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Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin names new director of beverage and new co assistant directors of food and beverage



Lake Buena Vista, Fla. – Aug. 1, 2019 – The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin has named a new director of beverage and two new co assistant directors of food and beverage.

Ariel Bruckner named director of beverage

Ariel Bruckner has been promoted to director of beverage at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin.

Bruckner previously served as general manager of AAA Four-Diamond rated Todd's English Bluezoo. She has been instrumental in the growth of the resort's restaurant operations, having been promoted into several management roles including general manager at the Garden Grove Restaurant in 2018 and assistant general manager at Shula's Steak House in 2016. Bruckner has over 5 years of experience as a certified sommelier, with which she teaches a cocktail crafting class at the resort.

Bruckner has almost ten of experience in hospitality management and is a graduate of the University of Central Florida.

Brian Exner and Kristian LaPlante promoted to assistant directors of food and beverage

The Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin has promoted Brian Exner and Kristian LaPlante to assistant directors of food and beverage. In their new roles, Exner and LaPlante will assist with operations and support teams of the restaurant's 18 restaurants and lounges, along with the catering and award-winning banquet divisions which conducts more than 1 million banquet covers annually.

Exner previously served as assistant director of banquets. He is a Certified Sommelier of over 10 years and holds the coveted B.A.R. certification, the spirits and mixology equivalent of an advanced wine sommelier, a distinction few professionals have received in the United States. Exner is a graduate of the State University of New York at Oneonta.

LaPlante, a Certified Sommelier of over 15 years, previously served as director of restaurants.

About the *Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort*

In the heart of the Walt Disney World Resort, the award-winning Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort resides amongst the greatest theme parks and attractions in Central Florida. It is located between *Epcot* and *Disney's Hollywood Studios*, and nearby *Disney's Animal Kingdom* theme park and *Magic Kingdom* Park. Guests can discover 18 world-class restaurants and lounges, sophisticated guest rooms with Westin Heavenly Beds and the luxurious Mandara Spa. The resort features five pools, two health clubs, nearby golf, complimentary transportation throughout the *Walt Disney World* Resort, the extended park hours benefit, where each day, one of the four *Walt Disney World* theme parks is open extra time for guests to enjoy select attractions (Valid theme park admission and Resort ID required) and Disney *FastPass+* service, where guests can reserve up to three select theme park experiences up to 60 days in advance of their visit. The resort can be reached at [800-227-1500](tel:800-227-1500). For more information, visit www.swandolphin.com and connect with the resort via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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