

Welcome to the second communique for October 2019.

Since its founding as a stand-alone college in 2004, Rosen College of Hospitality Management has long had the support of industry partners who have been available, engaged and invested in the college, its students and its faculty. Several of those industry partners, 24 thus far to be exact, have been honored for their immeasurable contributions to industry and the college, through our Hospitality Hall of Fame®, and this year was no exception. On October 10, 2019, more than 80 combined years of service to the hospitality industry was formally recognized with the inductions of David Gabri, former Owner/Chairman of Associated Luxury Hotels International (ALHI), and Marco Manzie, Founder/President of Paramount Hospitality Management (PHM), into the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management Hospitality Hall of Fame®.



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 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.

This year's induction ceremony was an intimate gathering at the Rosen College. A reception was held in the Disney Dining Room, which was transformed into a luxurious lounge for the evening, followed by a formal ceremony in the Darden Auditorium. Guests were treated to a menu prepared and served by the Catering for Events class, and an acapella performance by UCF's own Mixed Mode. The event was further supported by Our DJ Rocks and Photobooth Rocks, companies founded by a Rosen College alumni. Here's a link to the [Photo Gallery from the Hospitality Hall of Fame®](#). What a beautiful evening it was celebrating the 2019 inductees, Mr. David Gabri and Mr. Marco Manzie.

Charge On!

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