



SPEAKERS



Matt Carrier

Senior Vice President, Federal Government Affairs
AHLA

Matt comes to AHLA after nearly a decade across the hotel distribution and revenue strategy space, most recently overseeing price guarantee and rate parity programs at Marriott International. In this role, Matt advocates on a variety of issues and leads the hotel industry's policy and research agenda to meet members' needs today and in the future. Prior to joining Marriott International, Matt worked at Kalibri Labs, where he managed hotel industry client relationships and educational efforts. With family roots in the hotel and lodging industry, Carrier is committed to advancing the hotel industry through technology and data. He is a graduate of Cornell University, where he studied hotel administration.



Shane O'Flaherty

Global Director of Travel, Transportation & Hospitality
Microsoft

Shane O'Flaherty is a global business executive and entrepreneur with a successful track record of leading his businesses and departments to their highest potential. His 25+ year career has been a catalyst for "Business Reinvention" — having excelled in moving industries forward through corporate leadership, strategy, venture capital, technology, customer experience, sales and marketing, operations, quality assurance and consulting.

As Microsoft's Global Director of Travel, Transportation & Hospitality, Shane has been leading innovation and driving digital transformation at leading travel and transportation industry companies to redefine their customer and employee journeys in addition to driving cost compression in their operations



Lindsey Ueberroth

CEO, Preferred Hotels and Resorts

Lindsey Ueberroth is the Chief Executive Officer of Preferred Travel Group and a member of its Board of Directors, where she has strengthened the company's global reputation as a champion of independent hotels and a leader in authentic luxury travel. She oversees both Preferred Hotels & Resorts and the eco-focused Beyond Green brand, guiding their growth and influence worldwide. Recognized as one of the most influential women in hospitality, Lindsey has earned honors from Hotel Management, HOTELS magazine, and Lodging magazine for her leadership and impact on the industry. She also serves on several boards, including Historic Hotels of America, the American Hotel & Lodging Association, the Global Hotel Network, and contributes as a member of the U.S. Travel Association, Young Presidents' Organization, and the Global Advisory Board for Condé Nast Traveler.



Tony Bennett

Former Head Coach
UVA Men's Basketball

Tony Bennett built Virginia into an elite ACC basketball program. The Cavaliers success culminated with an NCAA Championship in 2019. They won the ACC regular-season title six times and Bennett is a four-time ACC Coach of the Year. He has also won the Henry Iba Award as the nation's top coach three times. UVA is the only team outside of the state of North Carolina since the founding of the conference in 1953 to get those consecutive titles. Bennett retired in October 2024 and UVA named the court at JPJ Arena after him in recognition of his immense impact.



Michael Dominguez

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President & CEO
ALHI

Michael Dominguez serves as the President & CEO for Associated Luxury Hotels International (ALHI). ALHI is the largest independent Global Sales Organization with a team of nearly 80 professionals located among 26 offices across North America and Europe. Prior to joining ALHI, Michael served in executive sales leadership roles with MGM Resorts International as Chief Sales Officer and many brand and independent branded companies. Michael is an award winning hospitality industry veteran. He has received multiple honors for his leadership and influence and has been recognized as a change agent by his peers.



Arch Stokes

Founder and Chair
Stokes Wagner

With more than 53 years of trial experience in courts across the United States and abroad, Arch is a distinguished trial lawyer specializing in labor and employment law within the hospitality and foodservice industries, having successfully defended over \$500 million in claims and secured more than \$100 million for plaintiffs. Beginning his career as a bus attendant at fourteen and later serving as a Marine Corps trial lawyer, he has dedicated his life to representing hotels and restaurants. Known for an exceptional trial record—never losing a jury trial or arbitration in California and prevailing in all but five of more than 100 civilian trials—he brings a philosophy rooted in ethos, pathos, and logos, tailoring creative, client-centered solutions with a commitment to service and results.



Dr. Bryan K. Williams

Dr. Bryan K. Williams is a globally recognized keynote speaker, consultant, and author specializing in service excellence and leadership effectiveness. His high-energy presentations and training programs have helped organizations in more than 20 industries and across six continents elevate their customer experience and develop exceptional leaders. The founder of the BW Leadership Academy, the Strong Leader Institute, and the Manager Skills Workshop, he is also a bestselling author of six books. Prior to leading his own firm, Dr. Williams spent over a decade with The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, ultimately serving as Global Corporate Director of Training & Organizational Effectiveness after rising through 17 positions that began with his first role as a busboy. He holds advanced degrees in Business Administration, Hospitality Management, and Adult Education, including a Doctor of Management in Organizational Leadership, and previously served on the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.