

The Pineapple Press

SUNY PLATTSBURGH

# Hello & Welcome !!

The Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society is proud to present its fifth 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. Each semester the honor society publishes the Pineapple Press as service to fellow students and the campus community, as well as performing other distinguished duties. It is with great pleasure that we introduce our new members: Chris Balun, Nicole Canessa, Nga Chi Lee, Ting Chi Lee, BriAnne Dorgan, Matthew Furst, Christina Fantone, Elissa Guynup, Allison Kittell, Walter McDaniels, Saird Meyers, Angel Nicks, Zachary Rabideau, Venessa Rodriguez, Colleen Salanger, Melissa Simonette, Haruyo Takagi, Eslyn Yearwood. These students were inducted at a recent ceremony held in Samuel D's. Officers of the 2005-06 Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society are: Patti Cormier, President; Aileen Galazin and BriAnne Dorgan, Co-Vice Presidents; Eriko Ohba, Secretary/Treasurer.



By Patti Cormier

## Senior Spotlight

As the semester draws to a close, it is time to start thinking about what lies ahead for those of us who are graduating. Some graduating seniors have jobs lined up for them already, while some are still up in the air about what their future plans are. Christina Fantone plans on continuing her job at the Nine Platt Hospitality Group as the accounts payable person. After that, she would like to pursue an internship with the event coordinator of the Chamber of Commerce in Charleston, South Carolina. Lynda Lettre is relocating to Southern Florida where she plans on working aboard a Carnival or Royal Caribbean cruise ship. Angelo DiGregorio is planning on working at Sunday River Resort in Maine for the winter season, and then continue working at the Holiday Inn on Long Island. Randall Kelder plans on returning home to Kingston, New York where he will gain experience working at the Marriot Courtyard Hotel which opens in February. Eriko Ohba is planning on traveling to Singapore,



Bali, and Hawaii before she begins work at LAX airport as a customer clerk. Haruyo Takagi plans on returning to Yokohama to work as a tour conductor. Shelly Tarmey would like to find a job working at an international hotel or resort, preferably on Australia's Gold Coast. Stanley Jacobs plans on returning to Saint Kitts. Onica Phillips will be staying in Plattsburgh and continuing her job at WalMart. Zack Boyce plans on attending graduate school at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Brianne Dorgan is relocating to Bolton Landing, New York where she is going to continue her job at the Sagamore Resort. Kim Lamana plans on spending her winter snowboarding in the nearby area. Kenny Pearson also plans on spending the winter snowboarding in the area, and then coaching lacrosse for Plattsburgh State, before he hopefully finds a job for Ethan Allen in Danbury, Connecticut. Ryan Godfrey plans on heading to Salt Lake City in May to look for a job.

Matt Furst is staying in Plattsburgh until May, and then plans on either relocating out west or to Vermont to find a job as a food and beverage manager. Nga and Ting Lee do not have any plans for after graduation yet. Tian Xia is planning on getting a job for Norwegian Cruise Lines, or returning to Shanghai, China. Shehadeh Ahmaro is planning on returning to New York

## The SBE Welcomes A New Dean

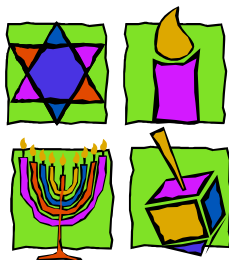
The School of Business & Economics and the Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management Department are pleased to welcome Dr. Colin Read as Dean of the School of Business & Economics. Dr. Read comes to us by way of Central Connecticut State where he served as Dean of their business school. He is ready to welcome his first Plattsburgh winter, "No sweat," he commented as he also served as Associate Dean of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks and is used to cruel weather. Somewhere in his busy history, Dr. Read also found time to own and operate his own inn complete with a restaurant, a past that will undoubtedly help move the HRTM program into the forefront in the future.



Dr. Read has many great plans for the SBE and the HRTM program in particular, including gaining ACPH Accreditation in hospitality by the end of next semester. Furthermore, he would like to improve the hotel management section of our curriculum and is actively seeking donation of a PMS system for front desk simulations. He was attracted to PSU because of the great sense of community that we share and he sees the city as one full of new potential. Dr. Read wants the SBE to help lead the way into Plattsburgh's future. Specifically, Dr. Read sees the abundance of new hospitality firms in Plattsburgh as a positive move by the city and for HRTM students.

By BriAnne Dorgan

## SBE Holiday Party



Please help spread the holiday cheer this season by donating a toy for a child. Eta Sigma Delta (The International Hospitality and Tourism Management Honor Society) and the United States Marine Corps are conducting the "Toys for Tots" program, which collects and distributes toys at Christmas time to needy children. The goal of the program is to enrich the lives of deprived children. There are children in our community who won't know the simple joy of opening even one gift this season. We are asking for your help, by donating new and unwrapped toys. The toy drop will be Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at Samuel D's. For more information please contact Mr. John Parmelee at ext. 4261.

