TOURISM CELEBRATES ITS ‘EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS’ AND HOSTS COLLECTION DRIVE FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS

Who: The Central Florida Hotel & Lodging Association (CFHLA) is hosting a luncheon recognizing all of CFHLA’s 2012-2013 Educational Programs and conducting the first of two 2013 CFHLA Cares Collection Drives benefiting Homeless Students in Central Florida.

What: This CFHLA luncheon program will celebrate and present over $88,000 in scholarships and grants to local hospitality students and schools and will feature a presentation from Jay Wheeler, Chair & Osceola County School Board – District 1.

Following this presentation, CFHLA will award 33 hospitality scholarships and 7 grants to Central Florida hospitality schools, as well as recognize the CFHLA Teacher Academy Program, the CFHLA Adopt-A-School Program and the CFHLA Cares Program.

The following individuals are recipients of the CFHLA Foundation 2013 Scholarships and Grants:

**Scholarships**

**High School**
- Elmelynn Boscana - Valencia College - $4,000 ($1,000 per year, for 4 years)
- Nicole Hunter - Leesburg High School / UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $4,000 ($1,000 per year, for 4 years)
- Katherine Orvosh - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $4,000 ($1,000 per year, for 4 years)
- Christine Saunders - Valencia College - $4,000 ($1,000 per year, for 4 years)

**College**
- Emily Ahlers - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
- Melissa Albert - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
- Leanza Altenderfer - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
- Nicole Beland - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
- Kristina Bracewell - Valencia College - $4,000 ($2,000 per year, for 2 years)
- Shauna Brown - Webber International University - $1,000
- Mariela Castro - Florida Technical College - $2,000
- Filonise Celian - Florida Technical College - $1,000
- Adrienne Del Hoyo - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
- Erika Echevestre - Florida Technical College - $2,000
- Daryl Fuentes - Webber International University - $1,000
- Christine Gerke - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
- Dannielle Givens - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Paula Henry - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Courtney Hitzel - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $4,000 ($2,000 per year, for 2 years)
Douglas Hollis - Valencia College - $2,000
Jamie Jaworski - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $2,000
James Kennedy - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Jacquelyn Lopez - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Alexis Lytle - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $4,000 ($2,000 per year, for 2 years)
Don MacRae - Florida Technical College - $1,000
Aundria Mason - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Allison Muniz - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $2,000
Candace Osbourne - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $6,000 ($2,000 per year, for 3 years)
Ulexis Rivera - Florida Technical College - $1,000
Emma Scaglia - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Christina Stelfox - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Angela Stillson - UCF - Rosen College of Hospitality - $1,000
Elliot Vazquez - Valencia College - $1,000

Grants
Colonial High School - $2,000
Dr. Phillips High School - $1,000
Mid Florida Tech - $2,000
Oak Ridge High School - $4,000
Orange County Public Schools - $2,500
Valencia College Foundation - $2,500
UCF – Rosen - $100,000 ($10,000 per year for 10 years, year 2 of 10)

In conjunction with the luncheon, the CFHLA Cares program will be collecting needed items for over 8,000 homeless students in Orange and Osceola Counties. Needed items include soap, shampoo, conditioner, brushes, combs, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, deodorant, other personal hygiene products and small, healthy snacks (see attached flyer).

Two School Buses - one from Orange County and one from Osceola County - will be present to accept donations.

Since the CFHLA Cares program began in 2007, twelve individual collection drives have occurred.

When: **Thursday, April 25, 2013**
12 Noon - 1:30pm (Luncheon)
10:00am - 2:00pm (CFHLA Cares Collection Drive)

Where: **Hilton Orlando**
6001 Destination Parkway
Orlando, FL 32819

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