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**CFHLA Foundation Supports EmployU's Hospitality
Career Camps**



This summer, the **CFHLA Foundation** was proud to partner with [EmployU](#) and [UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management](#), to offer a two one-week summer hospitality career camps for students with disabilities.

Each one-week camp provided students with an immersive learning environment that highlighted the multitude of career opportunities in the hospitality industry. Students also experienced hands-on activities, site tours, field trips to hospitality employers, and learned from industry leaders and outstanding hospitality professors. Additionally, each student who completed the one-week camp was recognized at the graduation ceremony and received a certificate of completion.

Thank you again to our partners at EmployU and UCF Rosen College, along with all the CFHLA member businesses who contributed to the success of the program this summer.



Airport Area General Managers Meeting

On Tuesday, August 13th, the **Airport Area General Managers** held their quarterly meeting and luncheon at the the [Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport](#) (Thank You Lena Warne, General Manager).

Thank you to [State Representative Johanna Lopez, District 43](#) for joining us and we truly appreciate your leadership in Tallahassee and willingness to be a champion for policy solutions that not only support the hospitality industry and workforce, but the continued vitality of our state and local community.



Additionally, we'd like to say a special thank you to **Thali Sugisawa, Director of Cultural Tourism - Programs & Partnerships at [United Arts of Central Florida](#)** for providing an update on their new cultural tourism program and the partnership opportunities available to our airport area hoteliers. This new cultural tourism program includes connecting locals and visitors alike to the unique experiences and businesses within our community.



Lastly, we'd like to thank our 2024 Airport Area General Managers Meeting Sponsors, **[ATMFLA, Inc.](#)** and **[Spinout Guest Laundries, Inc.](#)** for their continued support of this year's meetings!



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Osceola County General Managers Meeting

Additionally this week, the **Osceola County General Managers** held their quarterly meeting and luncheon at the [Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South](#) (Thank you **Dennis Hale, General Manager**).



A special thanks to **Christina Morris, Economic Development Director at the [Osceola County Economic Development](#)**; and **Jason Holic, Senior Vice President of Operations & Community Engagement for [Experience Kissimmee](#)**, who provided updates on the current and future economic development plans for the county, as well as the [Tourism Enhancement](#)

[Grants Program](#) which provides funding assistance to local government and nonprofit organizations who conduct special events and projects in Osceola County that increases room nights and economic growth for the county.



Lastly, we'd like to thank our 2024 Osceola County GM Meeting Sponsors, [Global Sourcing International, Inc.](#) and [Spinout Guest Laundries, Inc.](#) for their continued support of this year's meetings!



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📌 Attention Lodging Members 📌 Don't Forget to Register for The Upcoming Hospitality Tradeshow!

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**We Hope You'll Join Us for our Patriot Day
Remembrance Breakfast on September 11th**



PATRIOT DAY REMEMBRANCE BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 | 8:00AM - 9:30AM

Hyatt Regency Orlando
(9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819)



Keynote Speaker:
RICK KETTEL
Former
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Air Traffic Manager

This community breakfast will include a remembrance of the victims of the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and awards distribution to local First Responders for "Above and Beyond" service in the line of duty.



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Don't Forget to Adopt-A-Station this Patriot Day!

As a reminder, in honor of Patriot Day, we encourage our CFHLA Lodging and Allied Members to show your gratitude to our local first responders by donating a meal to your local Fire, EMS and/or Law Enforcement station.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the available stations that could use your support and be sure to send us your photos, so that we can share them with the rest of our Central Florida community!



Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld Welcomes Brian Wander as New General Manager

CFHLA would like to welcome **Brian Wander** as the new General Manager of the [Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld](#)!

With over 25 years of experience with Marriott International, Brian has proven his leadership and dedication across several esteemed brands, including Fairfield Inn, Courtyard by Marriott, Renaissance, and the JW Marriott. His career highlights include serving as the first Area Sales Leader for Marriott in South Carolina and successfully overseeing numerous renovation projects including The Lindy Renaissance Charleston Hotel and the JW Marriott Atlanta Buckhead.

Beyond his professional achievements, Brian has also demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting the local community and the hospitality industry by serving as the previous Chair of the Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association's Buckhead Hotel Council.

We are excited to welcome Brian to our Central Florida hospitality community and we look forward to seeing his continued success. Congratulations again, Brian!



Quarterly Blood Drive Success at the Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport at Gateway Village & the Hyatt House Orlando Airport

Recently, the dedicated teams at the [Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando Airport at Gateway Village](#) and the [Hyatt House Orlando Airport](#), hosted a successful quarterly blood drive.

The event brought together staff, guests, and community members, resulting in the collection of more than 12 pints of blood. The drive also received strong support from our CFHLA Allied members and this is just one of the many ways our hospitality leaders are committed to giving back to the community. By showcasing the power of collaboration and our collective efforts, our industry continues to show how we can positively impact our community in so many ways.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this important blood drive!



Partners In Action - Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South

Recently, **Senior Human Resource Manager Loren Burns** and the team at [Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South](#), held a collection drive and dropped off supplies for their Adopt-A-School partner, [Westside K-8](#).



A huge thank you to Loren and the team at Embassy Suites by Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista South for their unwavering support of their Adopt-A-School Partner!

2024 Visit Orlando Magical Dining: A Culinary Celebration Begins!

The highly anticipated [Visit Orlando Magical Dining](#) event **kicks off today, and will last until Monday, September 30th.**

This annual tradition, now in its 19th year, invites locals and visitors alike to embark on a culinary journey through Central Florida's finest restaurants. It also showcases the creativity and passion of Orlando's top chefs, offering specially curated three-course dinners at an exceptional value. Participating restaurants across the region will present prix-fixe menus for just \$40, allowing diners to explore new flavors and support the local dining scene.

Beyond the exquisite dining experiences, Magical Dining also gives back to the community. One dollar from every meal served will be donated to local charities, making it an event that not only delights the palate but also enriches the lives of those in need. Don't miss this chance to experience Orlando's culinary excellence while contributing to a greater cause!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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- [CFHLA Executive Committee Meeting \(8/20/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA Adopt-A-School & CARES Committee Meeting \(8/21/2024\)](#)
- [2024 HR Seminar #2 \(8/27/2024\)](#)
- [2024 Hospitality \(HEAT\) Tradeshow \(8/27/2024\)](#)
- [Leadership Development Series Seminar #3 \(8/27/2024\)](#)
- [CFHLA PAC/PC Board of Directors Meeting \(8/28/2024\)](#)

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