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A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Welcome to the 24th Annual UCF College of Business Hall of Fame. Why the Raiders of the Lost Ark theme you ask? It's easy to forget in all of that adventure that Indy is first and foremost a faculty member. And like Indy, many of our faculty help students set out on an adventure of a lifetime.

So, tonight, in addition to celebrating the incredible journeys of some of our most distinguished alumni, we will be featuring a few of our faculty who are working to solve today's most important business mysteries and preparing students for the future that lies ahead. From our Emcee **Christopher Leo, D.B.A.**, (Department of Management) to our very own Indiana Jones

– **Ray Eddy, Ph.D.**, (Integrated Business) faculty will be center stage. And while they might not be archaeologists, you'll see how the research interests of Eddy, **Shannon Taylor, Ph.D.** (Department of Management) and **Yael Zemack-Rugar, Ph.D.** (Department of Marketing) are helping to shape the business world.

As always, we will also highlight the incredible journeys of tonight's inductees: **Russell Goldberg '89**, **Charlie Lousignont '81** and **Eva Tukdarian '90 '91** and recognize **Mark Plaumann '74 '79** for his longtime commitment to UCF and our Business Knights. Each of these alumni are authentic leaders and problem solvers who are committed to positively impacting their communities.

I may be biased but I believe tonight's awardees chose wisely when they decided to come to UCF to pursue their business education and again when they invested their time, talent and treasure back into their alma mater. We're not saying we're the Holy Grail of business schools, but an event like tonight shows our graduates are well on their way to becoming the leading voices in their respective fields. We're so fortunate to honor alumni who, years after graduation, still find a way to impact and connect with our students. Once a Knight, always a Knight.

I'd like to give a special thanks to our presenting sponsor Withum for being a dedicated partner and supporter of all we do in the college. From the Withum Learning Lab to the Hall of Fame, Withum helps us provide opportunities for our students to get involved, learn and expand their networks.

Tonight, we invite you to network with your fellow Knights, embrace adventure and celebrate our Business Knights!

Charge On,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Jarley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Paul Jarley, Ph.D.

Dean, UCF College of Business



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James S. Hunt '77
Douglas F. Long '82
Craig S. Miller '74
Blaine Sweat, III '76
Al Weiss '76

2000

R. Todd Bowers '77
J. Kenneth Bryant '77
Les W. Eiserman '81 '82
James W. Ferrell '80
R. Glenn Hubbard '79
Gerald R. McGratty '71 '72

2001

Scott Bell '83
John J. Carelli '75
Lawrence J. Chastang '80
Roy H. Davidson '77
Ivan Lefkowitz '73
Rocky Santomassino '79

2002

Olga M. Calvet '71
Robert B. Case '70
Joseph Durek '78
William A. Long Jr. '73

2003

N. Lois Adams '85
Harold "Hal" Downing '76
Laurette T. Koellner '77
Louis F. Lentine '93
Palmer Barton Weeks, Jr.
'83 '84

2004

G. Thomas Bland, Jr. '75 '79
Andrew J. Fore, III '76 '83
Paul Gregg '74 '76
Nan B. McCormick '83

2005

Kathy Assaf '70
Jim D. Atchison '92
Ward Curtis, Jr. '73 '77
Kenneth G. Dixon '75
Andrew B. Titen '75

2006

Stanley C. Horton '73
Thomas Messina '84
Paul Ryan '83
Theresa Schefstad '80

2007

Jim G. Balaschak '86 '92
Richard O. Baldwin '80
W.H. "Hank" Crouse '71
Steve Felkowitz '79
Mike McArdle '87
Jeff McFadden

2008

Alan C. Charron '84
Melanie Fernandez '86 '91
Micky Grindstaff, Esq. '78
Alex Martins '01
Mark L. Plaumann '74 '79
John D. VanderWerf '77

