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## **CFHLA ANNOUNCES THE LEADERSHIP MENTORING PROGRAM, CLASS III**

**ORLANDO, FLA** (May 23, 2024) – Today, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) is proud to announce the selection of 18 mentees and 30 mentors, who will participate in CFHLA's Leadership Mentoring Program, Class III. Each of these selected individuals represent our up-and-coming diverse and future leaders of the hospitality industry throughout the Central Florida region (including 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. Then in 2023, the leadership mentoring program included 14 mentees and 30 mentors who completed the Class II.

In just two years, the program has more than 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 18 individuals been selected to participate in Class III of the CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program:

**Virginia Allen**

Owner, Digital-CFOS

**Kathryn Busche**

Catering Sales Manager, AC by Marriott Orlando Downtown

**Viktoriia Chorna**

Food and Beverage Supervisor, Hyatt House Orlando Airport

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CEO, Sencu Construction

<b>Yoneysi Jackson</b>	Director of Outlet, Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center/Celebration
<b>Jonita Jones</b>	Director of Housekeeping, Wyndham Orlando Resort International Drive
<b>Veronica Kramer</b>	Hotel Sales Coordinator, Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando Disney Springs
<b>Cullen Leist</b>	Assistant Director of Finance & Accounting, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort
<b>Cady Lewis</b>	Event Coordinator, Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
<b>Michelle Lomelino</b>	Director of Business Development, TopTalent Staffing
<b>Jonathan Morales</b>	Sales Administrative Assistant, Drury Plaza Hotel Orlando Disney Springs
<b>Gustavo Morales</b>	Laundry Manager, Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
<b>Analuz Morgan</b>	Director of Front Office, Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport
<b>Tom Nalis</b>	Food and Beverage Supervisor, Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area
<b>Elijah Noel</b>	Café Manager, The Alford Inn at Rollins
<b>Mariely Rodriguez</b>	Co-Owner and Operations Manager, Umano Resources LLC
<b>Marisabel Rodriguez-Calderon</b>	Security Manager, Holiday Inn Club Vacations – Orange Lake Resort
<b>Marelix Santiago</b>	Front Office Manager, Holiday Inn Orlando International Airport

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>Minerva Aponte</b>	CoCo Key Resort & Water Park Orlando
<b>Erin Arpke</b>	Holiday Inn & Suites across from Universal Orlando
<b>Jonathan Barisano</b>	Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando
<b>Oliver Boudet</b>	Hyatt House Orlando Airport
<b>Keith Bourkney</b>	EmployU
<b>Suzi Brady</b>	Courtyard Orlando Lake Buena Vista at Vista Centre
<b>Dan DeBord</b>	The Grove Resort & Spa
<b>Kelly Endres</b>	Greater Florida Electrical Contractors
<b>Colleen Hazen</b>	Brush & Brand
<b>Richard Hess</b>	Hilton Orlando
<b>Jorg Heyer</b>	Marriott Vacations Worldwide
<b>Mike Hinks</b>	Marriott Orlando Downtown
<b>Marshall Kelberman</b>	Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort
<b>David Lindsay</b>	FPIS, Inc., Distribution & Marketing Solutions
<b>Ally Martin</b>	Hyatt House Orlando Airport
<b>Benjamin McCarney</b>	Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando
<b>Bruce McDonald</b>	Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
<b>Keith McRae</b>	Holiday Inn Club Vacations – Orange Lake Resort
<b>Clint Militzer</b>	Wyndham Orlando Resort & Conference Center / Celebration
<b>Crystal Morrell</b>	Marriott International

<b>Seilly Pacheco</b>	Celebration Hotel
<b>Louanna Perez</b>	Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando
<b>Johana Pinto</b>	Clean Tec Services
<b>Lou Rocco</b>	Global Sourcing International, LLC
<b>Greg Rothberg</b>	Florida Paints
<b>Georgia Sheffield</b>	JW Marriott Orlando, Grande Lakes
<b>Steven Smith</b>	Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando
<b>Paul Webber</b>	Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
<b>Veronika Williams</b>	Homewood Suites by Hilton Orlando Theme Parks
<b>Duane Winjum</b>	Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando North

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 throughout the Central Florida Region (including but not limited to Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, and Seminole counties) and more than 500 "supplier" organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

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