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Hard work brings rewards

## GRADUATION 2016 – honouring passion and hard work



From left: Erika Theron, Dr Deborah Johnson, Henrico Grobbelaar, Carmen Eskteen, Nadia Smith-Louw & Susina Jooste

THPS **Special Mentor Awards** pay tribute to industry partners for their contribution in preparing students for their future careers. Chef Henrico Grobbelaar of the Tsogo Sun Group and Nadia Louw Smit of Clos Malverne Restaurant received these prestigious awards.



### A visit from the Deputy Minister of Tourism

Lee-Ann Prinsloo, Ms Thokozile Xasa, Samantha Lind & Thobekile Maseko

Dr. Deborah Johnson, Vice Dean of Innovation, recently attended the launch of Virtuous Jewels, an organisation aimed at seeking opportunities for the empowerment of women through training and education. The tourism and hospitality industries were identified as key areas for offering empowerment opportunities through skills training. Dr Johnson met Deputy Minister of Tourism, Ms Thokozile Xasa, who consequently visited TPHP to spend time with staff and students.

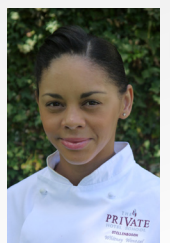
*"The success of our graduates becomes our honour."*

### OTHER TOP ACHIEVERS

- **Casey Roskilly** – Director's trophy (highest overall score for duration of her studies)
- **Maarten Smuts** – FEDHASA floating trophy (best business improvement project)
- **Carmen Eksteen** – Specialisation award (best culinary arts achievement)
- **Christopher Tworeck & Carmen Eksteen** – The Protea Book Store Spirit of Hospitality Award (continuous professional development)
- **Lenina Potgieter & Michelle Krebs** – Wine Awards
- **Lenina Potgieter, Michaela Scott, Lauren Haviland, Isabella Staines, Michelle Krebs & Casey Roskilly** – Merit awards (80%+ for duration of their studies).

### Who's cooking?

We are excited to welcome Chef Whitney Wentzel and Chef Aviv Liebenberg to the team. **Chef Wentzel** holds a qualification in Food & Beverage Management and her career includes time spent abroad and working for the TAJ Hotel Group, Southern Sun Cullinan Hotel, Fairmont Zimbali Hotel & Resort and the Arabella Hotel. **Chef Liebenberg** holds a qualification in Culinary Arts. He has worked at establishments such as Reuben's One&Only, Reuben's at the Robertson Hotel, Reuben's Abalone House, Tokara Restaurant and the Bouillabaisse Seafood Deli & Restaurant.



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