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Industry Scholarship Recipients Announced

Twelve young Queenslanders with dreams to pursue successful careers in the hospitality and tourism industry have been awarded scholarships for the Diploma in Hospitality Management commencing January next year.

For the third consecutive year, the Scholarships have been offered by Restaurant and Catering Queensland, Queensland Hotels Association, Hotel Motel & Accommodation Association, Clubs Queensland, the Australian Liquor Hospitality & Miscellaneous Workers Union and the McGuires Hotel Group.

Valued at over \$15,000, the 2006 Scholarship Program attracted overwhelming interest from the industry, schools and the general community.

The 2006 Scholarship Recipients were announced during a formal dinner held in Illusions Restaurant at the Hospitality Training Association on Tuesday, 8 November 2005.

Winners of the Scholarships were Kasey Mitchell-Whiteley and Sean Weizenbichler (Restaurant & Catering Queensland Scholarship), Lacey Blackman and Jessica Dowdle-Sawyer (Hotel, Motel and Accommodation Association Scholarship), Lachlan de Brenni and Kayla Gislingham (Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Workers Union Scholarship), Stephanie Christiansen and Paula Woods (Clubs Queensland Scholarship), Ryan Fiechtner and Henrietta Lee (Queensland Hotels Association Scholarship) and Joshua Fagan and Natasha Murray (Dick McGuire Scholarship).

Hospitality Training Association Inc. (HTA) President and Restaurant and Catering Queensland CEO, James Visser, welcomed the 2006 recipients to the HTA family and said he looks forward to watching them build successful careers in the hospitality and tourism industry.

“This Scholarship Program offers recipients with a head start towards a career in hospitality and tourism.



“Upon completion of the program, recipients can expect to graduate ready to enter the workforce with their skills, knowledge and experience highly sort after by the industry,” said Mr Visser.

Delivered by the Hospitality Training Association Inc., completion of the Diploma in Hospitality Management will open the door to progression to managerial level positions in hospitality and tourism organisations such as hotels, restaurants, clubs, convention centres, resorts and cruise ships worldwide.

Restaurant and Catering Queensland Scholarship Recipient and School Captain of Nyanda State High School, Kasey Mitchell-Whiteley was delighted with her win.

“This scholarship will provide me with the best training possible in order to fulfil my goals and dreams of becoming successful in the industry.

“I hope to travel, using my experience and qualifications to gain positions in management all over the world,” said Miss Mitchell-Whiteley.

Hotel, Motel and Accommodation Association Scholarship Recipient, Lacey Blackman of Tullawong State High School, talked about her passion for the industry and what the scholarship meant for her career.

“This Scholarship is of particular importance to me as it is one of the greatest opportunities I could have to pursue my ultimate dream to be successful in the hospitality industry,” said Miss Blackman.

During the course of the evening, the recipients also learned of their “first assignment”. Students will partake in the organisation, cooking and service for an event for international charity, Angel Flight. To be held in 2006, the Hospitality Training Association Inc. has offered the event as an ‘in-kind’ donation and will be used by Angel Flight as a fundraiser.

Further information on the recipients and the night’s proceedings are available at www.hta.org.au.

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