

HOSPITABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE



For the DIMENSIONS Hospitality Program students, the learning thirst for Food and Beverage cannot be quenched. 34 participants went on a gastronomic learning experience during the Food and Beverage (F&B) Services Training at Singapore Management University (SMU) City Campus.

Organized by One Paradise and Silver Tray Pte Ltd, the training aimed to assist students to experience actual on-site F&B operations and service experiences.

Snapping photos and asking questions on F&B topics, the enthusiastic students learned about planning, design, set-up and venue selection.

With the anticipated glow on their faces, the students were able to experience and explore the actual site of the convention centre at Chinatown Point, where they also learned about floor layout and F&B arrangements.

It's not just food that these foodies crave for, but the invaluable learning experience and bond of friendship forged during the training.

Editor's Note

For most of us, food is our guilty pleasure. We tend to turn to food for pleasure or stress-release indulgence. In this issue, enriching Food & Beverage trainings for our DIMENSIONS students are featured. But be forewarned ... reading even the slightest thing about food may cause some of us to drool. Like the saying goes: A dog is a man's best friend. Perhaps not everyone sees it that way. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Singapore has reported that these poor felines and canines have been mistreated in this city.

Let's spread kindness and care to our animal friends. And who knows ... instead of turning to food when stresses and strains beckon, these furry creatures may just melt them away in affection.

Malcolm

SPCA TO THE RESCUE



Curiosity definitely didn't kill the cat. Questions were posed in an attempt to understand better about mistreated animals during the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Talk and Interaction Session held in April at City Campus.

The session created awareness about the cruelty to animals in Singapore, drawing sympathies and indignation from animal lovers.

The plights of certain animals were highlighted during the session. In March 2010, a young monitor lizard was rescued from a drain at Guillemard Crescent and returned safely to its natural habitat.

An abandoned two-year-old dog was found straying around Choa Chu Kang in 2014, requiring surgery for her extensive injuries and her right hind leg had to be amputated. The feisty dog recovered well, earning her the name of Plucky Princess.

Earlier this year, SPCA made another valiant rescue when a trapped dog between the fence metal rails at Old Choa Chu Kang Road was freed.

A majority of the participants found the session enlightening and heart-warming, especially when it came to the rescue and recovery of the animals. SPCA is a registered animal welfare charity, aiming to prevent cruelty to animals and birds and at the same time promoting kindness to these creatures.



F&B FUN IN THE SUN



Aspiring foodies headed to the sun-soaked island of Sentosa to participate in the one-day Food & Beverage (F&B) Training enrichment program.

A total of 12 eager students attended a Chinese banquet dinner held at Siloso Beach, where they were given a peek into the preparation of a Chinese banquet.

Students were exposed to the different set-up between Western and Chinese function utensils, cutleries, chinawares and hollow-wares. They were also given a walk-through of different ways of conducting customer service.

Decked in black-and-white uniforms, the students learned how to set up functions tables and serve 650 guests with eight-course meals.

The eye-opening enrichment program under the Sentosa sun was a fruitful and fun experience for the students, who were keen to participate in such similar activities in the future.

A GAME WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

The battle of words was waged against one another during the DIMENSIONS Scrabble Competition in March at City Campus.

As time ticked by, 13 participants flexed their word skills to one-up their opponents in a challenging word game in a goal to emerge as the Scrabble champion.

The feedback on the game was positive. All the students gave the thumbs-up, saying that it was a competition that they would like to have organized again.

Some students commented that the game helped to foster a bond of friendship between the students, and at the same time encouraged them to practice their vocabulary and spelling skills.

The game clearly wasn't just a competition, but a platform where students can interact and become lifelong friends.



THIRST FOR KNOWWATER-LEDGE

Students soaked up fun and interesting facts about water during the NEWater Plant Tour in March. The fun-filled informative tour opened their eyes about the importance and conservation of water.

Students, who had always been curious about water management in Singapore, got a first-hand experience in understanding about the technologies used to produce NEWater.

NEWater is a high-grade reclaimed water produced from treated used water that is purified further using advanced membrane technologies, making the water ultra-clean and safe to drink.

It was an invigorating tour for students who were proud and pleased to know that Singapore has ultra-clean water, which is ideal for industry, commercial and domestic use.

