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CFHLA ANNOUNCES THE 2022 GOLDEN PINEAPPLE AWARD WINNERS

This Annual Signature Event Recognizes Hospitality Workers For Superior Service

Orlando, Fla (March 3, 2022) – On Tuesday, March 1st, at the Orlando World Center Marriott, the Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) hosted its annual Golden Pineapple Awards dinner and celebration. This year, CFHLA recognized over 230 “front line” hospitality employees - from 63 Central Florida lodging properties - for exemplary service and outstanding customer satisfaction throughout 2021.

Additionally, Ryan Elijah of Fox 35, served as our guest emcee along with City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, who joined us for a special toast during the dinner. During the awards dinner, CFHLA recognized and honored the following 13 “front-line” hospitality employees, as the winners for each of the categories.



The 2022 Golden Pineapple Award winners include:

Outstanding Back Office Employee of the Year

Casey White, Loews Hotels at Universal Orlando - Lakewood

Outstanding Bell Person / Concierge Employee of the Year

Joshua Hoskins, Hyatt Regency Orlando

Outstanding Community Service Employee of the Year

Vinon Vincent, Marriott's Cypress Harbour

Outstanding Convention Center / Banquet Employee of the Year

Curtis Freeman, DoubleTree by Hilton at the Entrance to Universal

Outstanding Culinary Employee of the Year

Mondarin "Mo" Williams, Holiday Inn Club Vacations - Orange Lake Resort

Outstanding Engineering Employee of the Year

Damian Chin, Coco Key Hotel and Water Park Resort

Outstanding Food & Beverage Service Employee of the Year

Susan Grogan, Sheraton Vistana Resort

Outstanding Front Office Employee of the Year

Valerie Neal, Staybridge Suites Orlando Royale Parc Suites

Outstanding Housekeeping Employee of the Year

Sandra Hill, Embassy Suites Orlando Downtown

Outstanding Laundry Employee of the Year

Santos Diaz, Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando East UCF

Outstanding Recreational Employee of the Year

Deirdre Wynn, Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes

Outstanding Security / Loss Prevention Employee of the Year

Linda Reed, Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress

Outstanding Steward/Dishwasher Employee of the Year

Daniel Acevedo, Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

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 125,500 hotel rooms in Orange, Seminole and Osceola counties, and nearly 500 "supplier" organizations that do business with the hospitality and tourism industries.

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

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