



Dr. Donnell G. Bayot

Donnell G. Bayot is the Director of Academic Affairs for The International School of Hospitality.

Bayot is a founding member of the school, who along with several University of Nevada, Las Vegas professors and hospitality industry experts from the Las Vegas Strip, saw the need for practical, short-term training programs to help hospitality workers advance in their careers and people aspiring to enter the field.

Bayot oversees course development for classroom and online classes. He has taught in half a dozen TISOH catering, conference, event, and wedding coordination courses. He works with hospitality industry leaders to develop the curriculum for each department -- Department of Conference and Events, Department of Catering, Department of Hotel Management and Department of Wedding Coordination. He also helps select qualified faculty members, who must be certified hospitality educators and active experts in their field.

Bayot is a Certified Hospitality Educator (CHE), a Certified Food and Beverage Executive (CFBE) and a Certified Professional in Catering and Events (CPCE). He is a member of the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD).

Bayot places a high value on continuing education. He holds a master's degree in education from Regis University. He also holds a Ph. D. in workforce development and organizational leadership from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His doctoral research was focused on the development of a competency model for catering and event professionals.

Bayot routinely practices the art of event planning and catering, overseeing TISOH's special events. He has coordinated more than 30 TISOH graduation ceremonies, each of which included more than 100 guests. Outside of TISOH, he helps organize galas and special events for the Las Vegas New Century Lions Club.



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Bayot's experience includes more than a decade of helping to shape the hospitality industry through his involvement with the National Association for Catering and Events. He is currently the organization's National President-Elect. Over the years, he has served multiple roles on the national board and has chaired education committees. Locally, he served on the Las Vegas NACE board as a member for multiple terms and as treasurer.

Bayot is an award-winning national figure in the hospitality industry. He is a recipient of the 2014 Pacesetter Award from the Events Industry Council (formerly the Convention Industry Council), an umbrella association that represents over 100,000 hospitality industry professionals. He was appointed to the President's List of NACE National in 2010 for outstanding achievement and contribution to the association. He won the 2009 Spirit of NACE award from the Las Vegas chapter. He also is serving his fourth term on the Board of Advisors for the Southern Nevada Hotel Concierge Association.

Bayot is active in community service. He is a Board of Advisor for the Innovations International Charter School of Nevada. He is the founding president of the Las Vegas New Century Lions Club and a former president of the Lions Quest Foundation of Nevada.

Prior to his work with TISOH, Bayot was the director of religious education for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Las Vegas.