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CFHLA ANNOUNCES THE 2025 GOLDEN PINEAPPLE AWARD WINNERS

This Annual Signature Event Recognizes Hospitality Employees for Superior Service

ORLANDO, Fla. (March 3, 2025) – On Thursday, February 27, 2025, 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 260 “front line” employees from 67 different Central Florida lodging properties for their exemplary service and outstanding customer satisfaction throughout 2024.

Additionally, for the second year in a row, Ybeth Bruzual of Spectrum News 13 served as the event’s emcee, which attracted 950 attendees.

Throughout the evening, CFHLA recognized and honored the following thirteen hospitality employees as the winners for each of the designated categories.

The 2025 Golden Pineapple Award winners include:

Outstanding Back Office Employee of the Year

Sunny Tsehaye, Grand Bohemian Hotel Orlando

Outstanding Bell Person/Concierge Employee of the Year

Louis Douyon, Four Seasons Resort Orlando at Walt Disney World Resort

Outstanding Community Service Employee of the Year

Yvonne Suarez, Hyatt House Orlando Airport

Outstanding Convention Center/Banquet Employee of the Year

Kevin Alburez, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center

Outstanding Culinary Employee of the Year

Weynshete Beyene, Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

Outstanding Engineering Employee of the Year

Luis Otero Torres, Hampton Inn & Suites Orlando/ East UCF Area

Outstanding Food & Beverage Service Employee of the Year

Xzavier Salazar, Holiday Inn Orlando International Airport

Outstanding Front Office Employee of the Year

Catherine Davis, Hyatt Regency Orlando

Outstanding Housekeeping Employee of the Year

Gilaine Pierre, Loews Sapphire Falls Resort

Outstanding Laundry Employee of the Year

Charming Perez, Signia by Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek

Outstanding Recreational Employee of the Year

Chevis Earle, Evermore Orlando Resort

Outstanding Security/Loss Prevention Employee of the Year

Magaly Gomez, Sheraton Vistana Villages

Outstanding Steward/Dishwasher Employee of the Year

Maria Leticia Suarez, Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes

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 approximately 80 percent of the more than 129,500 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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