



Winter 2011

Dear Friends,

We have exciting news to report for this Winter issue!

TISOH hosts 19th Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations to all Fall 2011 graduates! Relive their special day by viewing the highlight video and pictures.

TISOH wins at 2011 Las Vegas Wedding Awards

In front of 200 wedding professionals, TISOH was honored with the "Shaping the Future Generation of Wedding Professionals" Award. Administrators were pleased to accept the award on behalf of our excellent wedding faculty.

TISOH alums welcomed home from extended hospitality internships in China

After six months in China, two CMEP graduates return home to Las Vegas.

TISOH Alumni Holiday Celebration Recap

Alums new and old mingled as friends at ultra tavern Little Macau. Over \$900 worth of raffle prizes were won. If you missed this event, be sure to stay tuned to the next one!

Les Clefs d'Or strengthens TISOH partnership in 2012

TISOH is pleased to announce new scholarships for the Art of Concierge program for 2012.

TISOH Executive Director wins "Spirit of NACE" Award

Tim was recognized at the NACE installation dinner for his four years as Program Chair for the organization. During that time, he helped organize some 48 well-attended meetings for NACE.

TISOH accepted into CONPEHT federation

We are very excited to join this respected federation of Central and South American hospitality schools as the only North American representative.

For anyone interested in taking more TISOH classes to earn their Executive Diploma/Diploma, the next session begins January 23!

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Earn a gift card as a thank you from your school for referring friends and family to study at TISOH! Contact Marcus at mlam@tiso.com

Warm Wishes for the Holiday Season from your TISOH family

Sincerely,



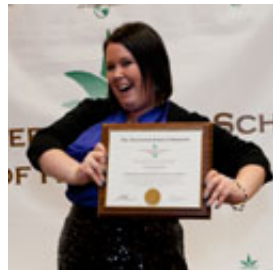
Timothy M. Lam, MIBS, MS, CHT
Executive Director

Spring 2012 Classroom Courses Begin
January 23

Online Classes Start Anytime



TISOH Congratulates our Fall 2011 Graduates!



On December 8, TISOH celebrated its **19th Graduation Ceremony** in style at the beautiful Marbella Room at the JW Marriott Resort, Las Vegas. With 7 countries represented, TISOH recognized international students from Canada, Norway, France, Brazil, and more.

Over a hundred attendees were collectively inspired by our dynamic and charismatic commencement speaker, **Lenny Talarico CSEP**, the Director of Events for MGM Resorts Events and Advisory Board Member for TISOH. Mr. Talarico spoke from the heart with trademark passion about his remarkable hospitality career and offered true nuggets of wisdom and advice to all graduates who are about to start their own journey. **Be sure to experience Lenny's speech firsthand by viewing the highlight video below!**



TISOH Fall 2011 Graduation - "Let Your Journey Begin!"

Photos from Graduation can be viewed on [TISOH Facebook](#) or [Picasa Web Album](#)



Are you an [Out-of-State](#) or [International Student](#)?
 If the answer is yes, consider a classroom program and experience
Las Vegas, the Hospitality Capital of the World!
 ([Housing options available](#))

TISOH honored at 2011 Las Vegas Wedding Awards - Wins Recognition Award for "Shaping the Future of Hospitality Professionals"



On December 6, TISOH received the prestigious award "**Shaping the Future Generation of Wedding Professionals**" at the **2011 Las Vegas Wedding Awards** held at the Stirling Club, Las Vegas. Las Vegas Bride and Beautiful Bride magazines sponsored the awards event which honors the best in the wedding industry. The editors recognized TISOH for its innovative and engaging Wedding Design & Coordination education programs.

TISOH administrators were most honored to accept this major award in front of over 200 wedding professionals on behalf of the school's excellent Department of Wedding faculty, which includes **Michael Testagrossa** CPCE, CHE (JW Marriott), **Gabriella Cote** CMP, CHE (Caesars Entertainment) and **Brit Bertino** CSEP (Simply Weddings).

Interested in exploring the career of a Wedding Planner? Classes begin January 23!