2009

Anthony Connelly '87
Donald J. "D.J." Gannon '89
Maureen Walker '81

2010

George F. Gramatikas '04
Jeff B. Lagos '89
Jeff J. Lehman '78 '80

2011

Karen Hackett '82
Mary Stone '74 '75
Anthony Thornton '94

2012

Merrell Bailey, Esq. '85 '89
'01 '07
Jonathan Kennedy '94 '96
Brian Wheeler '95

2014

The Hon. Kenneth W.
Bradley '85
Rasesh Thakkar '84

2015

Therese Gearhart '85
Mitch Less '86
John Schmid '92

2016

Carrie Callahan '92
Carrie Hall '86
Larry Tobin '83

2017

Sonya Dixon '96 '98
Michael O'Donnell '09
Antonio "Tony" Moreno, Jr. '91

2018

Dawn Olivardia '89 '90
Terry McNew '86
Sheila B. Jordan '86

2019

Jessica L. Blume '80
Clint Bullock '95
Rick Cardenas '92

2020

Woody Walker '92 '94
Justin Wetherill '07
Brian Wright '06

2022

Glenn A. Dial '88
Inez Long '98 MBA
Barry Miller '95

2023

Jim Adamczyk '02 '04 MBA
Cary D'Ortona '00 '01 MSA
John Gill '86

INDUCTEES

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TONIGHT'S

MENU

LOST ARK GREENS

Mixed La Rosa greens, marinated hearts of palm
and English cucumbers
Served with chipotle lime vinaigrette & peppercorn ranch

FORTUNE AND GLORY FILET & SANKARA STONE SEA BASS

Peppercorn crusted filet of beef and Chilean seabass, Shiitake
and Chanterelle mushrooms in a Cabernet reduction
Served with herbed risotto, grilled asparagus and baby carrots

DIAL OF DESTINY DESSERT

Chocolate mousse cake with mixed berries

THEATER CONCESSIONS

Freshly brewed gourmet regular and decaffeinated
coffees and tea

FEATURED AT THE BAR

Tito's Fountain of Youth

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TONIGHT'S

ADVENTURE

THE QUEST BEGINS

Welcome.....Master of Ceremonies Christopher Leo, D.B.A.
Associate Lecturer, Department of Management

Presenting Sponsor.....Peter Hilera '92, *Partner, Withum*

The Adventure Begins.....Dr. Michael D. Johnson
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome.....Paul Jarley, Ph.D., *Dean, UCF College of Business*

Legendary Knight Award.....Mark Plaumann '74 '79

RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK

Partnership Award.....BNY Mellon

Honorable Knight Awards.....Sara Bernard '00, Derek De Salvia '03 '11,
Paul Hagge '99 '00

Interview Host.....Tiffany Hughes, *COO, UCF College of Business*

Hall of Fame Induction.....Russell Goldberg '89

DINNER

TEMPLE OF DOOM

Entrepreneurial Alumni Awards.....Justin Buzzi '13, Adam LZ '16, Jeff Stafford '04

Hall of Fame Induction.....Eva Tukdarian '90 '91

DESSERT

THE LAST CRUSADE

Notable Knight Award.....Victor Almeda '19

Hall of Fame Induction.....Charlie Lousignont '81

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2024 LEGENDARY KNIGHT AWARD

MARK PLAUMANN

The Legendary Knight Award recognizes outstanding contributions that will transform teaching, research and learning through extraordinary philanthropy and commitment to the College of Business. This award is open to the entire College of Business community, including alumni, friends and corporate and foundation partners.



Mark L. Plaumann '74 '79 MBA is the Managing Member of Greyhawke Capital Advisors, which he co-founded in 1998. The two-time Knight, who was inducted into the College of Business Hall of Fame in 2008, was an academic superstar as a student, finishing a two-year college degree while still in high school and earning his bachelor's degree after just one year at UCF, then FTU. He went on to earn his MBA. He and his wife, **Marilyn E. Wilson**, have given back to the university for more than 30 years — supporting a wide range of initiatives, many with a focus on College of Business programs like Investors in Entrepreneurship and the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership. In 2021, the couple donated \$1 million to an endowed scholarship fund for first-generation college students. He also serves on the UCF Foundation Board and the Dean's Advisory Board for the College of Business.

PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The **Partnership Award** recognizes organizations that have initiated a successful partnership with, or on behalf of, the UCF College of Business, resulting in the advancement of the college's academic offerings or public outreach. **BNY MELLON** embodies the spirit of collaboration and is recognized for its initiative, leadership and involvement in the betterment of business education.