By Angel Nicks and Elissa Guynup

## New York City Hotel Show



During the weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, 22 HRT students gathered in New York City to visit the International Hotel Show which was held in the Jacob Javits Center. The students were joined by faculty and staff among them were Dr. Guydosh, Mr. Hensarling and Mrs. Emery. At the hotel show the students enjoyed the presentations of over 100 exhibitors. They were able to learn about new trends in the industry. This was also a great opportunity for many of our graduating seniors. The hotel show provided a career fair which gave students the chance to network with professionals in the industry. The students were also given an opportunity to promote our own HRT department. At the show, our department had a booth where schools and exhibitors could learn about our department. Each student was able to work this booth. This was a great opportunity for students to meet students from other school and see what other schools had to offer. On Saturday night the students and faculty gathered in Domenico's restaurant to enjoy a quiet meal together. Besides attending the hotel show, everyone had a blast in NYC. For some this was their first time in NYC. Everyone stayed in the Grand Hyatt, an exclusive NYC hotel. This placed them in the heart of the city. Students were in walking distance from the Empire State Building and the theatre district. The students were happy to get back to Plattsburgh after a great weekend where they were able to bond, form closer friendships and learn about the industry. As Haruyo Takai said before leaving on the trip, "I am so excited about going on the trip. I can't wait to leave!" Students came back feeling the same levels of excitement and energy as when they went down.

By Aileen Galazin

## Professor Spotlight

In the continuing tradition of showcasing a faculty member every issue, we have chosen to highlight Mr. Robert Rolfs, a graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. Mr. Rolfs was born and raised in Yarmouth, Maine and moved to Rome, NY during his high school years. He attended Hartwick College before being drafted into the US Army. Mr. Rolfs served in Germany as a Military Policeman where his love of travel began. He took advantage of his leave time by traveling throughout Europe enjoying culture, cuisine, and spirits. After his tour of duty with the US Army, Mr. Rolfs returned to college, graduating from the Cornell Hotel School.



Prior to coming to Plattsburgh, Mr. Rolfs worked for the Bureau of Naval Operations in their Club Management program with positions in San Diego, Washington D.C., Patuxent River Naval Air Station and Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He managed the Flying Cloud Inn in New Marlboro, Massachusetts with his wife Diane and daughter Kristen. The family later moved to Montana for a great job offer as General Manager of the Chet Huntley Lodge at the Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort. He was also the founder and President of the Whiskey Jack Restaurant and Saloon at Big Sky. Mr. Rolfs eventually came east after eight years in Montana. He worked as the Administrator of Customer Service at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine and Vice President of Support and Administrative Services at Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center in Plattsburgh, New York. It was at this time that he went on to earn his Masters degree in Public Administration from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York. Mr. Rolfs left Plattsburgh for a two-year contract to manage the Marine Corps Officer's Club in Okinawa, Japan. In addition to exploring Japan and the Japanese culture, Mr. Rolfs traveled to Vietnam, China, Korea, Indonesia, and Thailand where he established lifelong contacts in the hospitality sector.

Finally settling in Plattsburgh, Mr. Rolfs accepted his position as a faculty member in the HRTM program at SUNY Plattsburgh. His expertise in the classroom is greatly appreciated in such classes as Food and Beverage Cost Controls, Resort Management, Beverage Management, and Leadership in the Hospitality Industry. He is a member of the Plattsburgh/North Country Chamber of Commerce and chairman of the Board of Directors. He is also a board member and Nominating Committee Chair of Mountain Lakes PBS in Plattsburgh. An active outdoorsman, Bob enjoys fly-fishing in Montana, golfing, and hiking in the Adirondacks. Mr. Rolfs maintains an open door policy to his students, and has been a devoted teacher and friend to all who enter.

By Patti Cormier

## Special Highlight

The Eta Sigma Delta Honor Society would like to recognize Cindy McMurray for everything she does for the faculty and student body. Cindy makes time to help those in need. When her desk is piled high, when asked to prepare for a meeting, help the faculty, or if a student needs to know how to do something or assistance with a project, we call on Cindy. Mrs. Cindy McMurray has welcomed us into her office, given us her support, and helped so many in so many areas, that words can not express everything she does for the HRTM department or students.

In Appreciation we have kept this article a secret to show our appreciation for what Cindy does for all of us. We may not take the time to tell her, we may not recognize her like we should, but we want to let Cindy know we all appreciate and thank you for your services.

Our day would not be complete without Cindy to guide us all in the right direction, and to give us a helping hand. This edition of Pineapple Press has been dedicated to you, Cindy McMurray, for giving so much of yourself to others. "You're extraordinary!"

By Patti Cormier and BriAnne Dorgan

**Don't Forget to mark your  
calendars for the  
SBE Holiday Party**



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