TISOH welcomes home alums from extended six month internships in China

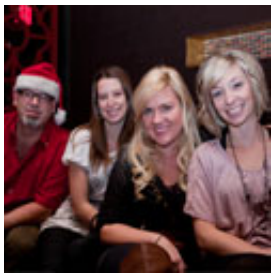


Kimberly Barnes and **Lindsey Silverman**, both CMEP grads who went to Guangzhou, China for six months each to work after their time at TISOH, reunited recently in Las Vegas. Also pictured is their sponsor and long time school supporter, **Leo Nichols**. Leo was formerly the Director of Guest Relations at the Venetian and currently the Hotel Manager at the Crowne Plaza Science City in Guangzhou.

Both ladies worked guest relations, special events and more at the hotel. They also had a chance to experience China and understand its culture. It seems like they had amazing times during their stay (judging from their Facebook postings!) **Welcome home!**



TISOH Alumni Holiday Celebration Recap



On December 9, the **TISOH Alumni Association** hosted an informal holiday celebration at **Little Macau**, a popular ultra tavern in Las Vegas' vibrant Chinatown district. It was nice to see some familiar faces again! Those in attendance had the chance to win over \$900 worth of raffle prizes courtesy of generous TISOH sponsors including Las Vegas Bride, Caesars Entertainment and Marriott. If you missed out, be sure to stay tuned for the next alumni event, which will be announced in Spring 2012.

If you are interested in being an active alumni association member, and help plan exciting events, please contact us at: alum@tiso.com



Les Clefs d'Or USA strengthens partnership with TISOH



The **Art of Concierge** program, widely recognized as the premier Concierge training course in the hospitality world, continues to enjoy partnership and support with Les Clefs d'Or USA, the premier Concierge association that sets the standards for the industry. Les Clefs d'Or USA President, **Jeanne Mills**, is a TISOH Advisory Board member and has served for many years. Course developers and instructors, **Debbie Brumfield** CHE, and **Tyra Bell-Holland** CHE, are both Les Clefs d'Or members.

For 2012, TISOH will be offering a Les Clefs d'Or scholarship. Details will be released soon, stay tuned to the scholarship section of the school website.

TISOH Executive Director Tim Lam wins "Spirit of NACE" award at Las Vegas NACE Awards Gala



On November 9, the **Las Vegas Chapter** of the **National Association of Catering Executives** hosted their annual awards and installation gala dinner. The lavish event at the beautiful Cili of Bali Hai Golf Club welcomed over 120 event professionals. **Richard Harper** CMP, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing for MGM Resorts International was the 2011 Las Vegas NACE Honoree. He delivered an entertaining and poignant acceptance speech that helped kick off the evening in grand style. To see this amazing event for yourself, please view the video below, courtesy of **Las Vegas Photo and Video**:



NACE "Ignite the Night" Awards Gala Highlight Video

TISOH was the recipient of the prestigious **"NACE Supporting Organization of the Year"** award in 2010. **Tim Lam** MIBS, MS, CHT, our Executive Director, won his second "Spirit of NACE" award, in recognition of his serving as Programs Chair for the last four years. Tim, along with **Donnell Bayot** M.Ed., CPCE, CHE, our Director of Academic Affairs, continues to serve on the NACE National Board, as respective Member and Chair of the Education Committee. Locally, Donnell serves as the 2011 Las Vegas NACE Treasurer, an Executive Board position, while **Marcus Lam**, Director of Admissions, continues his role as website and communications chair. **TISOH is excited to usher in another year of professional partnership with Las Vegas NACE.**



Photo courtesy of Christie's Photographic Studio

Interested in learning more about the Las Vegas Chapter of NACE?

Take advantage of your TISOH student status!

Admission to monthly events is just \$30.

TISOH accepted into CONPEHT Federation



TISOH is proud to announce our acceptance into **CONPEHT (Confederación Panamericana de Escuelas de Hotelería, Gastronomía y Turismo)** as the only North American hospitality school representative. Our membership in this important South and Central American federation of hospitality schools is thanks to the efforts of **Yamel Moises Garcia**, a valued member of our TISOH faculty in the Department of Catering.

As an international school, TISOH continues to further its aim of offering programs to the global community. The hospitality industry is truly universal and with this new connection, TISOH looks forward to welcoming more students from Latin American countries. [To learn more about CONPEHT and its mission, please click here.](#)

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