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Media Release

Queensland Hotels Association Scholarship Recipients Announced

Two young Queenslanders with dreams to pursue successful careers in the hospitality and tourism industry has been awarded a scholarship for the Hospitality Training Association Inc (HTA) Diploma in Hospitality Management commencing in January 2008.

The scholarships valued at over \$18,000 each attracted overwhelming interest from the industry, schools and the general community. This is the fifth consecutive year the Scholarships have been offered by Queensland Hotels Association in conjunction with the Hospitality Training Association Inc.

The 2008 Scholarship Recipients were announced during a formal dinner held in Illusions Restaurant at the Hospitality Training Association on Wednesday, 31 October 2007.

Winners of the 2008 Queensland Hotels Association Scholarships were:

- Lawrence Gleadhill
- Melissa Willoughby

HTA President, James Visser stated:

“The caliber of this years applicants has been outstanding. The hospitality industry is a practical, hands-on industry with a customer service focus and although academic skills and management theories are important they are nothing without a customer focus and the ability underpinning the knowledge to complete hands on tasks”.

“The diploma that the recipients of these scholarships awarded tonight will strive to complete will, with appropriate experience facilitate progression to managerial level positions in hospitality and tourism organizations world wide”.

The HTA scholarships offered in conjunction with the Peak Industry employer and employee associations is yet another initiative by Queensland Hotels Association to promote the Tourism Industry and provide qualified and skilled staff for employers.

The Scholarship recipients spoke about their passion for the industry and what the Scholarship meant for them.

“This Scholarship is of particular importance to me as it is one of the greatest opportunities I could have to pursue my ultimate dream to be successful in the hospitality industry,”

“This Scholarship will provide a stepping stone to the achievement of my goal, which is to own and run my own successful hospitality establishment.

“I know I will excel in this industry, it is dynamic and will give me the ability to strive towards and fulfil my ambitions and dreams.”

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