

TISOH 2009-2010 Alumni Board



Brit Bertino, CSEP • Chair

Brit is the Principal / Wedding Director of Simply Weddings by Brit Bertino, a full service wedding coordination and design firm. Brit is also the Principal / Special Events Director of Power Events, a destination management company servicing meetings, trade shows and social events. She currently sits on the Boards of the Las Vegas Chapters of the National Association of Catering Executives (NACE) and the International Special Events Society (ISES). She is an alumna of the Conference Management & Event Planning and Wedding Coordination & Design certificate programs. Brit is also a CSEP (Certified Special Event Professional).

Tijuana Plant • Vice Chair

Tijuana, originally from Boston, MA, is an expert in event design and production. She has produced an assortment of events over the last 9 years and is a graduate of the CMEP program at The International School of Hospitality, summer 2008. Through her work at BBJ Linen she has had the opportunity to work with some of the most talented planners in the business and assist with event production. She has taken her 13 years of experience in political and public service and translated it into first class hospitality and customer service.



Cheri Slone • Scholarship Committee Chair

Originally from the east coast, Cheri had pursued education in science, healthcare and research. Working in those fields most of her life, she decided it was time to change after moving to Las Vegas where there were exciting possibilities to be explored in hospitality. After gaining a variety of knowledge from The International School of Hospitality she was able to create a foundation. She has successfully been able to cross over to the hospitality industry as a concierge in a five star hotel. Cheri is using her previous experience and continuing to grow in her knowledge of the industry.



Destinee Walker • Community Relations Committee Chair

Upon graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a BS in Communication Studies, Destinee ventured to New York City in pursuit of a career in dance. She was also the Co-Founder and General Manager of STEEL Dance Company during her tenure as a professional dancer. While in New York City, Destinee was an active member of New York Women in Communications, which led her desire to pursue a second career in event management. She currently works for Koi Restaurant and Lounge as the Director of Private Dining and is a proud alumna of The International School of Hospitality. Destinee graduated from TISOH in December '08 with a certificate in Conference Management & Event Planning. She looks forward to a successful and prosperous year for TISOH in 2010.



Doris Lofton • Hospitality Committee Chair

Doris is the co-owner of DAL Weddings & Events. Doris holds memberships with the Wedding Professionals of Las Vegas and Las Vegas Wedding Network. Prior to becoming an entrepreneur, Doris received her Nevada Real Estate license. Doris is an alumnus of The International School of Hospitality (TISOH). She was voted Most Inspirational Student, by her peers, at her TISOH graduation ceremony.



Lori Whitelaw • Communications Committee Chair

Lori is originally from Buffalo NY and moved to Las Vegas at the age of 18 to start school at UNLV majoring in Kinesiology. After a year of classes, she found her passion pointed to a different career path and switched majors to Meetings and Events Management. After a year in the program at UNLV, Lori decided she wanted more hands-on training. She attended TISOH in the Fall of 2008 and earned a certificate in Wedding Coordination and Design. Lori is now working with Brit Bertino as a Wedding Coordinator for Simply Weddings. She absolutely loves what she does and credits her success to her combined educational background from UNLV and TISOH. She is looking forward to her graduation this December from UNLV with a Bachelors in Hotel Administration, with a Concentration in Meetings and Event Management.

TISOH Alumni Association Calendar

November

10 – Alumni Workshop / 6:00PM-9:00PM at TISOH

December

1 – Alumni Association Foundation Scholarship Deadline for Spring 2010 Term

4 – Alumni Holiday Mixer / 6:00PM-9:00PM at Koi, Planet Hollywood

14 – Fall 2009 Graduation Reception at Siena Golf Club

TISOH Career Fair Information

February 2010

The International School of Hospitality is excited to announce their first annual Career Fair to be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

The TISOH Career Fair will cater specifically to persons looking for employment within the hospitality industry and allow job seekers the opportunity to meet with potential employers and industry professionals. TISOH is currently seeking exhibitors with career opportunities in Food and Beverage, Concierge Services, Conference Management, Event Planning, Wedding Coordination and Design, Hotel Operations, Hospitality Human Resources, and Event Design and Production. The TISOH Career Fair is free to all exhibitors and will give you, the employer, access to qualified candidates with experience and/or training in the hospitality industry. TISOH is also looking for sponsors and volunteers to help make the 2010 Career Fair a huge success.

To learn more about becoming an exhibitor, sponsor or volunteer for this exciting event, please contact Destinee Walker at careerfair@tiso.com or 702-858-1772.

A Special Thank You to our Invited Guests

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 Johann Rodriguez: Recruitment Specialist • MGM Mirage
 April West: Director of Training & Diversity Initiatives • The Mirage
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**2009 Alumni Association
Fall Social**

Program

Induction of the 2009 -2010 Alumni Association Board

Open House for TISOH's newest classroom annex

Meet & Greet with Human Resource
Department Representatives