



The Pineapple

News from the Manfred Steinfeld School of Hospitality & Tourism Management
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From the Director

By Gerald F. Bober, EdD
Professor and Director

This has been a season of recognition for our program. On September 25, the University granted its **first honorary Master's degree to Jerry Roper, President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce** in honor of his distinguished career in the field of hospitality and tourism management. Dean Laura Evans recommended the degree which was conferred by President Middleton at an assembly of distinguished hospitality professionals, family, and friends of Mr. Roper.

Our program has an excellent relationship with the **Chicago Club Manager's Association** and we are proud that our students are being recognized by the industry with scholarships.

Our **new gaming course** has received a great deal of press attention. Articles have appeared in *The Sun-Times*, *The Daily Herald* and in other local area papers. See Page 3 for newly scheduled class.

Scholarship Awards

The list below includes a selection of the scholarship awards granted to HOSM students this academic year by agencies outside the university. We hope that by recognizing these scholarships, more students will be inspired to seek these awards.

Marina Denischik, Ecolab Scholarship
Janelle Halbert, Chicago Club Manager's Assoc.
Chiedoziem Ibekwe, Illinois Hotel Association
Anyta Irons, Illinois Restaurant Association
Sally Magallanes, Meetings Professional Int'l
Lori Peterson, Chicago Club Manager's Assoc.
Anthony Pupillo, American Hotel Association
Shin Thompson, Skol International

Roosevelt University Honors Gerald J. Roper – President & CEO, Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

Roosevelt University's Manfred Steinfeld School of Hospitality and Tourism Management has honored Gerald J. Roper, president and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, with its first honorary master's degree.

University President Charles R. Middleton conferred the honorary degree of Master of Hospitality and Tourism Management upon Roper at a September 25 luncheon. A longtime supporter of Roosevelt's Steinfeld School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, Roper has been President and CEO of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce since 1993.

Other Roper honors include Roosevelt's Lifetime Achievement Award in Hospitality and Tourism Management in 2000. Mr. Roper has been a successful hotel general manager and president of McCormick Place.

Roper sits on the boards of Roosevelt's Manfred Steinfeld School of Hospitality and Tourism Management; Jones Academic Magnet High School; the State Street Council; the Visit Illinois Council; the Chicago Sister Cities Committee; Working in Schools; and Mayor Daley's Commission on the Employment of People with Disabilities.

"Jerry Roper's achievements in hospitality and tourism, his contributions to the city of Chicago and the state of Illinois, and especially his support of Roosevelt's Steinfeld School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, its students, faculty, and program of studies, make him truly deserving of this recognition," said Laura Evans, dean of the Evelyn T. Stone University College and vice provost for Continuing Education at Roosevelt University.

NOVEMBER: Advising Time for Spring Term

The faculty advising schedule has been distributed and posted. If you did not receive a copy, please contact Rick Parker, HOSM secretary. Please schedule your advising appointments through the HOSM office, CPA 300, 312-281-3181 or email rparker@roosevelt.edu

Spring Term Begins Monday, January 26

ALUMNI CORNER

Angie J. Silberhorn, CMP (BSHM '89) is Meeting Services Manager for the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

Suzie McKeon, CMP (BSHM '92) is Director of Program Accounts and Events for Distribution Market Advantage, Inc in Schaumburg.

Christine Maltese (BSHM '97) is the Reservations Manager at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel.

Jody (Krawitz) Egel (BSHTM '98) has switched positions from being a supplier with a destination management company to being a planner with the Million Dollar Roundtable.

Jack Fritz, CMP (BGS '99) after a long stay at the Palmer House now with the American College of Emergency Physicians in Irving, TX.

Sheshe Taylor (BSHTM '01) is the Catering Sales Manager at the W City Center Hotel. She was formerly a meeting planner with the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

Bojan Bauk (BSHTM '02) is manager at Chili's in Bloomingdale after a stint with Chili's in Wheaton.

Anthony Chen (MSHTM '02) is director of executive development with Hilton in Beverly Hills.

Natalie Anderson (BSHTM '03) is now the Coordinator of Meetings & Conventions with the American Institute of Steel Construction, Inc. She also won the Greater Midwest Chapter scholarship to the Professional Convention Management Association conference this January!

Lillian Barbari (BSHTM '03) has accepted a position as a meeting planner with Allstate Insurance managing events for 25-200 people all across the USA!

Aaron Valley (BSHTM '03) tells us he is in the management training program with Marriott.

Earla J. Simpson, CMP (MSHTM candidate) is now Manager, Meetings Support Services for Cygnus Corporation in Rockville, MD and also recently received her CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) designation.

HOSPITALITY CLUB Upcoming Events

By: **Tony Pupillo, Hospitality Club President**

"Really Cool Tours!" is the theme of this semester's Hospitality Club field trips. Join us for this informative behind the scenes look at two of Chicago's coolest hotels!



House of Blues Hotel – Friday, November 14 at 2pm. Meet in the Main Lobby of the Hotel.



W City Center Hotel – Friday, November 21 at 3 pm. Meet in the Main Lobby of the Hotel.

Advanced reservation is required, space is limited. Call the Hospitality office at 312-281-3181 to make your reservation!

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Look forward to **Holiday Cheer Week** in December!



A **CPR training** class in Spring term.

Hope you all caught **Kitt Nicoloy's** review of the Millennium Perk in the October 27 edition of **The Torch!**

Did You Know? . . .

