32821

CFHLA is collecting NEW shoes for:

 **Orange County Public Schools**  **School District of OSCEOLA COUNTY FLORIDA**  **the sharing center**

Please bring a NEW pair of shoes with you to the Gala, or scan the QR Code to donate to this cause!

Our goal is to collect over 800 pairs of sneakers for students of all ages!



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

Orlando International Airport Area General Managers Meeting

On **Tuesday, December 5th**, the CFHLA Orlando International Airport Area General Managers met for their final meeting of the year at the brand new [Hampton Inn / Home2 Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Nona](#) (Thank You Chris Heaxt, General Manager).

This lunch meeting featured an informative discussion and several updates from **Orange County Commissioner Maribel Gomez Cordero**. Thank you Commissioner for your time and we appreciate you hearing our concerns and priorities!



We also would like to thank our 2023 Airport Area Hoteliers General Managers Meeting Sponsor - [Landform of Central Florida](#) - for their support throughout the year!



CFHLA Holiday Online Auction Still Open!

The 2023 CFHLA Holiday Online Auction is **STILL OPEN!**

The bidding will end next **Tuesday, December 12th at 9 p.m.** [CLICK HERE](#) to check out more than **100 items**, including executive and presidential suites, culinary experiences, theme park tickets, sporting events, gift baskets, golf packages, and more! It's perfect for the holiday season!




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2023 HOLIDAY ONLINE AUCTION

OPENS - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 9AM
CLOSES - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 9PM

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SUITE STAYS!**

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& FOOD!**

**SPORTS, GIFT
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For questions or additional information, please contact Faith Moore at (407) 313-5015 or faith.moore@cfhla.org.

2024 CFHLA Sponsorships Now Open!

Beginning today, our members are invited to help support CFHLA's Events and Programs through our 2024 Sponsorship Opportunities. Each opportunity will attract hundreds of hospitality executives and business leaders from companies across Central Florida. Learn more about each opportunity and find a sponsorship that'll reach your targeted audience by clicking on the flyer below.



Congratulations to Hotel Management's 2023 GM's to Watch!



CFHLA is thrilled to announce that two of its distinguished members, CFHLA Assistant Treasurer **Jay Leonard of the [Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort Disney Springs Area Resort](#)** and **John Luciew of the [Aloft Orlando Lake Nona](#)**, have been named among the "49 GMs to Watch" in the prestigious Hotel Management Magazine!

This recognition is a testament to their outstanding leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment to excellence in the hospitality industry. Jay and John's exemplary contributions have not only enhanced the reputation of their respective properties, but have also elevated the standards of our CFHLA community.

Please join us in congratulating Jay Leonard and John Luciew!

[Wekiva High School Holiday Cookies Gift Box Sale](#)

Help support our CFHLA High School Outreach Partner Wekiva High School and their culinary program by purchasing a holiday cookies gift box! Click on the flyer below to begin your order today!



The flyer features a background collage of various cookies. At the top center, the word "holiday" is written in blue, "COOKIES" in red, and "Gift Box" in green. A circular badge in the top right corner says "PRE-ORDER DEADLINE 12/14". On the left, two price options are listed: "SMALL (2 LBS) - \$15" and "DELUX (5 LBS) - \$30". A central red box lists 10 cookie varieties. Below this, a woman is shown holding a gift box, and another photo shows two people decorating cookies. A QR code and the website URL are at the bottom.

SMALL (2 LBS) - \$15
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holiday
COOKIES
Gift Box

PRE-ORDER
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WEKIVA HIGH SCHOOL CULINARY ARTS

Each gift box includes an assortment of 10 different types of cookies: Chocolate Chip, Butter Shortbread, Gingerbread Mustangs, Triple Chocolate Peppermint, M&M Cookie Bars, Lofthouse, Chocolate Dipped Pretzels, Snowballs, Snickerdoodles, Grinch Crinkle Sandwich, and Christmas Tree Sugar Cookies

Wrapped with gold string in a beautiful holiday window box *and* delivered to your place of business on December 18 & 19th - just in time for the holidays!

The perfect gift to show you care.
Great for clients, employees, teachers, and anyone on your list who loves great cookies (and that's everyone!)

Order yours online at
wekivaculinary.org/cookies



Camping World Stadium to Host Two College Football Bowl Games

It's college football bowl season around the country, and Camping World Stadium is excited to host two College Bowl games over the course of the next few weeks. From thrilling touchdowns to unforgettable moments, we are ready to welcome fans from across the country as they witness the magic unfold on the field.

The first bowl game is the 2023 Pop-Tarts Bowl, which will feature the Kansas State Wildcats and the North Carolina State Wolfpack on **Thursday, December 28th at 5:45 p.m.** The game will also air live on ESPN. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets for this bowl game.



