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Dear Friends,

Last month, TISOH was proud to highlight our industry association partner, **ISES**, as we hosted their annual townhall meeting. In this issue, we turn our focus to **NACE**, the **National Association of Catering Executives**, another strong supporter of TISOH.

**Holiday Mixer on Dec 3!** Your Alumni Association is hosting their 2009 Holiday Mixer on Thursday, December 3rd (6pm to 9pm) at the fabulous KOI Restaurant and Lounge in Planet Hollywood Hotel and Casino. Hope to see everyone there! Details to right -> Click [here](#) to RSVP!

**TISOH Alumni Scholarship!** Did you know that your Alumni Association offers a full scholarship for any certificate program? Don't miss this opportunity! Apply by Dec 31, 2009. Click [here](#) for more details and to apply.

**Las Vegas NACE Student Chapter!** TISOH would like to congratulate the officers and members of the newly formed Las Vegas Student Chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives. This is an exciting opportunity for TISOH students and soon-to-be event professionals to get officially involved with one of the most prominent industry associations in the business!

**Las Vegas NACE Installation Dinner!** On November 11, NACE hosted their formal installation dinner at Dragonridge Country Club, recognizing the 2010 incoming board. TISOH is proud to announce that our school administrators **Tim Lam**, **Donnell Bayot** and **Marcus Lam** will all be serving as NACE officers for next year. In addition, our TISOH faculty members **Kathy Baldieri** CPCE (President), **James Filtz** CPCE (Treasurer), **Tracey Kumer-Moore** JWIC (Secretary & Historian), **Michael Testagrossa** (Programs), and **Brit Bertino** CSEP (Membership) are also represented on the 2010 Board!

### *2009 Holiday Mixer!*



**TISOH Alumni Association**

### **2009 HOLIDAY MIXER**

**When: December 3, 6-9pm**

**Where: KOI Restaurant & Lounge at Planet Hollywood Hotel**

**Admission: \$22**

**Click [here](#) to RSVP!**

Come celebrate the holidays with your fellow TISOH alumni at the fabulous KOI Restaurant and Lounge at Planet Hollywood. **All are welcome!**

This event represents another wonderful opportunity to meet and network with industry guests, instructors, administrators, past alumni and current students!

Part of the event proceeds will benefit The Shade Tree women's shelter, a favorite charity of the

**TISOH Open House Social recap!** On October 29, your Alumni Association hosted a wonderful event that celebrated the induction of the 2010 Alumni Board. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and decor from our evening sponsors, Sushi Roku and Pacific Events. Alumni also met with HR representatives who were our honored guests. Click [here](#) for photos from the evening!

Wishing you an exciting month ahead!

Sincerely,



Timothy M. Lam  
Executive Director

TISOH Alumni Association.

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## 2009 TISOH Alumni Scholarship - Apply by Dec 31



### FINAL CALL! 2009 TISOH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

The due date for applications for the 2009 TISOH Alumni Scholarship is **December 31, 2009**. The scholarship offer is for any certificate program offered in class or online. Don't miss this opportunity!

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply!

## Congratulations to Las Vegas NACE Student Chapter



The **National Association of Catering Executives** established student chapters to provide an opportunity for students to play a more active role in the association and its professional activities. By encouraging organization of student chapters, NACE is able to introduce students to the benefits of a professional organization and ensures they are well oriented and prepared to assume leadership roles throughout their careers. Finally, students find the various activities professionally and socially exciting as well as rewarding.

Thinking of becoming a member? Student membership benefits include:

- **Hands-on Educational Programming** - Industry speakers, workshops, resources and inside tips from industry professionals
- **Network with Industry Executives** - Meet your future employers up close and personal. Student members have the opportunity to attend NACE events, including monthly luncheons and meetings.
- **Experience! Conference** - NACE's premier event, this meeting provides interaction with celebrity chefs and industry professionals as well as breakout and hands-on sessions. The ultimate learning Experience!
- **Recognition through chapter Student Awards Program** - Get your name on the

map by receiving awards through NACE chapter participation.

