



# The HDG Latest

## March 2020

### HDG Hotels Media



Comfort Suites in Gainesville - Ground Breaking Ceremony



Heart of the House Tour at TownePlace Suites by Marriott in Titusville with Florida Representative Rene "Coach P" Plasencia



HDG adds hotel number 18: Holiday Inn Express in Crystal River, Florida



Choice Hotels Owners Council (CHOC) Talks Advocacy: HDG's Azim Saju and lobbyist Mark Anderson



HDG launches a new website: [Hdghotels.com](http://Hdghotels.com)

*Click photos to launch videos.*

### We're moving!

By April 2020, HDG Hotels will move its headquarters to historic downtown Ocala. We look forward to celebrating this step in our company's development with you once we are in and a bit settled.

### Coming Up May 19...

Join us for an after hours Town Hall with the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association (FRLA) and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership regarding Amendment 2 on minimum wage at the HDG Hotels main office. Contact us for details.

### VISION 2020



Every year, HDG leadership makes personal visits to each of our hotels for team building, and to invite our 500 plus team members to vote on how our positive impact will be focused in the communities in which we have a presence! Our entire company helped decide on where HDG should designate its time, efforts, and treasure in regards to outreach: human and social services, education and youth programs, and animal protection. Watch the video to see Vision 2020 in action!

### About Us

HDG Hotels is headquartered in Ocala/Marion County. Our hotel development and management company's vision is "to positively impact the people and the world around us." To that, HDG offers its team members medical, dental and vision insurance, wellness programs, a 401K match, ownership opportunities, and other benefits. The company also partners with its team members on outreach efforts within the communities in which it has a presence. Learn more at [hdghotels.com](http://hdghotels.com) or [youtube.com/hdghotels](http://youtube.com/hdghotels).

### Green Initiates

In three months, HDG saved nearly \$21,000 through its conservation efforts.

**Quality Inn & Suites New Port Richey** has reduced water usage by 1 MILLION gallons of water in 6 months while also reducing its water cost by almost \$10,000 over the same time frame.

### COVID19

The coronavirus has had an unprecedented impact on many industries and hospitality has been at the forefront. HDG Hotels has taken measures to keep our team members and our hotels physically and financially well as best we can. Yes, we can together.

**Our Vision** | To positively impact the people and the world around us.

**Our Mission** | Brilliance in the basics of hospitality.

## Team Member Spotlights



**Daniella Portelada | Sales Coordinator / Front Desk Agent  
TownePlace Suites by Marriott Kennedy Space Center Titusville**

In December 2019, Daniella Portelada joined the HDG team at the TownePlace Suites by Marriot Titusville Kennedy Space Center (TST). Daniella was born and raised in Chicopee, Massachusetts and went to school at the University of New Haven. Daniella is very organized, hardworking, and has a vibrant, outgoing personality. She has been a great addition to the front desk team, and we felt she could excel in other roles as well. In addition to the front desk, Daniella was recently promoted to part-time sales coordinator.



**Michele Champy | Breakfast Ambassador | Comfort Suites Dunnellon**

This coming March will mark one-year for Michele Champy as a part of team HDG at the Comfort Suites near Rainbow Springs Dunnellon (CSD). Michele started in housekeeping and quickly worked her way to laundry and housekeeping inspector. With all of her hard work and dedication, Michelle also recently became a full-time breakfast ambassador. Michele says, "I have honestly found great comfort in my new job. Everyone works so well together, which is nice when I'm so far from everything I've ever known (New Hampshire). It is an honor to be a part of an amazing team and company."

**Jennifer Fieweger | Housekeeper  
Sleep Inn & Suites Ocala - Belleview**



Jennifer moved to the Sunshine State from Colorado Springs, Colorado. In 2015, she joined the HDG family at the Sleep Inn & Suites, Ocala - Belleview. Her eagerness to help, hard-working "can-do" attitude, infectious energy, and spirit make her a vital member of the team and a joy to work with.

**Beth Kennedy | Housekeeper / Laundry  
Hampton Inn Leesburg**



In 2006, Beth moved to Florida from Pontiac, Michigan. She joined the HDG family in 2011 and is the longest-tenured employee at the Hampton Inn, Leesburg (HIL). Beth has worked in housekeeping, laundry, breakfast, and as a detailer and inspector.



**Felipe Lotto Lozada | Housekeeper / Laundry | Comfort Suites Ocala**

Felipe began his career in the hospitality industry over five years ago at the Comfort Suites, Ocala. He is currently a housekeeper and laundry attendant. He also has experience in maintenance. With his hard work and dedication, Felipe makes a great team member.



**Dennis Sawyer | Maintenance | Hampton Inn DeBary**

Dennis was born and raised in Buffalo, New York and moved to DeBary in 1985. In November 2002, Dennis started working at the Hampton Inn in DeBary (HID). Throughout Dennis' career, he has always had something to do with maintenance or construction. He says, "I enjoy interacting with people as much as I enjoy hunting and fishing, which are my favorite hobbies."

Dennis thinks of team HID like a family. Each day he works, he looks forward to helping and meeting new people. "The atmosphere at HID is contagious, you can't help but smile and laugh."



**Luis Vazquez | Maintenance | Holiday Inn Express & Suites Silver Springs/ Ocala**

Luis Vazquez joined team HDG at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Silver Springs - Ocala (HIS) over a year ago. Wanting to be closer to his family, Luis moved to Ocala from Miami where he owned and operated his own tile business for over thirty-three years. Luis is a top-notch team member and always comes to work with a smile! We are glad to have him on the team.



**Alison Gallant | Housekeeper | Best Western Ocala Park Centre**

Alison is originally from Maine, but moved to Florida in 2002. She has worked in the hospitality industry for most of her professional career. In September 2017, Alison joined the Best Western Ocala Park Centre (BWO) team as a housekeeper. Soon, realizing she could provide value in many departments, her cross-training began. Alison works in laundry and breakfast, as well as housekeeping. She is a great team player with a can-do attitude who is always willing to help wherever she is needed. Alison says, "HDG is a great and steady place to work because the hours are terrific and the location is convenient."