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UPCOMING EVENTS

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hosted by UCF Admissions
Fri. Feb. 16, 2017

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March 1, 2018

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Mr. and Miss Hospitality,
March 28, 2018

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Graduate Degree Info Sessions

Graduate Degree information sessions for Spring 2018
are scheduled on:

- Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30

A New Dean for Rosen College



[Dr. Youcheng Wang](#) has been selected as the next Dean of the Rosen College of Hospitality Management. Dr. Wang will assume his new role in August 2018, succeeding [Dr. Abraham Pizam](#) who set a foundation of excellence during his 17 years of service as the founding dean of the college.

[Read more.](#)

Breakthrough Awards Presented to Honor USA-China Tourism Industry Leaders

- Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 21, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

[More info.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Meet **Marylouise Fitzgibbon '94**

Regional General Manager for the Walt Disney Company. Marylouise graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management.

In her role at the Walt Disney Company she oversees nine Disney resorts; including Caribbean Beach, Coronado Springs, Port Orleans Riverside, Port Orleans-French Quarter, Old Key West, Saratoga Springs, Fort Wilderness, Disney's Hilton Head Resort, and Disney's Vero Beach Resort. Prior to this role, Marylouise was the General Manager of Disney's flagship resort, The Grand Floridian Resort & Spa. Before her time at Disney, she was at the helm of many luxury hotels throughout the country, in the role of General Manager, including W Fort Lauderdale, and W Atlanta-Buckhead.

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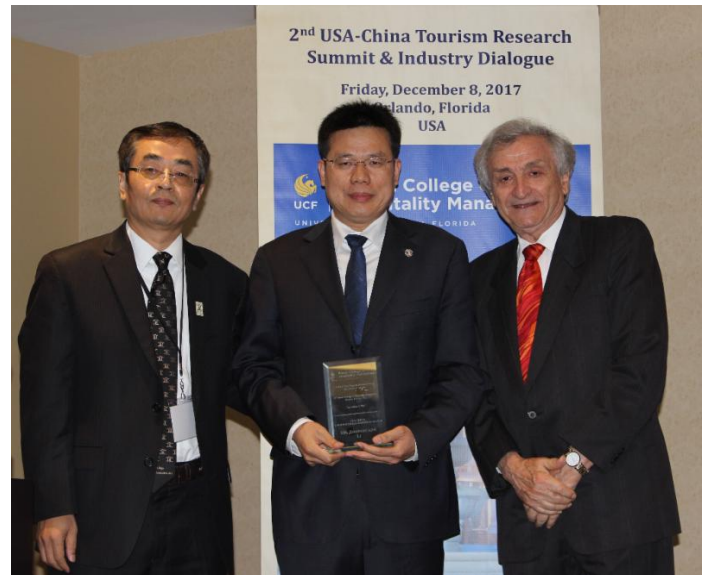
30 Under 30 Nominations

The 30 Under 30 awards program recognizes outstanding young alumni who continue to "Reach for the Stars" in their professional and personal lives since graduating from the University of Central Florida. Nominations open Jan 2018. See details [HERE!](#)



A week of three conferences kicked off on Friday, December 8, 2017, with awards for two tourism and hospitality leaders who work to promote international tourism. Christopher L. Thompson, president and CEO of Brand USA, and Dr. Zhongguang Li, vice president of the China Tourism Academy, were honored with the "USA-China Tourism Breakthrough Award" at the 2nd USA-China Tourism Research Summit and Industry Dialogue.

[Read more.](#)



Spring Career Fair is March 1, 2018

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Alumni: Take a minute to add Rosen College to your LinkedIn profile!



STUDENT SUCCESS

[Sophomore is FRLA Scholarship Recipient](#)

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

[Dr. David Kwun](#) was recently reappointed to a second two-year term to serve as the Chair of the Lodging Track for 'Graduate Education & Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality & Tourism'. Dr. Kwun will serve until 2020. He previously held this position from 2015 to 2017.

[Dr. Dipendra Singh](#) and [Dr. Jorge Ridderstaat](#) won the [Best Paper Award](#) at the Annual International Conference that was jointly hosted by DSPSR (Delhi School of Professional Studies & Research) and Delhi Technological University in New Delhi, India: Singh, D., & Ridderstaat, J. (2018). The connection between tourism demand and money supply: Case Study of India, *Presented at the 19th Annual International Conference 2018, New Delhi, India.*

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More than 1,000 Rosen College students and alumni will get a shot to impress the employers of their dreams at the Career Fair on March 1, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Employers from 70 Hospitality, Restaurant and Food Service, Event and Entertainment Companies come together on the resort-style campus to meet and sometimes interview on the spot, students seeking employment for internships and full-time for after graduation.

Rosen College boasts a 97% job upon commencement rate for its graduates, and it's the #2 ranked college in the world for tourism and hospitality education. No wonder employers clamor to be on campus for career fair, which only happens twice a year.

[Read More](#) about the Career Fair.

Third Year for Entrepreneurship Competition



What's your great idea for the next big product or service in hospitality? Is it a prize winner?

For the third year in a row, UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management is inviting its students to apply, by February 16, 2018, to compete in the annual Hospitality Entrepreneurship Competition. Cash and prizes are at stake which can be used

for startup costs to make the idea a reality. Finalists go head-to-head live before a panel of judges on April 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

This year's competition is sponsored by **Fantasy World Resorts** and **Levy Hospitality**. **Read more** about the Hospitality Entrepreneurship Competition.

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