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CFHLA HONORS 2022 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR AND CHARLES ANDREWS MEMORIAL HOSPITALITY AWARD RECIPIENT

ORLANDO, Fla (December 21, 2022) – The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association held its annual Hospitality Gala on Saturday, December 17th at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort.

In total, over 1,200 members and community leaders were in attendance for this year-end celebration which recognizes the Association’s award winners including, the Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award, Lodging Member of the Year, Allied Member of the Year, Engineer of the Year and PAC Member of the Year.

This year’s Charles Andrews Memorial Hospitality Award recipient was presented to **Jason Siegel**, President & Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Orlando Sports Commission (GO Sports!). This award is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by CFHLA, as the award is named after the first CFHLA Board of Directors Chairperson, Charles Andrews. The award recognizes the recipient’s achievements and contributions to not only the Central Florida hospitality industry, but to the entire Central Florida community.



CFHLA President/CEO Robert Agrusa, 2022 CFHLA Board Chairwoman Sonja Giselbrecht, Greater Orlando Sports Commission President/CEO Jason Siegel, 2023 Incoming CFHLA Board Chairman Anthony Lazzara

CFHLA would like to thank Mr. Siegel for his significant contributions and tremendous leadership throughout the pandemic. Under his purview, the Greater Orlando Sports Commission has thrived as one of the largest regional sports tourism organizations in the country and helped drive more than \$1

billion in positive economic impact for the City of Orlando, and Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. As a collaborative leader, Mr. Siegel perfected the game plan by hosting more than 140 large scale sporting events from 2020-2022 and helped to make Orlando the choice of some of the biggest professional leagues, as they re-launched professional sports in a safe and entertaining way.

Furthermore, CFHLA would also like to offer our congratulations to the 2022 Lodging, Allied, Engineer and PAC Members of the Year honorees who were also recognized at the Hospitality Gala.

The 2022 CFHLA Lodging Member of the Year Award was presented to **Jesse Martinez**, General Manager, The Alford Inn at Rollins.



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The 2022 CFHLA Allied Member of the Year Award was presented to **Lou Rocco**, President and CEO, Global Sourcing, International, LLC.



2022 CFHLA Board Chairwoman Sonja Giselbrecht, President/CEO Global Sourcing International, LLC Lou Rocco, 2023 Incoming CFHLA Board Chairman Anthony Lazzara, CFHLA President/CEO Robert Agrusa

The 2022 CFHLA Engineer of the Year Award was presented to **Ryan Garro**, Global Engineering Operations, Marriott Vacations Worldwide.



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The 2022 CFHLA PAC Member of the Year Award was presented to **Erin Sims**, President, Landform of Central Florida, Inc.

The Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association's mission is to advance tourism and the community through hospitality. As the world's largest regional lodging association, CFHLA represents approximately 80 percent of the more than 129,500 hotel rooms in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, and the nearly 500 "supplier" organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

For more information on the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association, please visit www.cfhla.org.

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