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**KINGSTON PLANTATION RECEIVES COVETED PINNACLE AWARD**

*More than 75,000 meeting planners surveyed to find top resorts in United States*

**MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.** – (August 2006) – Kingston Plantation is being recognized with one of the most prestigious awards in the meetings and conventions industry through *Successful Meetings'* 2006 Pinnacle Awards.

The Pinnacle Awards are presented annually by *Successful Meetings* magazine based on surveys from more than 75,000 meeting and convention planners across the country. The survey asks respondents to select sites and destinations based on quality and services. Awarded properties are selected on meeting space, room design, audio visual services, flexible food and beverage scheduling and quality, and overall package pricing. The Pinnacle Awards have earned a reputation as one of the most credible and prestigious symbols of excellence among meeting planners and hoteliers and have been in existence since 1984.

“We are proud to receive this award for our 7<sup>th</sup> time,” says Bob Barenberg, general manager of Kingston Plantation. “We strive to provide the highest quality of service, and this award recognizes the efforts of everyone on staff in addition to the amenities available at all of the properties at Kingston Plantation.”

Located in the heart of the famed Grand Strand in Myrtle Beach, Kingston Plantation is one of the largest and most comprehensive oceanfront resorts on the East Coast. In addition to the Embassy Suites, the 145-acre property offers more than 1,300 choices in accommodations including the 385-room Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort, private villas, townhomes and condominiums. Guests enjoy access to extensive recreational including a 50,000 square-foot Sport & Health Club with indoor and outdoor pools, nine lit tennis courts, pro shop and state-of-the-art fitness equipment; Splash!, an oceanfront waterpark and lazy river; 72-par Rees Jones-designed Arcadian Shores Golf Course; and a host of seasonal activities for adults and children. For meetings and conferences, Kingston Plantation offers more than 105,000 square feet of space. For more information, call 800-876-0010 or visit [www.kingstonplantation.com](http://www.kingstonplantation.com).

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