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Michael Testagrossa, Catering Sales Manager at the JW Marriott Joins Faculty at The International School of Hospitality

Las Vegas, August 18 – The International School of Hospitality (TISOH) today announced that Mr. Michael Testagrossa, Catering Sales Manager in charge of weddings at the JW Marriott Resort Spa and Golf in Summerlin has joined the faculty. He will become a part of an elite group of instructors and speakers for TISOH’s Wedding Coordination & Design certificate program, the most popular course. “I am very excited to be able to bring my experience and insights to The International School of Hospitality and join the group of professional instructors,” remarked Testagrossa. “Our goal is to prepare students for real world experiences – to acquaint them on what to expect from brides and teach them how to be successful planners.”

Michael joins other professional special event and wedding planners, Tracey Kumer-Moore, Christie McCoy, Gabriella Thomas and Andrea Trubiro. Together, they bring more than 70 years of industry experience to the classroom.

Christie McCoy, course developer is founder and president of CLM Weddings & Events, producing not only weddings, but high-profile corporate events. Gabriella Thomas is currently Catering Sales Manager with the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino where she oversees weddings, birthday celebrations, reunions and anniversaries. Tracey Kumer-Moore, is a certified professional wedding consultant and owner of Your Las Vegas Wedding Concierge. She is a board member on the Las Vegas Chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives, the Las Vegas Hospitality Association & Wedding Professionals of Las Vegas. Completing the faculty list is Andrea Trubiro who is the wedding and social director of LTeventions. Her experience includes special event and celebrity wedding planning, including the opening party for the Jersey Boys at the Palazzo Resort.

The certificate program aims to bring real world experience as well as professional training into the classroom. Additionally, students will go on site tours, do independent discovery work and bring back what they've learned to the classroom, participate in panel discussions with industry professionals, internships and actually work with couples to help plan their weddings.

Evening classes begin September 15, 2008 at TISOH's training facility in Las Vegas, close to McCarran Airport. Classes meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6-9 pm for a period of twelve weeks. Enrollment is limited.

The International School of Hospitality (TISOH) was founded in 2005 by professors from the University of Nevada Las Vegas. The mission of the school is to offer practical, short-term hospitality training programs developed for industry by industry. Along with class instruction, most courses include site visits and working internships. The school curriculum includes conference management and event planning, hospitality leadership and supervision, the art of food and beverage, hospitality human resources, wedding coordination and design, the art of concierge, hotel operations, and guest relations. Students may elect to study on site or enroll in TISOH's special online courses.

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