The second bowl game is the 2023 Cheez-It Bowl, that'll feature the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Tennessee Volunteers on **Monday, January 1st at 1:00 p.m.** The game will also air live on ABC. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase tickets for this bowl game. Tickets are also up for grabs in the CFHLA Holiday Auction!



Congratulations Camping World Stadium and Florida Citrus Sports on these two exciting bowl matchups!

Exploria Stadium Announced as a Host Venue for CONMEBOL Copa America 2024



CFHLA is thrilled to announce that Exploria Stadium has been selected as one of the prestigious venues for the 2024 CONMEBOLA Copa America Tournament.

This announcement comes after CONMEBOL confirmed the opening match of the tournament will be played at Mercedes-Benz Stadium (Atlanta, GA), along with the final at Hard Rock Stadium (Miami, FL).

This competition, which promises to be an unforgettable spectacle for football lovers from around the world, will feature 32 matches to be played by the 16 participating teams (10 from CONMEBOL and 6 from CONCACAF) at 14 different stadiums in the United States, including Orlando.

Join us in celebrating this historic moment as soccer fever takes over Orlando, Florida next summer!

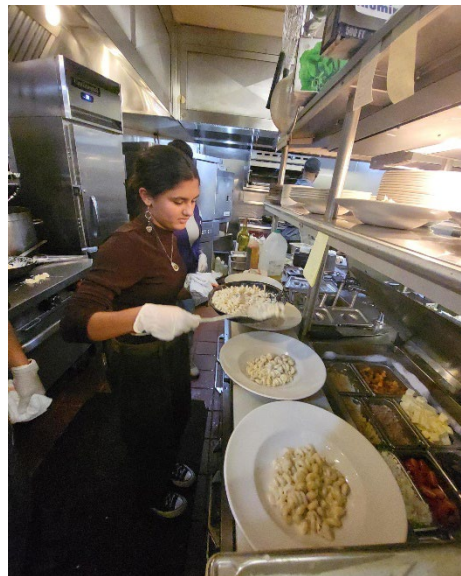


Partners in Action - Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando



Recently, the [Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando](#), took the time to make a difference for their Adopt-A-School Partner, [Jones High School](#) by welcoming 15 students and their chaperones for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the property.

The Grand Bohemian's Exec Chef Jason, also went above and beyond by giving the students a detailed prep, cook and dining experience that left all of the students inspired.



Thank you Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando for your continued partnership with CFHLA and our Adopt-A-School Program! We also appreciate you for helping to make a difference for our next generation of leaders within our community!

Partners in Action - Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park

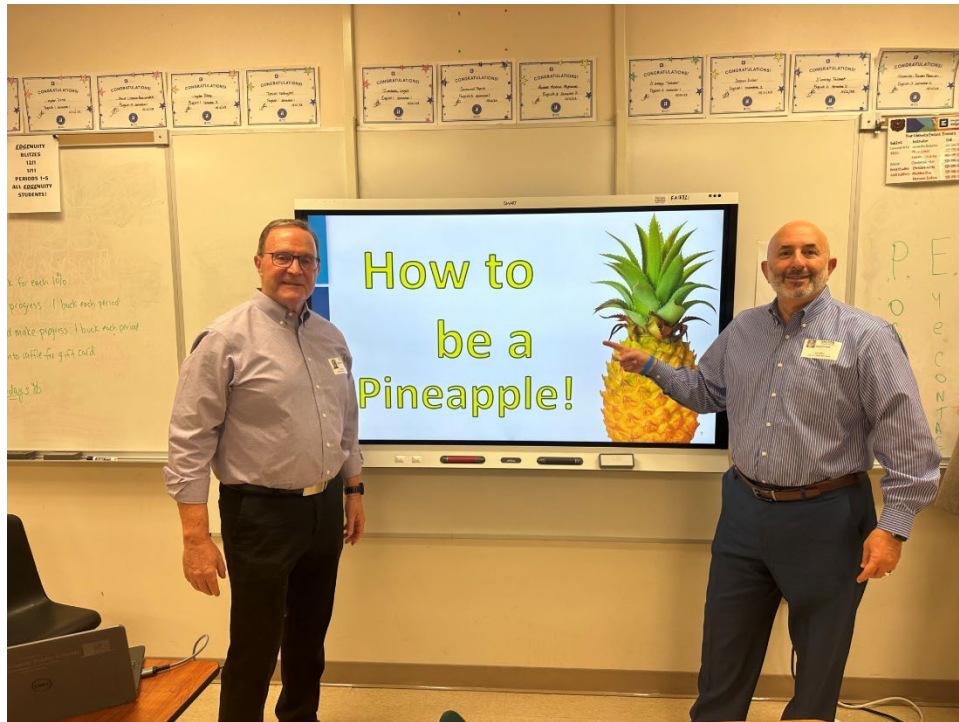
The **Magnolia School** team has returned to the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park](#), and continued their long-standing partnership since the start of the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program. Embassy Suites International Drive ICON Park was thrilled to have the Magnolia team back with them, helping in every way!

