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Loyalty & Excellence Shine as Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort Honors its Award-winning Milestone Anniversary Associates

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba - Feb. 20, 2025 – Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba, proudly celebrates the milestone anniversaries of 15 Bucuti Associates, a testament to the dedication and commitment of its award-winning team. The newest inductees are a part of 53 Bucuti Associates who have worked at the resort for five or more years. Of those, 70% have been there for ten or more years, reflecting employee satisfaction, which Bucuti & Tara is proud and honored to have achieved with staff member. This each recognition coincides with the



resort's latest achievement of being named the No. 1 Hotel in Aruba and one of the Top 25 Resorts in the Caribbean by U.S. News & World Report, along with earning a Recommended rating from Forbes Travel Guide.

At the resort's annual General Meeting, Bucuti & Tara honored this year's 15 milestone anniversary Bucuti Associates for their years of service. Rik van der Berg, Resort Manager of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, shared, "Every day, our guests tell us their vacation at Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is among the best they've ever experienced. This is largely due to our dedicated Bucuti Associates—true hospitality professionals who take immense pride in creating a genuinely welcoming atmosphere and delivering guest service that is nearly unmatched worldwide. We sincerely thank each of you for being part of the Bucuti & Tara journey."

Newest Milestone Anniversary Members

The 15 Bucuti Associates who celebrated their milestone anniversary as hospitality professionals at the No. 21 Best Hotel in the World according to Tripadvisor were:

- Celebrating 20 years. Marie Celie Gabriel-Jean Baptiste (Housekeeping), Charmante Rempart (Housekeeping), Solanges van der Linde (Housekeeping), Jasmine Miller (Housekeeping), Beverly Reed-Richards (Housekeeping), and Francis Eric Davelaar (IT)
- Celebrating 15 years. Gregorio Villones (Food & Beverage), Christian Garcia Ordonez (Food & Beverage), and Madeline Gower-Fernandez (Front Office)
- Celebrating 10 years. Karen Cousins (Food & Beverage), Yolanda Reyes (Food & Beverage), Acecilia

William-Pierre (Food & Beverage) and Mitchell Goeldjar (Reservations)

• Celebrating 5 years. Michiko Eman (Human Resources) and Leonard Fingal (Maintenance)

"Pivotal to being Aruba's best hotel are our Bucuti Associates, who are central to Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort," says Crescenzia Biemans, Chief Corporate Officer of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort. "Their dedication and passion have been instrumental in shaping our success over the years. As we celebrate these milestone anniversaries, we also reflect on the values that make our resort an ideal place to work: integrity, respect, excellence, and a shared commitment to sustainability. We are so proud to honor them and are grateful for their contributions to our success."

An Award-Winning Employer: Bucuti & Tara Sets the Standard in Caribbean Hospitality

In addition to celebrating these significant milestones, Bucuti & Tara is recognized as the No. 1 hospitality employer in the Caribbean, having won the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's (CHTA) CHIEF Award for People Development and Support. This distinction highlights the resort's steadfast commitment to employee well-being, career development, and an enriching work environment.

Bucuti & Tara's dedication to its employees is reflected in its industry-leading benefits. The resort's holistic approach to staff care and development includes a comprehensive benefits package that is the best among Aruba's hospitality businesses. Such benefits include, but are not limited to, competitive salaries, a five-day work week, up to 27 vacation days annually, wellness programs, a free gym membership, health and life insurance, and low-interest loans including green loans for electric vehicles, solar panels and more. Over the past year, Bucuti & Tara added a childcare subsidy and annual healthcare check-ups that provide proactive care and vital peace of mind for staff. The resort also prioritizes hiring local talent and fostering a culture of integrity, respect and sustainability.

Excellence Through Longevity and Commitment

Bucuti & Tara's team of 142 Associates provides unparalleled service at the 104-room adults-only resort. More than 37% of its team members are milestone anniversary honorees, and their longevity is reflected in the resort's exceptional guest experience. This leads to a 97% year-round occupancy rate and top global accolades, including <u>Tripadvisor's No. 3 Hotel in the Caribbean and No. 21 in the World</u>.

A Career Destination for Hospitality Excellence

Longtime Bucuti Associates often share that the resort's peaceful working environment, excellent wages and benefits, the agility of an independently owned resort, and the meaningful relationships built with repeat guests make Bucuti & Tara a career highlight.

For those seeking a path to professional growth and excellence, Bucuti & Tara invites them to explore opportunities with the resort's award-winning team. <u>Job postings and applications are available online</u>, or interested candidates may visit the Human Resources department in person.

To learn more, visit **Bucuti.com**.

IMAGES & VIDEOS

A staff milestone anniversary image is located in this Dropbox folder and this private media gallery.