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**Long-time Central Florida Hoteliers to be inducted into
The UCF Rosen College Hospitality Hall of Fame®**

David Gabri and Marco Manzie honored at a ceremony on Thursday, October 10, 2019

Orlando, FL (October 10, 2019) – More than 80 combined years of service to the hospitality industry will be recognized on Thursday, October 10, 2019. David Gabri, Former Owner/Chairman of Associated Luxury Hotels International (ALHI) and Marco Manzie, Founder/President of Paramount Hospitality Management (PHM), will be inducted into the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Hospitality Hall of Fame® during a ceremony in the college’s Darden Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Gabri, a longtime resident of Central Florida, led ALHI, the highly respected global hospitality sales and marketing company, which specialized in serving luxury-level hotels and resorts. Gabri has served on a number of local and national professional and non-profit boards, and was recognized as one of the Top 25 Minds of the industry by Hotel Sales & Marketing Association International.

Manzie, a current member of the Rosen College Dean’s Advisory Board, founded PHM in 2001 and currently operates four hotels in the Orlando market, three of which are on the globally recognized International Drive. Manzie is also an active board member for the International Drive Business Improvement District.

“The level of professional expertise exhibited by these two gentlemen in each of their 40-year-careers, and their contributions to Rosen College of time, talent and treasures, make them natural choices for induction into the Hall of Fame®,” said Youcheng Wang, Dean of Rosen College. “We are extremely excited to induct Mr. Gabri and Mr. Manzie into the company of our 24 previous honorees.”

The Rosen College of Hospitality Management Hospitality Hall of Fame® is a distinguished group of hospitality and tourism industry leaders who have made a significant impact on Central Florida throughout their professional careers. Each year, UCF’s Rosen College of Hospitality Management has recognized new members in consultation with its faculty members and industry advisory boards. These individuals were officially inducted into The Central Florida Hospitality Hall of Fame® at The Pineapple Ball®, during an annual celebration. That event has now evolved into the Rosen College Hospitality Hall of Fame®, as it seeks to recognize industry and academic engagement on a global level.

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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 #2 among 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.