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International Honor Society Inducts More Than 150 Rosen College Students

Eta Sigma Delta recognizes leadership and academic accomplishments

Orlando, FL (May 3, 2017) --- UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management's chapter of Eta Sigma Delta (ESD), an international honor society for hospitality and tourism students, inducted 167 new members during a ceremony on April 18, 2017, one of the largest groups ever inducted at the College. ESD recognizes outstanding academic achievement, meritorious service and demonstrated professionalism.

Under the direction of faculty adviser and Hospitality Services Department Chair, Dr. Kevin Murphy, the college's chapter of ESD has grown considerably since its inception 14 years ago. Students strive to achieve the high standards of a minimum 3.0 GPA, as well as academic recommendations from professors in order to receive an invitation to join the international honor society.

"When Rosen College students graduate, more than 90% already have jobs due to the fact that they have taken their education, their internships and their place in the tourism and hospitality industry seriously," said Murphy. "They know that they must distinguish themselves in the eyes of recruiters and industry executives and being a part of ESD demonstrates their commitment to service, leadership, excellence, ethics and creativity."

Leading the 167 inductees this year is Rosen College ESD chapter president Lauren Marino, president-elect Sara Lawton Elmore, vice-president Libby Hackney, secretary Morgan Hawter, treasurer Trevor Lowe, event chair Alexis Clark, and Student Government Association (SGA) chair Leigh Swistock.

ESD chapters provide many benefits that impact individual students including a networking system that allows for interaction and the exchange of information. ESD chapters also serve as a means of uniting outstanding students for campus activities, fundraisers and volunteer programs, as well as providing a stimulus for students to strive for academic excellence. Rosen College of Hospitality Management's ESD Student Chapter was established 2003. It is one of most sought-after student organizations on campus. The overarching ESD International was founded in 1978. Today, there are over 90 active Eta Sigma Delta chapters worldwide. To be invited to join Eta Sigma Delta, students must be majoring in Hospitality Management or a related field with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. For more information on Eta Sigma Delta and the benefits of the organization, please visit www.chrie.org.



Caption: 2016-17 UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Eta Sigma Delta inductees at the April 18, 2017 ceremony

About the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management

The UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management located in Orlando, offers students an unrivaled opportunity to learn and work in the heart of hospitality. Ranked in the top five hospitality management programs worldwide, Rosen College has been an educational leader for over 30 years. Uniquely positioned in America's top tourism destination, we educate the next generation of industry leaders through internationally-recognized faculty, innovative academic programs, cutting-edge research and strong industry and community partnerships. To learn more, visit hospitality.ucf.edu.