The Food & Beverage Department held a demonstration on how to make an omelet, along with food sampling. While in the hotel rooms, The Embassy Suites discussed job duties at a hotel, customer service and how one department can overlap into another while taking care of guests.



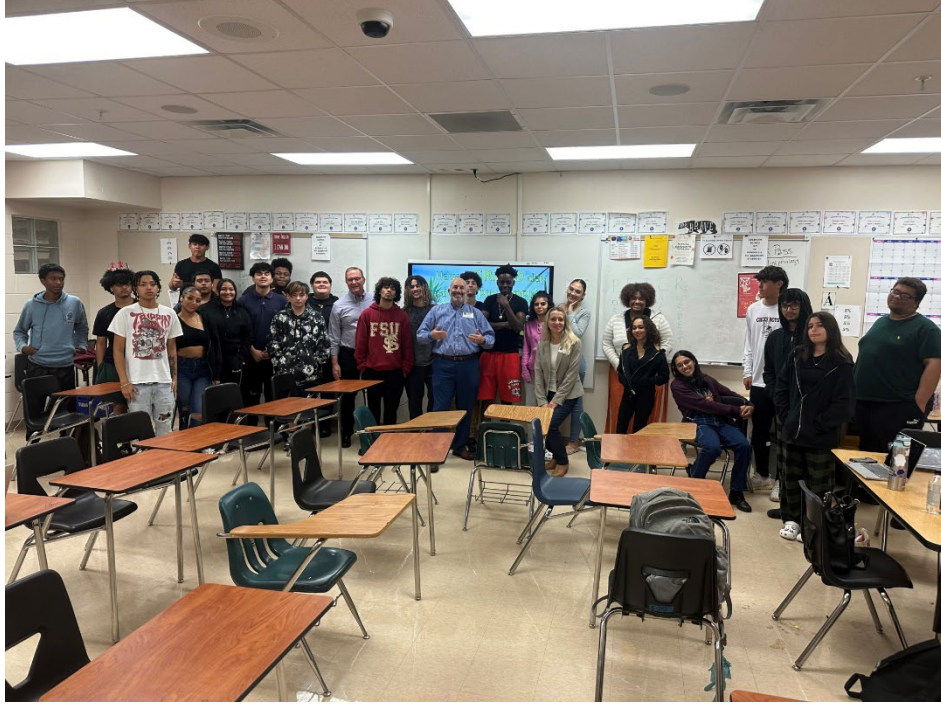
Thank you Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando ICON Park for your support of the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and for helping to make a positive impact within our community!

Partners in Action - Hilton Grand Vacations



Recently, [Hilton Grand Vacations - SeaWorld](#), took the time to make a difference for their Adopt-A-School Partner, [Cypress Creek High School](#).

General Manager and CFHLA Board Member Abed Ereikat and two of his resort leaders Tatsiana Khavanskaya and Mike Nyffeler, visited the high school and spoke to three class periods, totaling about 75 students. HGV shared PowerPoints on P.E.T.E.R and the Pineapple in Hospitality as well as "How to Ace the Interview". The presentation left such an impression on the students that some of them approached the leaders after the presentation asking for more information and mentoring.



Thank you Hilton Grand Vacations for your support of the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and for helping to make a difference within our community!

CFHLA Heart of Hospitality

The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association would like to congratulate this week's **"Heart of Hospitality"** professional and the final lodging member of this year's **CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program, Class II!**

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.



[Candace Raines](#)

[Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Resort](#)

[Disney Springs Resort Area](#)

MEET THE SILVER

Did You Know... [Qwick](#) is the professional platform at the heart of hospitality that matches experienced industry freelancers with shifts at restaurants, hotels, caterers, stadiums, and more. As the leading staffing platform solely dedicated to serving the hospitality industry, Qwick gives businesses the flexibility to fill shifts in real time with qualified staff, while empowering freelancers to work when and where they want. Qwick is rapidly growing across the U.S. and is currently serving as hospitality's through-line across the country.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [2024 CFHLA Sponsorships Open \(12/8/2023\)](#)
- [Engineer's Council Member Appreciation Reception \(12/8/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA High School Outreach Committee Meeting \(12/11/2023\)](#)
- [Allied Relations Council Board Meeting \(12/12/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(12/12/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Security & Safety Council Meeting \(12/14/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA Hospitality Gala \(12/16/2023\)](#)
- [CFHLA CARES Drive \(12/16/2023\)](#)

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