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UCF Rosen College Students Invite You to the "Distinguished Chefs Series"

"The Citrus"- Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, 5 to 8 p.m.

ORLANDO, Sept. 4, 2008 -- Restaurant management students at the University of Central Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management are cooking up something exciting this fall. As a part of the advanced foods course taught by Vivian Ray, a certified executive chef, select junior and senior students are developing unique dining experiences from the ground up.

The public is invited to experience *The Citrus*, the first of four unique dining events conceptualized entirely by students, <u>from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18</u>. The four-course dinner features a delectable selection of tropical delights including Sunset Chicken Skewers, Boardwalk Shrimp Brochette, Field Greens Salad, Chocolate Chipotle Rib-eye, Seaside Picnic Chicken, Citrus Salsa Swordfish, Pomegranate Berry Cheesecake and Zesty Apple Pie Tartlet with Caramel Glaze.

The Citrus will be held for one night only in the Rosen College's Disney Dining Room located at 9907 Universal Blvd. in Orlando. Tickets are \$15 per person. Please RSVP by calling (407) 903-8179 by Monday, Sept.15. Space is limited.

"It is a great experience that I am excited to be a part of," Hospitality senior Miranda Wetzler said about managing the event. "I hope that this class helps Rosen College develop an advanced restaurant program for future students."

Through these projects, students gain invaluable practical experience, and the community enjoys a high-quality, fine dining experience. "This sort of class isn't about grades," said Donald Evans, a graduate assistant with the class. "It's about the experience and what you take away from it."

The remaining dinners are scheduled for Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 2. Please RSVP to (407) 903-8179 by the Monday before each event.

About the College

Located in the heart of the tourism and hospitality industry, Orlando, the Rosen College of Hospitality Management is dedicated to the values of professionalism, leadership and service. The mission of the Rosen College of Hospitality Management is to develop future generations of global hospitality and tourism leaders representing all industry segments in the hospitality capital of the world, through innovative academic programs, cutting edge research and strong industry and community partnerships.