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CFHLA Awards \$187,550 in Student Scholarships and Grants during Annual GIVES Luncheon

Yesterday, the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, in partnership with our CFHLA Foundation, was proud to host our annual **Gives Luncheon** and **CARES Collection Drive** at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South](#) (Thank You, Dennis Hale, General Manager).

In total, the CFHLA Foundation was thrilled to award **\$187,550 in student scholarships and grants this year!**

Additionally, this luncheon featured the following highlights including:

- **\$142,600 was distributed to 64** Hospitality Student and Family Member Scholarship recipients.

- Among the 64 scholarship recipients was **sixteen recently graduated Central Florida High School seniors**. This doubled last year's totals.



- **Johan Miranda**, was selected as our newest **Don and Lorraine Freeberg Foundation Scholarship recipient**. Johan recently graduated in May from **Lyman High School** and will continue his education this fall at Valencia College. Johan will be receiving a **\$40,000 Scholarship, with a disbursement of \$10,000 over the course of four years and a paid internship opportunity** at the Caribe Royale Orlando, the Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South, and the Buena Vista Suites Orlando.
- The CFHLA Foundation has **now awarded nearly \$1,300,000 in hospitality student scholarships since its inception in 2000**.
- **Six Hospitality Education and Community Grants were awarded for a total of \$44,950**.
- The recognition of **104 CFHLA Members**, consisting of Lodging and Allied Members, who took part in the **CFHLA's Adopt-A-School Partnership** throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. This was a **17% increase from the 2022-2023 academic year**.



With workforce and career development included into our new CFHLA five-year strategic plan, we are excited to be able to support these hard-working students as they enter the next step of their educational journey that will prepare them to begin their future careers within the hospitality and culinary industry.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the entire press release about this year's CFHLA Gives Luncheon.

A full list of the six educational and community grant honorees, along with the 64 student scholarship recipients and a link to the professional photos taken during the Luncheon, will be included in next week's edition of the *Back of House*.

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CFHLA Collects More than 27,000 items during CFHLA Cares Collection Drive

Additionally, CFHLA held a **CARES Collection Drive** prior to and during the Gives Luncheon. Through the incredible generosity of our partners and

members, **more than 27,000 items** were donated to support **Central Florida students in need** throughout the region.

The hospitality industry is a tremendous asset to the Central Florida community and through our collaborative efforts, we are grateful for the continued opportunity to positively impact the lives of our local residents and partners in need.

Thank you to each of our members who generously contributed and supported yesterday's Cares collection drive.





CFHLA Hospitality Gala Payment Plan Now Available



2024 HOSPITALITY GALA

DECEMBER 14 6PM - 11PM

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5-Month Payment Plan Now Available!

Inclusive of Food & Beverage

Payment plan available for Corporate Tables only (seating for 10).
Must reserve payment plan before September 1, 2024.
(\$460 due on July 15, \$460 due August 15, \$460 due September 15,
\$460 due October 15, \$460 due November 15)

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For questions, please contact Faith Moore at faith.moore@cfhla.org or 407-313-5015.

Register Today! July Allied Relations Council Breakfast



ALLIED RELATIONS COUNCIL BREAKFAST

**"Why the Political Process is so Important and
How it Affects Your Business and the
Hospitality Industry"**

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 8:00AM - 9:00AM

**Sheraton Orlando Lake Buena Vista
12205 South Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, FL 32836**

Moderated by:



Jay Leonard
General Manager
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All registrations are due by Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Cancellations must be submitted in writing to faith.moore@cfhla.org and will not be taken after Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 2:00PM.

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Walt Disney World Travel & Tourism Summer Social

On Monday, June 17th, [Walt Disney World](#) hosted their **Travel & Tourism Summer Social** at the new Walt Disney World Store located on the corner of International Drive and Sand Lake Road.

This Walt Disney World Store is open daily for guests to purchase park tickets or merchandise. The store also features an interactive station where guests can find more information on Disney Vacation Club, theme parks, resorts or Disney Cruise Line.

Thank you for inviting CFHLA and our partners to enjoy complimentary beverages and signature food from each of the four parks, take photos with Princess Tiana and Prince Naveen from Disney's Princess and the Frog, and connect with Javier Moreno, Jodi Bainter and the rest of the new Central Florida Sales leadership team!



DreamWorks Land Debut at Universal Orlando Resort

Summer just got more exciting with this week, with the official debut of several all-new, must-see experiences at [Universal Orlando Resort](#). Guests of all ages can now immerse themselves in the magic of **DreamWorks Land** – an expansive, vibrant themed environment inspired by beloved characters from DreamWorks Animation's Shrek, Trolls, and Kung Fu Panda.



The new **DreamWorks Land** features your favorite DreamWorks characters and enjoy an array of interactive attractions, live entertainment, and unique dining options. Meet Shrek and Donkey, dance with the Trolls, and embark on thrilling adventures with Po from Kung Fu Panda. This lively new area promises fun and excitement for guests of all ages, making it a perfect destination for families and animation enthusiasts alike.

Additionally, as the sun sets, the fun continues with the **CineSational: A Symphonic Spectacular**. This riveting new nighttime lagoon show combines breathtaking visuals, dynamic water effects, and a symphonic soundtrack that brings Universal Orlando's iconic films to life. Don't miss this awe-inspiring spectacle that's sure to be the highlight of your evening.

Lastly, in The Wizarding World of Harry Potter – Hogsmeade, prepare to be enchanted by **Hogwarts Always**, an all-new castle projection show. This magical display illuminates Hogwarts Castle with stunning visuals and music, celebrating the enduring legacy of Harry Potter. Whether you're a die-hard fan or new to the wizarding world, this show is a must-see.

Universal Orlando's latest additions will offer something for everyone, ensuring that our guests this summer will be filled with unforgettable memories.

Don't Miss Out on CFHLA's Hospitality Night With the Orlando Pride and Orlando City

Once again, CFHLA is partnering with [Orlando City Soccer Club](#) and the [Orlando Pride](#) to host Hospitality Nights this summer and fall. Discounted ticket packages are available for tonight's **Orlando Pride match**, and the **Orlando City match on Wednesday, September 18th**. Each package includes **tickets to both matches**.

Information regarding ticket packages can be found on the flyer below.

Please reach out directly to **Alex Quillin** at aquillin@orlandocitysoccer.com to secure your tickets.

For individual tickets, please click the links below.

Orlando Pride (Tonight, June 21st) – [CLICK HERE](#)

Orlando City (September 18th) – [CLICK HERE](#)

HOSPITALITY NIGHT



SEPTEMBER 18 - 8:00 PM



JUNE 21 - 8:00 PM



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across 15 organizations in Central Florida by team members of Withum over the course of just three days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- [2024 Orlando Pride Match - Hospitality Night \(6/21/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA VIP Member Breakfast \(6/25/2024\)](#)
- [Downtown Hoteliers Luncheon \(6/25/2024\)](#)
- [Employee Relations Committee Meeting \(6/25/2024\)](#)
- [New Member Orientation - June 26th \(6/26/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA I-Drive/LBV Area General Managers Reception \(6/27/2024\)](#)

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