...that the Auditorium Building, built in 1888-1890, is considered to be one of the 10 most important buildings in the world?

We take our learning environment for granted every day. When it was built, it had not only the 4,000 seat Auditorium Theater, but also office spaces, art studios and a **400 room hotel**. Guest rooms at the time rented for \$3.00 and up for European Plan (no meals) and \$6.00 and up for American Plan (breakfast, lunch and dinner included). That's \$90.00 and \$180.00 in today's dollars!

What was once one of the city's most famous banquet rooms is now our Library on the 10th floor. The Ladies Lounge, now the 2nd floor Sullivan Room, is used for various VIP functions.

*** * * REMINDER * * ***

Submit Graduation Applications **EARLY!**

With all the bustle of finishing your last terms of study, it's easy to forget your most important task: to apply for graduation! Just as a student applies for Admission to the University, there is also a formal processing procedure for a student to graduate. This procedure is activated with the Graduation Application which is available in the HOSM office, from the Registrar's Office and on the university website.

The graduation process includes a review of the student's record to be sure all degree requirements have been fulfilled. It is wise to file this application **two terms before completion** so if a deficiency is revealed, the student can take care of it without delaying the date of graduation.

INTRO TO GAMING ADDED TO SPRING SCHEDULE

**HOSM 393-10
CRN 27029
Tuesday, 6 – 8:30 pm**

With the success of the first time offering of HOSM 393 Special Topic: Introduction to Gaming, a second section has been added to the Spring Schedule.

A follow-up course, Casino Operations and Management, is being developed for the Fall.

International Culinary Wiz Spices Up Chicago's Restaurant Scene

By Donna DeMille

Sumanth Das, executive chef and BSHTM student, has gained great acclaim for *MONSOON* at 2813 North Broadway.

With its fusion of Indian and French cuisine, *MONSOON* was included in the November *Esquire* magazine list of Best New Restaurants in America. Das, who was born in Bombay, India and educated in Indonesia with additional culinary training from the Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago (CHIC), says he was chosen to make a bold statement with his Asian-inspired cuisine.

GRAD STUDENT CORNER

*New Look to the Schedule of Classes
for MSHTM Students*

HOSM 490 Graduate Thesis and HOSM 499 Graduate Project will no longer be listed in the schedule. These courses are **offered every term** as Course-by-Arrangement sections. Once a student has been advised by Dr. Bober, the HOSM office will complete the appropriate paperwork for the student to enroll. Every term that students continues to work on their thesis/project, they should enroll in a y-section extension.

Hospitality Management Students Trained for Jobs in Gaming Industry News Releases | Office of Public Relations

At a time when a casino for Chicago is being considered, the School of Hospitality Management and Tourism is beginning to prepare students for job opportunities in the gaming industry. For the first time ever this fall, the University is offering an Introduction to Gaming course that teaches its hospitality students about the conditions and management challenges associated with hotel casino properties.

"This is the first time a course like this has been offered in our School," said Chuck Hamburg, the associate professor of hospitality management. About 20 students are enrolled in the course which includes guest lectures by a state lawmaker as well as experts from the Hyatt Hotels, Harrah's, a gaming columnist from the *Chicago Sun Times*, a professional gambler and a slot machine/video game owner and operator.

"With the economy the way it is, gaming is going to become more important to the health of tourism in the city of Chicago," said Hamburg, who has studied the casino management program at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas to learn about the latest trends and training methods for curricula in this new course. "We want to be ready when casino gambling arrives, so we are starting to train people now before a downtown casino becomes a reality," he said.

"We have introduced these casino courses because we believe there are existing employment opportunities in casinos," said Gerald Bober, HOSM director. "In the meantime, if an expansion of gambling - such as a land-based casino - comes to Chicago, we will be ready for that as well."

Dr. Bober Named Educator of the Year

Dr. Bober was named the Educator of the Year at an award's ceremony held by the Illinois State Crime Commission last June.

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Hospitality Career Web Sites

These are only a few of the hospitality career websites available for your employment quest. We will continue the complete listing in the next issue of *The Pineapple*. Important Note: Many of these are commercial sites. Be alert to possible come-ons, service fees or commissions involved.

Adventures in Hospitality Careers - www.hospitalityadventures.com

Are you looking for a job in a hotel, restaurant, club, cruise ship or other facet of the hospitality industry? Search 1000's of jobs, post your resume and apply to jobs online!

Hospitality Net -www.hospitalitynet.org

The portal serves a worldwide audience of 15,000 hospitality professionals. The site offers industry news, multimedia streamed features, discussion platforms, a recruitment center, and a supplier marketplace.

ClubCorp - www.clubcorpcareers.com

If you are interested in joining our 23,000 employees for a challenging career with ClubCorp, the global leader in the hospitality industry, you are invited to use this Web site to learn more about us and our available opportunities.

International Association of Exposition Managers - www.iaem.org

IAEM has a Career Center that has become a very viable resource. Job opportunities and resumes, as well as RFPs for contract work, can all be posted.

MPI-CAC – Meeting Professionals International Chicago Area Chapter - www.mpicac.org

Browse a detailed listing of job openings that have been submitted by employers within the past 30 days. This list is updated every week and contains detailed descriptions of the position, the company and the contact. This service is free. Posting of resumes is also free.

PCMA – Professional Convention Management Association - www.pcma.org

PCMA's Job Bank is visited by more than 1,700 people each month. It provides the perfect outlet for your organization to post current job openings or look for the ideal candidate on our new résumé online service. Non members to post is \$75.00

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