



## Hello & Welcome !!

The Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society is proud to present its fourth edition of "The Pineapple Press". Eta Sigma Delta is an international Honor Society that recognizes exceptional academic achievement for hospitality and tourism students at the baccalaureate level. It is with great pleasure to introduce our new members! The new inductees are, Eriko Ohba, Aileen Galazin, Shantal Franklyn, Yukiko Noue, and Jamie Tyler. Congratulations to all member and inductees for their academic achievements!

By Patti Cormier



## Senior Spotlight

This issue we have decided to put our spotlight on a group of our HRT seniors that will be graduating in this May's Commencement Ceremonies. We wish the Best of Luck to all of our Graduates! Now for an update on where you can find these seniors in the beginning of their adventures.

After graduation Lauren McDermott will be working at the Front Desk of the Residence Inn in Latham, N.Y. Shantal Franklin will be off to vacation in the Mediterranean for the summer, and Sarah Nestasia will begin her career in Restaurant Management as an Assistant Dining Room Manager at the Devon Yacht Club on Long Island.

Crystal Namie plans to pursue a career in Event Planning in the Maryland/ D.C. area, while Amanda Charles plans to work in Front Desk Management at a Florida Property. Jen Tyra will be pursuing a career in Hospitality Management in New York City. Following graduation Brooke VanBaaren will be moving to Albany to pursue a career in Restaurant Management. Jamie Tyler will be moving to Long Island to start her career in event planning and banquet sales.

Joseph Spataro will be training to be a manager at Bertucci's Brick Oven Ristorante in Long Island, while Kathleen Gannon plans to move to Farmingdale Long Island and pursue a career at Bella Marketing. Rebecca Schroepel will be starting her career in Bar/Restaurant Management at the Brass Ring in Bolton Landing, N.Y. before leaving for an educational excursion to Egypt in September. Adam Greenberg is planning to move to Colorado to get a job and start his life. MaJaana Cabalit plans to move to NYC to pursue a career at the W, after which she will move to Atsugi, Japan for 3 years.

Isaac Greene will be moving to Las Vegas, NV to begin his career with TriLor Financial Services, LMT. Majo Cabalit plans to continue her education at North Country Community College and pursue a career in Massage Therapy. And last but not least Brendan Noonan plans to spend the summer in Cape Cod working at the Chatham Bars Inn. The Best of Luck to our Graduates! You have made us all proud!!!

By Rebecca Schroepel



## Upcoming HRT Club Events

The HRT club is working hard at instilling a community feel among the HRT students. The month of April will be kicked off with a trip to the UniBrew Brewery Company, located 20 minutes outside of Montreal, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Participants will tour the brewery, enjoy a lunch, and end with a beer tasting. Next on the agenda is a community service project set for April 28<sup>th</sup>. The club will be helping set up booths for the Children's Health Fair in conjunction with Project Help. On April 30<sup>th</sup> a car wash is planned in the Wal-Mart parking lot for a club fundraiser. Due to water being involved, a fun time is sure to be had by all! And to close the semester, the club will be helping organize the food and fun for the Senior Farewell at Meron's on May 8<sup>th</sup>. As in the past this is expected to be a hit for all students, not just seniors.

By Crystal Naimie



# HRT Students Spend Winter Break in ARUBA

Over the Winter Break of 2004, a group of Hotel Restaurant & Tourism Management students visited the island of Aruba. Mr. Parmelee hosted the trip accompanied by Dr. Guydosh, department chair and Mrs. Emery, an instructor in the program.

With the help of Scott Wiggins, Mr. Parmelee's life-long friend, the group was able to enjoy the island while learning behind the scenes knowledge on what it is like to work and live in Aruba. The students went on tours of different resorts and had guest speakers explain how they manage their establishments. The group also went on the island's first International Airport tour, which was very informative.

Although it was a learning experience there was time to do a lot of fun activities. As a group they went on the Atlantis submarine ride down 150 feet to the ocean floor. They took a boat ride on the Midushi to a shipwreck in the middle of the ocean and went snorkeling. They also had a good time on both the party boat and party bus. The party boat took them and about two hundred other people around the island with music and entertainment. The party bus made stops at five local bars, so they could study the effects of nightlife in Aruba.

Overall the group had an amazing and unforgettable experience. They made friendships and bonds that will last a lifetime! The students realized Aruba is not just a pretty place to look at; the people are what make the island so wonderful, because they were extremely welcoming and sincerely cared about our experience.

By Jen Tyra



## Professor Spotlight

In the continuing tradition of showcasing a faculty member every issue, we have chosen Mr. John Parmelee, a graduate of Elmira College and Cornell University, and, since 2002, he has been with Plattsburgh. An experienced and dedicated professional, Mr. Parmelee has wide ranging experience, in the fields of Tourism and Hospitality. Prior to coming to Plattsburgh, Mr. Parmelee functioned as the General Manager of Copper-field Inn, a four diamond resort in North Creek, N.Y.; he was the Owner/Operator of a 300 seat restaurant – Oldport Harbour Restaurant in Ithaca, N. Y.; and Assistant Director of Operations at Divi Hotels in Aruba, where he was instrumental in opening a 300-room all inclusive property on the island of Barbados.

On Campus his entrepreneurial spirit is very much evident. He is solely responsible for the reinstatement of Eta Sigma Delta, the International Hospitality Honor Society; he is the faculty sponsor of the School of Business Advisory Council; and is a committee member of CAS food service and the Student Retention Grant. When asked about his teaching philosophy, Mr. Parmelee stated that he saw his role as that of guiding students in pursuit of career objectives. However he believed students should be actively involved in the educational experience, and therefore placed a high value on the student/faculty interaction. Mr. Parmelee currently teaches Hospitality Finance and Food Preparation and Restaurant Operations (the class responsible for the lunch and dinner series at Samuel D's).

By Amanda Charles



## Starbucks Networking Class

Applied Food Service Management (HRT 373) is a three credit course that combines the Starbucks internship, which started in the Fall 2004 semester and a Networking Hour for faculty, which started this semester. Mrs. Emery, chef/instructor, is responsible for this course and Stephanie Brill, a graduate student, is responsible for its daily operations. For the Starbucks part, students run the café from 7:45 to 11 AM, Monday through Friday the entire semester. Students are expected to greet and serve customers with a smile while offering quality service. The café offers an assortment of coffee and espresso drinks and some breakfast items that include bagels, muffins, and cereals.

The Networking Hour is the new part of the course that allows students to learn how to serve drinks in a 'Happy Hour' type setting. On Wednesday evenings from 4 to 6 PM in Samuel D's, students learn how to mix and serve drinks to faculty members looking to relax after a hard day's work. Students are required to start setting up at 3:30, which includes prepping and stocking the bar area with everything needed for service. The students enjoy interacting with faculty in the innovative environment. This course offers a fun, hands on learning experience that gets students out of the normal classroom setting.

By Jen Tyra



**Don't Forget to mark you  
calendars for the  
HRT Senior Farewell party  
at Meron's May 8th (4—6PM)**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL HRTM  
Spring 2005 GRADUATES!!**