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PRESS RELEASE

First wedding booked at the Winter Park Events Center

WINTER PARK, FL, an internationally recognized, award winning city with multiple accredited agencies (May 3, 2021) In March, the city officially opened the Winter Park Events Center reservations office to start booking 2022 events. In less than two months, the city is thrilled to announce Emma Mendez and Anthony Gassman have quickly become the sweethearts to claim the title as the very first couple to officially book their wedding at the Winter Park Events Center!



On November 5, 2022, Mendez and Gassman plan to celebrate the beginning of their lives together as husband and wife at the Events Center. Although they attended the same high school, it wasn't until they were UCF Knights they had their chance meeting through mutual friends, then their love story began. After a seven-year relationship, on January 1, 2021, Gassman proposed and their status officially changed from "in a relationship" to "engaged."

They took a month to soak in their new title of fiancés before they began looking at venues to hold their special day. Gassman ironically works across the street from the site and his father works for Orange County. These two familiar factors, coupled with seeing an online post and touring the site, sealed the deal.

"Everything about the Events Center fit perfectly with the wedding theme we wanted. I loved the style of the venue as soon as I drove by it. The architecture is stunning and yet not overwhelming. I love the earth-tone colors of the building, the domed ceilings, and the floor to ceiling windows that allow natural light in," shared Mendez, the beautiful bride-to-be. "The fact that the venue offers a rooftop space, a large ballroom, outdoor spaces, and two dressing rooms gave us plenty of space to have our ceremony, cocktail hour and reception all in one area."

Husband-to-be Gassman added, "Location was a huge plus as most of our friends and family are local to Orlando, as well as the venue size and price point."

When asked what they are excited the most about, Mendez boasted, "We are excited to plan at a slow pace this year and enjoy being engaged. As for the wedding, we are looking forward to simply having a great time celebrating with friends and family, and making it a fun evening to remember!" Gassman added he is most excited about the "honeymoon and hopefully not having to worry about COVID!"

Congratulations to Anthony & Emma, the city is thrilled to be the host for your exciting milestone event. For other couples looking for that perfect wedding venue, the [Events Center reservations](#) office is located in City Hall West Wing at 401 S. Park Ave. and open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Reservations can be made by contacting [407-599-3571](tel:407-599-3571) or eventscenter@cityofwinterpark.org. # # #

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