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AAHOA & University of Houston Create New Scholarship Program

ATLANTA, Aug. 5, 2016 - The Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) has joined with the University of Houston Conrad Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management to create a new AAHOA Scholarship.

“This new AAHOA scholarship will help continue our efforts to steadily improve and professionalize hospitality,” stated Chip Rogers, President & CEO of AAHOA. “The University of Houston is one of the premier schools in the world for hospitality education. The graduates of the Hilton school are the leaders of our industry and we are pleased to play a role in supporting the next generation.”

AAHOA Chairman Bruce Patel is a graduate of the University of Houston. “I know first-hand what a degree from the University of Houston can do for a young person. The knowledge that many more deserving students will get the same opportunity I had, because of AAHOA’s commitment to education, is one of many reasons I am proud to be an AAHOA member.”

AAHOA will contribute \$125,000 to the Conrad Hilton College of Hotel & Restaurant Management over 5 years. The contributions will be matched by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, creating a \$250,000 fund to be named the AAHOA Student Assistantship & Scholarship Endowment.

Hilton College was founded in 1969 by hotel icon Conrad N. Hilton and is consistently ranked among the top hospitality programs in the world. More than 80 percent of Hilton College students have jobs lined up upon graduation.

“We are extremely delighted with our partnership with AAHOA. This will be of immense benefit to numerous students for generations to come.” Jon C. Schultz, Assistant Dean for Business Development.

For information on applying for an assistantship or scholarship through the AAHOA-UH partnership, please contact Assistant Dean Schultz at 713.743.2738 or jcschultz@uh.edu.

Formed in 1989, AAHOA is the world’s largest hotel owners association, with more than 15,000 members. The members of AAHOA own almost 1 of every 2 hotels in the United States. With offices in Atlanta and Washington D.C., AAHOA serves its members through advocacy, education, member benefits, and as host to over 150 hospitality related events per year.