

ZERRIE D. CAMPBELL:

GOOD AFTERNOON LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND WELCOME TO THE 5TH
ANNUAL HOSPITALITY STUDIES GRADUATE AND ALUMNI RECEPTION OF ST. LOUIS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT FOREST PARK.

I AM ZERRIE D. CAMPBELL, THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF THE FOREST PARK
CAMPUS.

WE ARE GATHERED HERE TODAY TO PAY TRIBUTE:

- TO OUR 2010 GRADUATES OF THE HOSPITALITY STUDIES PROGRAM.
- TO OUR HOSPITALITY STUDIES ALUMNI SPANNING THE LAST 48 YEARS.
- TO OUR 2010 CO-TEACHER OF THE YEAR, **CASEY SHILLER**, ASSISTANT
PROFESSOR AND COORDINATOR OF THE BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS
PROGRAM.
- AND TO OUR TWO INDUCTEES INTO THE HOSPITALITY STUDIES WALL OF
FAME--
 - **JACK PERRY**, A HOTEL RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT
ALUMNUS AND ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

- AND **STEPHANIE TURNER**, PRESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD

TRAVEL AND A LONGTIME FRIEND AND PATRON OF OUR
TRAVEL AND TOURISM PROGRAM.

OUR NEWEST INDUCTEES WILL JOIN 10 PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS ON THE WALL OF
FAME, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST HALLWAY AS YOU ENTER THIS BUILDING.

I INVITE YOU TO STOP AND SEE THEIR AWARDS PLAQUES WHILE YOU ARE HERE.

THEIR NAMES ARE ALSO LISTED ON THE BACK OF YOUR PROGRAM, AND I KNOW
THAT MANY OF THE PAST RECIPIENTS ARE HERE TODAY AND WILL BE
INTRODUCED LATER IN THE PROGRAM.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES, ALUMNI AND HONOREES. I
HAVE ONLY BEEN INTERIM PRESIDENT FOR THIS PAST YEAR, BUT LET ME SAY
THAT I WAS WELL AWARE OF THE STELLAR REPUTATION OF THIS HOSPITALITY
STUDIES DEPARTMENT BEFORE I CAME ON BOARD.

I'VE BEEN FORTUNATE TO ATTEND SOME OF YOUR LUNCHESES AND DINNERS AND
OTHER CATERED EVENTS, AND I'VE SEEN THE HARD WORK THAT GOES ON
BEHIND THE SCENES OF THESE BEAUTIFUL RECEPTIONS.

OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM—STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, ALUMNI, ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS, PATRONS AND DONORS—WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR HOSPITALITY STUDIES PROGRAM AND HELPED IT FLOURISH INTO THE SUCCESS IT IS TODAY.

I HOPE I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF MEETING MANY OF YOU AFTER THE PROGRAM.

AND NOW, I WILL SURRENDER THE PODIUM TO OUR ACTING VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, BRENDA RUSSELL, WHO WILL RECOGNIZE OUR 2010 GRADUATES.

BRENDA RUSSELL:

(RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES)

ZERRIE D. CAMPBELL:

I NOW HAVE THE PLEASURE OF PRESENTING THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

2010 MARKS THE FIRST TIME IN THE 21-YEAR HISTORY OF THE AWARD THAT TWO FACULTY WERE CHOSEN TO SERVE AS CO-TEACHERS OF THE YEAR.

LAST WEEK, AT OUR ANNUAL STAFF RECOGNITION RECEPTION, WE HONORED **THOMAS ZIRKLE**, AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, AS HALF OF OUR WINNING DUO.

UNFORTUNATELY, CASEY SHILLER WAS IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AT THE TIME, TAKING A SUGAR CANDIES CLASS. YOU KNOW, ONLY A PASTRY CHEF COULD GET AWAY WITH AN EXCUSE LIKE THAT!

SO TODAY, IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HONOR CASEY, PARTICULARLY IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS COLLEAGUES FROM THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY.

CASEY SHILLER, WILL YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

AN EXECUTIVE PASTRY CHEF AND COORDINATOR OF OUR BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS PROGRAM, CASEY JOINED THE FOREST PARK FACULTY IN 2005.

CASEY IS SUCH AN ENERGETIC AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE COLLEGE THAT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE HE'S ONLY BEEN HERE FOR FIVE YEARS!

HE IS TRULY ONE OF OUR BEST COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS AND NEVER STOPS MARKETING HIS PROGRAM—WHETHER HE'S TALKING TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ABOUT “WHAT THEY WANT TO BE WHEN THEY GROW UP”—OR MENTORING HIGH SCHOOL KIDS WHO SHOW A PASSION FOR BAKING.

CASEY IS EVERYWHERE:

- TURN ON THE TV AND HE'S SHOWING HIS STUDENTS' WEDDING CAKES TO TIM EZELL ON THE MORNING NEWS.
- OR HE'S IN JEFFERSON CITY, PRESENTING ELABORATE CHOCOLATE CANDIES TO OUR STATE LEGISLATORS.
- OR HE'S AT THE MISSOURI COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION STATE CONFERENCE FLAMBEING BANANAS FOSTER IN FRONT OF A CROWD OF 500.

- OR ORGANIZING CULINARY STUDENTS TO CREATE LARGE DESSERT BUFFETS FOR THE ANNUAL TASTE OF CLASS FUNDRAISING DINNER, SPONSORED BY THE COLLEGE'S FOUNDATION.
- OR SERVING AS THE LEAD JUDGE FOR THE MISSOURI STATE SKILLS USA COMMERCIAL BAKING COMPETITION.

IT'S NO WONDER THAT CASEY WAS NAMED ONE OF THE "TOP 10 RISING STAR PASTRY CHEFS 2000" BY CHOCOLATE A LA CARTE AND WAS FEATURED IN THE *PASTRY ART AND DESIGN* AND *FOOD ARTS* MAGAZINES.

HE HAS EARNED SEVERAL GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS FOR HIS CHOCOLATE SCULPTURES AND PLATED DESSERT DISPLAYS AT THE NEW YORK FOOD SHOW AND IS FEATURED IN TWO TEXTBOOKS ON BAKING AND PASTRY.

HE IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN CULINARY FEDERATION, THE U.S. PASTRY ALLIANCE AND SERVES ON THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE CHEFS DE CUISINE ASSOCIATION OF ST. LOUIS.

MOST OF ALL, CASEY IS A *TEACHER PAR EXCELLENCE*, WHO CARES DEEPLY ABOUT INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING HIS STUDENTS AND (IN HIS WORDS) “SHAPING THEM INTO THE FUTURE LEADERS OF THE BAKING AND PASTRY INDUSTRY.”

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS AND MORE, WE ARE PROUD TO PRESENT THE 2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD TO CASEY SHILLER, FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE AS JUDGED BY HIS PEERS AND STUDENTS.

CASEY, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION, AND THIS CHECK FOR \$500.

(APPLAUSE, PHOTO)

CASEY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS?

(CASEY’S REMARKS)

(CRAIG MUELLER AND OTHERS WILL COME FORWARD TO PRESENT THE WALL OF FAME AWARDS NEXT—DIANNE LEE WILL CLOSE THE PROGRAM.)

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