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2024 INDUCTEE

RUSSELL GOLDBERG



Russell Goldberg '89 is Orlando Partner-in-Charge for Withum where he is involved in the firm's technology initiatives and provides tax and consulting services for businesses and individual clients. He also is a member of the UCF College of Business Dean's Advisory Board and frequently speaks on campus along with members of his Withum team. In 2019, he was the driving force behind the creation of the Withum Learning Lab, where students could seek out tutoring services and collaborate with fellow accounting majors in the Kenneth G. Dixon School of Accounting at UCF. The proud UCF alum is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA). He is a board member at the Jewish Pavilion of Central Florida, treasurer of Wounded Warrior Outdoors and a past chair of Central Florida Hillel.

HONORABLE KNIGHT AWARDS

The **Honorable Knight Awards** recognize UCF business alumni with more than 10 years of experience who have displayed excellence in their respective career paths.



SARA BERNARD '00

PARTNER
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DEREK DE SALVIA
'03 '11

**CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER &
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**
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PAUL HAGGE
'99 '00

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EVA TUKDARIAN



Eva Tukdarian '90 '91 is the CFO, Chief Investment Officer and Treasurer for Dr. Phillips Charities, comprised of Dr. Phillips, Inc. and The Dr. P. Phillips Foundation, which supports worthy capital projects and innovative non-profit programs in Central Florida. She oversees all aspects of finance, investments, human resources and IT systems and has helped grow the organization's assets and, in turn, the annual contributions to local non-profits. An avid volunteer, the two-time Knight serves as a Board Member and Treasurer of the UCF Foundation Board, participating on the Executive, Finance & Facilities, Audit and Investment committees. Previously, she worked for The Walt Disney Company. Tukdarian has bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from UCF.

ENTREPRENEURIAL ALUMNI AWARDS

The **Entrepreneurial Alumni Awards** honor UCF business alumni from any discipline who exemplify commitment, vision, calculated risk-taking and growth potential. In their professional career, this person demonstrates perseverance in the face of adversity and overcomes obstacles.



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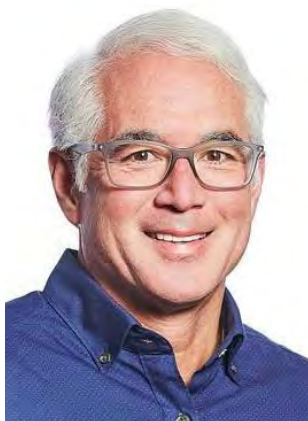


JEFF STAFFORD '04
VICE PRESIDENT, J.D. POWER
CEO, FISHING AMMO; GOLDEN
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CHARLIE LOUSIGNONT



Charlie Lousignont '81 is a Supply Chain Management Executive who retired last April after 40 years in the foodservice industry. At the time of his retirement, he was the Chief Supply Chain Officer and Senior VP of Brinker International, the owner and operator of Chili's and Maggiano's restaurants. Lousignont has a bachelor's in finance from UCF and an MBA from the University of Miami. He began his career at Darden Restaurants (then General Mills Restaurant Group) as an accountant. He has served as Chief Procurement Officer of PF Chang's, Pei Wei and True Food Kitchen restaurants, as well as CSCS, the purchasing co-op for Applebee's and IHOP (Dine Brands). He serves on the Dean's Advisory Board for the Rosen School of Hospitality. He is a founding member and officer of the National Restaurant Association Supply Chain Management Expert Exchange Group and serves on the advisory board.

NOTABLE KNIGHT AWARD

The **Notable Knight** Awards recognize alumni who have displayed promise and excellence early in their career paths and have less than 10 years of experience.



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Dawn Olivardia, '89 '90
Hall of Fame 2018
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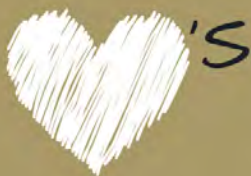
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GOLDBERG '89**

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Congratulations to Our Brother 2024 College of Business Hall of Fame Inductee Charlie Lousignont '81



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Eva Tukdarian | '90, '91 MBA



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