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TISOH celebrates 10 years of launching hospitality careers

LAS VEGAS – The International School of Hospitality (TISOH) celebrates its 10th anniversary on May 5 with an invitation-only gala at the Bellagio for hospitality industry leaders.

“We set out to provide an alternative route for career advancement among people in the hospitality industry,” Executive Director Timothy M. Lam said. “We have since seen our alumni attain positions of authority and make great contributions to the hospitality industry, helping us make our mark as a cutting-edge institution for hospitality education worldwide. Our May 5 event is one way for us to share our success and personally recognize our friends in the industry who help make TISOH successful.”

More than 1,500 students have graduated from TISOH during its 10 years, with diploma graduates enjoying an 85 percent job placement rate. For this year, four Las Vegas hospitality associations count TISOH graduates as their presidents. Additionally, many graduates are now in leadership positions throughout the hospitality industry, including at top resorts on the Las Vegas Strip. Examples include Cosmopolitan Chef Concierge Angela Cooper, Cosmopolitan Spa, Salon and Fitness Director Shannon Stringert and Luxor Hotel and Casino Director of Hotel Operations Chris Walker, the keynote speaker at TISOH’s 2015 graduation ceremony held April 17.

Other successful graduates who have gone on to open their own businesses in Las Vegas include celebrity wedding and event planner Brit Bertino of Brit Bertino Event Excellence, Green Orchid Events owner Juliet Douglas, and three graduates who met at TISOH and opened Scheme Wedding & Event Design.

TISOH attracts future hospitality leaders from around the world with a unique approach that lets students learn from experts working at leading Las Vegas hotels. Its curriculum has been developed by the industry for the industry. In recent years, Lam said TISOH has seen growing demand for its programs as industry leaders seek qualified professionals locally, nationally and globally.

At any given time, TISOH students come from as far away as Indonesia, the Bahamas, Spain, Panama, Mongolia, Brazil and the Dominican Republic. International students are eager to gain experience in Las Vegas and take their newfound skills back to their home countries, where they pursue their dream jobs, Lam said. TISOH also offers courses online.

TISOH earlier this year doubled its campus size, expanding into a new building that features state-of-the-art technology, a one-of-a-kind special events lab and innovative hotel “front desk” training space, where students can practice real-world guest interactions.

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About The International School of Hospitality

The International School of Hospitality (TISOH) was founded in Las Vegas, Nev., in 2005. TISOH offers quality short-term, practical training and career development programs in hospitality. Developed for the industry and by the industry, TISOH's small class sizes and online courses include: concierge, conference management and event planning, catering, hospitality leadership and supervision, hospitality human resources, hotel operations, and wedding coordination and design. Diploma graduates, trained by working experts in the field, enjoy an 85 percent job placement rate. TISOH is an academic partner of the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute and is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training. For more information, visit www.tisoh.edu or call (702) 947-7200.

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