

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

From the Dean's Desk

Another semester is underway and we are gearing up here at UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management for many signature events over the next two months. Mark your calendars and join us at our events. It's an exciting time at the #1 college in the nation for hospitality management research and education.

First up, on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. we will have our second Disney Day recruitment event. Students can register to attend a day of recruiting, a leadership workshop, and networking with Disney leaders. Disney Casting, Disney Professional Internships, Disney College Program, Disney Culinary Programs and Disney Cruise Line will all be on campus ready to hire and schedule interview. We can't wait for the magic and pixie dust.

Next, on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., during our annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony, we will congratulate more than 100 students who have secured scholarships to further their higher education. We will be thanking our very generous donors, who have given more than \$200,000 to support these scholarships. We will also recognize our industry partners who have provided more than \$150,000 in external scholarship opportunities to our students, the future leaders of the hospitality industry. We'll gather to celebrate the scholarship recipients in the Darden Auditorium, here on our beautiful resort-style campus.



As we move into the month of October, I will share my fourth State of the College Address with our industry stakeholders, faculty, staff, students, and university colleagues. The State of the College Address is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., and once again we will gather in the Darden Auditorium as I share highlights of the college in the past year and what's ahead. Mark your calendars.

During the last week of October, we will host our twice-a-year career fair, a major opportunity for industry partners and employers to recruit our students and alumni. We are proud to say that 99% of our students had jobs during the past two semesters and we want to keep that uphill momentum when it comes to placing new leaders in the hospitality industry. This fall we will be having a hybrid career fair. The fall 2022 Career Fair will be held in-person on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. We expect more than 700 student/alumni attendees and more than 100 industry partners and employers to be on campus to recruit them. There will be a virtual career fair on the following day on Thursday, October 27, 2022, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for employers, students and alumni who prefer to meet remotely. The virtual career fair allows for industry partners across the United States and those with international businesses to recruit and interview our students from anywhere they are in the world. You may find more information about the career fair on our website. Career Fair - Rosen College of Hospitality Management (ucf.edu)

We can't wait to see you on campus, attending and participating in our upcoming events. These are exciting times for the hospitality industry and for UCF Rosen College.

Charge On!

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