



Newsletter

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Editor's note

To our awesome students and staff; always willing to learn and contributing to the success of the hotel school; may you enjoy your well-deserved holidays, travel safe and return to an existing second semester!

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REFINING SKILLS

The second leg of the Master Caterers Challenge Aftercare Programme was held from 25 April 2016 to 5 May 2016. This leg focused on theory and practical classes in Culinary.

The aim of the Master Caterers Challenge Aftercare Programme is to give hands on training to caterers that took part in the 2015 Master Caterers Challenge. It was found that, although the caterers work in the industry, they require refinement of their skills, knowledge and abilities.



The Hotel School Chefs facilitated culinary training in food production. According to Chef Jené Miles, "The caterers were very interactive and involved in the classes and activities that took place".

GUEST LECTURERS



Ms Keabetswe Mongane, owner of Olorato Trading Event Management, presented a guest lecture on events management to the third-year Hospitality Management students.

Ms Mogane shared her experience as an event's organiser and how to make a successful event. 'Events Management forms part of the students' curriculum' says Judith Mavuso (Junior Lecturer: Hospitality Management) and 'students must be prepared for the challenges of events organizing.'



Ms Refilwe Moroke (an alumna from the Hotel School) visited the third-year Hospitality Management students' class, to speak to them about her job as Assistant Front Office Manager at Protea Hotel Willow Lake. Refilwe motivated the class for their work-integrated learning training and future careers, and discussed the daily duties and tasks of an Assistant Front Office Manager with them.

OPEN DAY

In order to help learners make informed career choices, the Central University of Technology, Free State (CUT) hosted an Open Day on Saturday, 7 May 2016. The Hotel School showcased its Hospitality Management programme through several displays in the Hotel School Atrium.



Reneé Minnaar (Lecturer: Hospitality Management) shared valuable information with several learners.

SHARING HISTORY

The Hotel School was honoured to host staff members from Eunice Girls' High School at a recent High Tea. The Hotel School Building, dating back to 1912, was known at the time as Eunice House. Today, students are not only prepared for the hospitality industry, but are also groomed for excellence.



In the back row (from left to right) are Shane Marais, Stefan van Schalkwyk, Adri Dreyer and Elmarie Odendaal. In the front row (from left to right) are Ellen Meyer, Zinette de Wet (Principal: Eunice Girls' High School) and Yolandi Brummer

WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING

Lecturers Judith Mavuso and Jacques Ras visited Hotel School students at the various four- and five-star hotels in South Africa where they are placed for work-intergrated learning (WIL), to determine these students' progress.

Most hotels are committed to the holistic development of the students as individuals, and not just to the development of their skills. Overall positive feedback was received from the various hotels where students are placed for a period of six months. It is obvious that hotels still prefer the CUT Hotel School's students to those from other institutions.



Nthabeleng van Rooi and Dorothy Kok, Jacques Ras, Limpho Makhube and Pretty Melane pictured at The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel in Cape Town.



Jacques Ras, Luzanne van Schalkwyk, Thomas Ndobe (Assistant Manager: Kapama River Lodge), Judith Mavuso and Tshepiso Modise at the Kapama River Lodge in the Kapama Game Reserve.



Makgisa Tebogo, Jacques Ras, Mr Bogatsu (Food and Beverage Manager: Sandton Sun), Judith Mavuso, Sebatatso Majoro and Moeketsi Mohapi.



Jacques Ras, Vuiswa Buda, Tiro Mosholi, Judith Mavuso, Moleboheng Majoro, alumnus Niel Britz (Assistant Food and Beverage Manager: Champagne Sports Resort, Drakensberg Mountains).

High Tea AT ONE ON PARK



Senior Hospitality Management students Diteboho Banda, Kingley Moabi and Tankiso Seutloali are pictured here with Belinda van der Merwe (Lecturer's Assistant: Hospitality Management) and Ms Joan Abrahams, better known as "Tannie Mossie".