

## **Dr. Patrick J. Moreo**

### **Graduate Mentorship Award**

The Patrick J. Moreo Graduate Mentorship Award honors the memory of Dr. Pat through supporting faculty mentorship and graduate scholarship. The recipients of this award will have a demonstrated commitment to the field of hospitality and tourism graduate education and mentorship, with a pay it forward mind set. This mindset will manifest through their ongoing commitment to the development of hospitality graduate students. This commitment to students should extend from their time in academia together, into their future careers.

Dr. Patrick J. Moreo has been an educational leader for more than 40+ years, serving in positions at the University of South Florida, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Oklahoma State University, New Mexico State University, and Penn State University. His last post was serving as the Dean of the College of Hospitality and Tourism Leadership at the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. Dr. Moreo was dedicated to internationalizing education at the student and faculty level. In his tenure, he created numerous global programs for students that reach beyond the classroom. He was also a mentor, guide, and advisor to many domestic and international graduate students. His mentorship of Ph.D. students has allowed his impact to extend far beyond the reach he could have achieved as an individual. His Ph.D. students are now faculty and mentors in their own right, providing a generational reach to his legacy. This award was created to honor his excellence and dedication to advancing the next generation of both hospitality scholars and industry professionals.

#### **NOMINATION CRITERIA**

To be considered for the Patrick J. Moreo Graduate Mentorship Award, a nominee must be a current faculty member at any University (Domestic or International) in a Hospitality/Tourism College, School, or Program. A nominee must have at least 10 years of experience in hospitality education and mentorship. The nominee should have been involved with student mentorship and impacted their lives on both personal and professional levels. The nominees must be nominated by a current or past graduate student and/or mentee with substantial levels of interaction.

Nominees must have made documented contributions in the following areas:

- Mentoring of young professionals and graduate students, helping them advance in their education and careers
- Fostering collaborative relationships among graduate students globally, leading to greater opportunities for all stakeholders
- Acknowledgment by peers and students as an important contributor to transformational experiences for graduate students through their mentorship and/or programming

#### **NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Nominations will be accepted between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and should be submitted by a current or past graduate student and/or mentee with substantial levels of interaction.

Nominations should be supported by additional letters, addressing a perspective on the nominee's mentorship accomplishments.

Please note that nominations that do not comply with the award criteria or nomination procedures will not be considered.

The awardee will be announced at the annual Graduate Education & Graduate Student Research Conference in Hospitality & Tourism in January each year. They will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 donation will be made to the Patrick J. Moreo Memorial Scholarship at the University of South Florida in the name of the awardee to further benefit graduate student education.