- **Scholarship Opportunities** - The Vincent DeFinis Scholarship is awarded annually to one undergraduate student member who is pursuing a degree in hospitality. In addition, chapters may offer scholarship to students to cover their expenses to attend the Experience! conference.
- **National Newsletter**- Newsletters and publications that update student members on trends and issues
- **Online Membership Directory**- Connect with students across the country interested in the catering and event industry

**TISOH** is proud to introduce the newly inducted Las Vegas NACE Student Chapter Board for 2010:

**Rissa Merkley**  
President

**Jacqueline Johnston**  
1st Vice President

**Traci McMaster**  
2nd Vice President

**Lori Whitelaw**  
Secretary

**Tara Cox**  
Treasurer



The complete student member directory can be viewed [here](#).

## About NACE

NACE is the oldest and largest professional association that addresses all aspects of the catering industry. Through the collective efforts of members, local chapters, committees and the Foundation of NACE, NACE is at the forefront of the issues that directly affect you and your business.

From practical tips that you can use to provide better service to your clients, to recognition and marketing programs that enhance the credibility and professionalism of the field, NACE is on the cutting edge. From educational programs to standards, to ethics, to legislative monitoring, NACE leads the way.

**THE NACE MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide catering and event professionals superior education, networking & resources to enhance career success and deliver excellence to clients!

**To learn more about NACE, click [here](#).**

*Contact TISOH should you wish to become a student member!*

Source: [www.lasvegasnace.net](http://www.lasvegasnace.net)



## *NACE welcomes 2010 Board at Installation Dinner*



On November 11, the **NACE Las Vegas Chapter** hosted an incredible gala at the beautiful **Dragonridge Country Club** to honor and recognize the incoming 2010 board. Guests were greeted by lovely showgirls stationed along the red carpet entrance, provided by **Champagne Entertainment Group**. Attendees were also video interviewed and photographed "paparazzi-style" by **Memory Lane Video**, **Alt F Photography** and **Christies Photography** as they were ushered into the lavish facilities. **Carrie Key**, Events and Catering Director at Dragonridge, and her

staff and sponsors created a spectacular ballroom setting, with colors that changed according to the color of the food courses served. After the amazing dinner, guests wound down the evening with dancing and enjoying the alfresco cigar lounge while marveling at the sparkling lights of Vegas from afar.

**TISOH** was well represented with 20+ students, faculty and administrators in attendance. Among those honored, **Donnell Bayot**, TISOH Director of Academic Affairs and the 2009-10 NACE Education Chair, was awarded the Spirit of NACE award for outstanding

achievements throughout the year, exemplifying the spirit and traditions of the association.

The evening also saw the induction of members from our TISOH family to the 2010 NACE Board:

**Kathy Baldieri** CPCE  
President

**James Filtz** CPCE  
Treasurer

**Tracey Kumer-Moore** JWIC  
Secretary / Historian

**Michael Testagrossa**  
Programs Co-Chair

**Timothy Lam**  
Programs Co-Chair

**Brit Bertino** CSEP  
Membership Co-Chair

**Marcus Lam**  
Communications Chair / Website Co-Chair

**Donnell Bayot**  
Education Chair / Website Co-Chair

**TISOH** would like to heartily congratulate all the new officers and student officers!





## *TISOH Open House Social Recap*



**Thanks for coming everyone!**

On October 29, the **TISOH Alumni Association** hosted its first **Open House Social!** The well-attended event introduced the **2010 Alumni Association Board** who are as follows:

**Brit Bertino** - Chair

**Tijuana Plant** - Vice Chair

**Cheri Slone** - Scholarship Committee Chair

**Destinee Walker** - Community Relations Committee Chair

**Doris Lofton** - Hospitality Committee Chair

**Lori Whitelaw** - Communications Committee Chair

A special thank you to the evening's sponsors, **Sushi Roku** (who provided the delicious sushi and beverages) and **Pacific Events** (for the lovely decor). Also, TISOH were proud to have in attendance HR representatives from Las Vegas finest hotels!

It was another great alumni event buoyed by lots of familiar faces, friends and colleagues. Thanks to everyone who attended!

To view the evening's program, click [here!](#)

To view or download photos from the event, click [here!](#)



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