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CFHLA ANNOUNCES CLASS V OF THE LEADERSHIP MENTORING PROGRAM

ORLANDO, FLA (June 10, 2026) – Today, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) is proud to announce the selection of 16 mentees and 32 mentors who will participate in the CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program, Class V. These distinguished individuals represent the next generation of diverse and dynamic leaders in the hospitality industry across the Central Florida region.

Launched in 2022, CFHLA's Leadership Mentoring Program was created to cultivate essential leadership skills and support the professional growth of mid-level hospitality industry leaders from CFHLA Lodging and Allied Member businesses. Over the past four years, the program has successfully graduated more than 60 hospitality professionals, each guided by at least two seasoned mentors from Central Florida's lodging and allied member companies.

"The CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program reflects our continued commitment to developing the future leaders of Central Florida's hospitality industry," said Robert Agrusa, president and CEO of CFHLA. "By providing career development opportunities through mentorship, networking, educational experiences, and community involvement, we are helping elevate our talented professionals and build the next generation of hospitality leaders who will strengthen our industry for many years to come."

Each participant in the program completes a curriculum focused on critical leadership skills, including leadership management, public speaking, networking, conflict resolution, and emotional intelligence. These tools not only prepare the participants for advancement but also enrich the overall strength and inclusiveness of the hospitality workforce in Central Florida.

Congratulations to the following 16 individuals who have been selected to participate in Class V of the CFHLA Leadership Mentoring Program:

Chantel Berrin	Front Office Guest Experience Manager, Walt Disney World Resort
Christie Caraballo	Rooms Division Manager, Westgate Resorts
Courtney Irwin	Regional Sales Manager, Gulf Coast & Florida, TEZ Technology
Eunin Jimenez	Guest Services Manager, Wyndham Lake Buena Vista Disney Springs Resort Area
Tobin Konecny	Food & Beverage Guest Experience Manager, Walt Disney World Resort
Jamie Langford	Regional Account Executive, DBK, Inc.
Whitney Mangaroo	Banquet Manager, Evermore Orlando Resort
Dani Martinez	Front Office Manager, Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando Resort
Kelly McCluskey	Activities II, Wyndham Bonnet Creek Resort
Lauren Moshinsky	Assistant Director of Front Office, Marriott's Harbour Lake Resort
Devi Persaud	Rooms Division Manager, Westgate Resorts
Francisco Rodriguez	HR Manager, AC by Marriott Orlando Downtown
Megan Synnott	Human Resources Manager - Training & Compliance, Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort
Daniel Taggart	Account Executive, Convergent Technologies LLC
Ana Vargas	Activities Relief Supervisor, Wyndham Bonnet Creek Resort
Othman Yacoubi	IT Infrastructure Manager, Evermore Orlando Resort

Additionally, CFHLA would like to thank the following 32 hospitality professionals who have graciously agreed to help mentor the next generation of hospitality industry professionals. These professionals include:

Warren Bingham	New York Life
Jackie Bozzuto	Lowndes
Melissa Brooks	Visit Florida
Julio Cruz	Holiday Inn Resort Orlando Suites - Water Park
Dan DeBord	The Grove Resort & Water Park
Joseph Delgado	AC by Marriott Orlando Downtown
Scott Disson	Courtyard Orlando Airport
Kate Eames	JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort and Spa
Matthew Echevarria	Hyatt Regency Orlando Int'l Airport
Majed Farah	Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress
Michelle Findlay	Evermore Orlando Resort
Lauren Gossett	Disney's Fort Wilderness Resort
Josh Greenberg	AVmedia
Jorg Heyer	Marriott Vacations Worldwide
Brittany Howell	Evermore Orlando Resort
Ally Martin	Hyatt House Orlando Airport
Christina Martinez	SimpleFire
Matthew McAlister	The Celeste Hotel Orlando, a Tribute Portfolio Hotel

Lissa Mendez	Westgate Resorts
Analuz Morgan	Sheraton Suites Orlando Airport
Travis Musick	Renaissance Orlando Resort and Spa
Meilyn Paz	Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
Lisa Proto	Hilton Orlando
Gerry Rementer	Calderon Textiles
Lou Rocco	Global Sourcing International4
Ron Rodriguez	Vortex Network Solutions
Julia Rodriguez	Evermore Orlando Resort
Anna Snow	Castle Hotel, Autograph Collection
Cindy Staley	Mission Resort + Club
Rory Tamayose	Marriott Vacations Worldwide
Claudia Ward	Hub OS
Greg Wiley	GX Solutions

About Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association

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 more than 148,000 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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