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# the Grand Tour Gala

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The Grand Tour Gala honors local leaders in the hospitality industry and supports the UCF Rosen College of Hospitality Management. The annual event, begun in 2007 and produced since 2010 by the Orlando Chapter of the National Association for Catering Executives (NACE), combines “world-class cuisine, high-quality entertainment, and concierge-level service.”

The Grand Tour Gala is one of the largest fundraisers for the Rosen College, with proceeds endowing student scholarships and supporting academic programs. Proceeds from this year’s gala will also benefit the NACE Education Foundation and the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association’s ProStart program. Additionally, each year the Gala inducts select industry professionals into the Central Florida Hospitality Hall of Fame.



**Paris**  
NOVEMBER 16, 2013

The Grand Tour Gala was originally named the Grande Hospitality Gala. Each year the Grand Tour Gala is organized around a theme from around the world, such as the “South Seas” (2008), “Argentina” (2011), and “Bombay” (2012). This year’s Gala will have a “Paris” theme and will take place November 16th at the Hyatt Regency Orlando.

UCF Rosen College Professor Dr. Mary Jo Ross has been instrumental in the Grand Tour Gala since its inception and has won numerous awards for her work. Dr. Ross won an Orlando WOW award for *Best Event Planner* for her work on the 2008 gala, and in 2010 Dr. Ross received the Orlando WOW *Peer of the Year* award. The Grand Tour Gala Team, headed by Dr. Ross, also won an Orlando WOW award for *Best Team Effort* for the 2011 event and was recognized with two nominations at the 2012 International Special Events Society’s (ISES) Esprit Awards.



For more information about the Grand Tour Gala, including a list of honorees and pictures from past events, see: <http://www.grandtourgala.com>. For more about the UCF Rosen Library, see <http://library.ucf.edu/rosen> or contact us at [rosenlib@ucf.edu](mailto:rosenlib@ucf.edu) or 407-903-8100. ☺