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THE PRIVATE HOTEL SCHOOL

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10 Years of Excellence

Established in 2005, The Private Hotel School is proud to celebrate 10 years of commitment towards providing the hospitality industry with a consistent supply of talented hospitality professionals. The Private Hotel School is situated in Stellenbosch, the heart of the South African hospitality industry and culinary capital of South Africa. We are proud to say that many of TPHS graduates have built careers with prestigious global companies such as Hilton Worldwide Group, Kempinski, Hyatt, One & Only as well as Cape Grace Hotel, The Pepper Club, Twelve Apostels, The Bay Hotel, Crystal Towers, La Residence, Mont Rochelle, Majeka House, Devon Valley Hotel, Asara Hotel, Spier Hotel, Wedgeview Country Lodge, Coopmanhuijs, Oude Werf, Erinvale Hotel and Spa and the Fancourt Hotel and Spa. Our culinary students are equally in high demand, and you will find them in the professional kitchens such as Terrois, Nobu, Clos Malverne, Eight at Spier, Equus at Cavalli, Burrata and even as assistant food editor of Huisgenoot, You and drum.



TPHS Alumni

Kimberley Usenga, hails from Zimbabwe. After completing high school in December 2008, where she studied Culinary Arts with City and Guilds, she then joined PHS in July 2009 to further her studies in the hospitality industry. Kimberley says it has been an amazing journey filled with amazing people that have given her gems of advice that she can never forget. Kimberley describes THPHS as inspiring, supportive and a fun institution to study at. She advises students to "Work hard. Focus your mind and seize the opportunities' and see the opportunities' in every situation you are in. Never give up, be determined to make your life what you want it to be, put in that little bit of extra effort that makes a big difference in the quality of your work, and you can do anything you set your mind to. Always be thankful for your lecturers who push you to grow. You are really privileged to have the opportunity to study at TPHS make the best of it". We wish Kimberley all the success with her future endeavors.



Graduation 2015

With flair TPHS graduation ceremony took place during March and was held at the prestigious STIAS Wallenberg Research Centre in Stellenbosch. Graduating is the reward for hard work and this graduation ceremony celebrated the achievements of our students. Our graduates are the showcases of academic success at The Private Hotel School. The top academic achiever, Ms Tayla Swanepoel was awarded the Director's trophy for achieving the highest overall score throughout her duration of studies. Ms Elizabeth Kotzé received the FEDHASA floating trophy for the best business improvement project. A Specialisation award for best culinary arts achievement was received by Ms Suné De Wet. The Van Schaik Spirit of Hospitality Awards was received by Mr Janus Swart and Mr Stephan Bartl for continuous professional development. Wine Awards were received by Ms Anika De Jongh and Ms Tayla Swanepoel for exceptional hard work. Merit awards were received by Ms Samantha Weston, Ms Elizabeth Kotzé, Ms Anika De Jongh, Ms Suné De Wet, Ms Letitia Schreuder and Ms Tayla Swanepoel for achieving above 80% throughout the course of their studies. TPHS also presented the hospitality industry with awards for their effort and contribution to the development of TPHS students. A special Chef's Mentor Award was received by Chef Michael Broughton of Terroir Restaurant at De Zalze and a special Hotel Management Award was received by Mr Gallo Shanker, former Rooms Division Manager of Spier. TPHS is proud of all the graduates and we wish them all the best with their future endeavours.



Visit from Germany

Professor Michael Ottenbacher from the Heilbronn University of Germany visited TPHS. TPHS and Heilbronn University are in the process of establishing educational cooperation links for staff and students. Heilbronn University is located in the Heilbronn Land region where beautiful scenery combines with breathtaking nature, culture and history. Heilbronn, also known as the "City on the River" is a popular location for business and innovative companies. The Heilbronn University is also a member of the EuroCHRIE association.



Cultural diversity outing

The second semester students of TPHS visited Spier Hotel. Ms Lee Marinaki (Human Resources Manager) and Mr Sandile Magidigidi (Guest Relations Supervisor) availed their time and shared with TPHS students their focus on cultural diversity and integration within the work place. Ms Marinaki introduced interesting concepts used at Spier Hotel to ensure that staff is integrated as part of the broader Spier Hotel "family" and that every position within the property is of equal importance. Ms Marinaki also emphasised that as a hospitality professional, regardless of who your work with and where your guests are from, to be kind and respectful. Mr Magidigidi provided some insight regarding the different type of guests they receive at Spier and how guests are received and treated. TPHS students enjoyed their outing and found the sharing of information and experiences very educational and beneficial.

Our next open day is 23 May 2015. For information on the July 2015 intake contact Ms Merwede Van Tonder on Tel: +27 21 881 3792 or Merwede.snyman@privatehotelschool.co.za

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