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Instructor takes a different “learning journey”
Left, Elizabeth Allen, Culinary Arts Instructor, had the honor of being chosen as a delegate to “Terra Madre,” the International Slow Food Conference 2012, held in torino, italy, in October. The conference was attended by delegates from more than 130 countries to discuss and share solutions on how to feed the planet in a good, clean and fair way. Allen was also a selected delegate to the Interna-
tional Congress, an exclusive meeting of Slow Food leaders that meets every five years. The conference provided a multitude of workshops and tastings which pro-
vided the opportunity to meet and learn from farmers, producers, cooks, educators and food activists from around the globe. And what would a food conference be without a cooking challenge, hosted by the Bluegrass Slow Food Chapter President Mark Williams, which Allen won!
The trip provided the time for a visit to a contemporary art gallery, LabLoft, in the heart of torino, exhibiting Italian-influenced black and white photos from the 1960’s and ’70’s. Included was travel to florence to tour ancient cities of toscana-Siena, San Gimignano and Pisa, and lunch at fattorino, the best wine bar in the world. A visit to three of the great museums, Galleria dell’Accademia, to see Michelangelo’s David, Palazzo Vecchio, home of the Medici family, and Uffizi Gallery, an international collec-
tion of paintings, sculptures and artifacts were included in the trip. Also included was a day of touring Palazzi, and Apicius, an English-speaking hospitality school where Allen enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by their culinary students. Allen added, “Love the food, the wine and the culture. I shall return. . .”

Left to right: Patricia Ferguson, Adam Emig, Jenni Hollingsworth, Jeff Vickers, Nanny Underwood, Tracey Duke and Kevin Duke are ready for their behind-the-scenes experiences at the well-known Atlantis Resort, on Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Left to right: Marina Sherlock, Tucker Anderson, and Rachel Bentz. Middle row: Kevin Wright and Chuck Sharp. Center Front Place: Daniel Nguyen.

Classes in the Caribbean
Imagine that part of your Sullivan University curriculum would be on the Royal Caribbean’s ‘Oasis of the Seas’, the world’s largest cruise ship! This fall, Sullivan’s Event Management and Tourism students from the Lexington and Louis-
ville campuses experienced just that, when 30 students and three chaperones sailed the Eastern Caribbean.

Incredible cruise ship
The Oasis of the Seas has revolutionized cruising – with its ground-breaking design that showcases seven distinct neighbor-
hoods. Students had three full days to experience it. There was never a dull mo-
moment as the group spent days at sea zipl-
ing across the length of the ship, riding the FlowRider, the surf simulator on the sports deck, or taking a ride on the classic carousel on the Boardwalk. Students could unwind with a stroll in Central Park – a garden-lined deck with shops and fine restaurants, spending the evening watch-
ing the Broadway hit Hairspray or acrobats in the Aqua Theater.

Begining with the Bon Voyage party as the ship set sail from Fort Lauderdale, students embarked on a week-long “Learning Journey” to the islands of the Eastern Caribbean.

First port of call: Nassau, Bahamas
The group spent the day at The Atlantis, a 400+ acre luxury resort on Paradise Island. Students had a behind-the-scenes tour focusing on event planning and tourism development. They were also given the unique opportunity to explore the lagoon, observing a collection of marine habitats and aquarium exhibits; the largest encompassing 14 lagoons, eight million gallons of salt water and more than 50,000 aquatic animals.

Later that afternoon, the students sampled Bahamian food at “The Local Fish Fry.” The cuisine of the Bahamas is never ever bland and everyone enjoyed the spicy flavors of local cuisine.

Next stop: St. Thomas, USVI
Departing from the cruise liner, the group boarded a ferry to spend the day on beautiful St. John, USVI. St. John, the smallest of the three United States Virgin Islands, is best known for spectacular beaches and untouched forests. The group first toured the Westin St. John Hotel, a 47 acre tropical hideaway on the shores of Cruz Bay. Many students are also working towards their Hotel and Restaurant Management degree and this was a wonderful opportunity to walk the grounds and mingle with the staff.

The rest of the day was spent at the beach on Trunk Bay, which Conde Nast Traveler has named, “The most beautiful beach in the world.” Students had a wonderful time snorkeling, swimming, or just lounging on the beach. They also stopped for some shopping at Cruz Bay in St. John, enjoyed mingling with locals, and taking for souvenirs at the quaint little shops.

St. Martin in the French West Indies
What makes this Caribbean island so exciting is the opportunity to enjoy two different cultures on one 37 square mile island. The French side is known for its beautiful beaches, outdoor shopping markets, clothes and rich French cuisine. The more laid-back Dutch side (Sint Maarten) is more famous for casinos and festive nightlife.

Spending the day on this delightful island gave students the opportunity to experience the different cultures. Led by an independent tour guide, the group visited Philipsburg and Marigot, the main cities on the island. The students were captivated by interaction with the locals and enjoyed stopping to chat with the canyachef chef who spends his days diving for shells, sea urchins, and starfish. The outdoor French market was another stop for the group to chat and bargain with locals for souvenirs. There was even a stop at a local grocery store to buy lettuce to feed the iguanas at the iguana farm.

Maho Beach was a big hit
Famous for the Princess Juliana International Airport adjacent to the beach, arriving aircraft must touch down as close as possible to the beginning of the runway due to the short runway length. The runway pass over the beach is such a popular activity that daily airplane arrival and departure timetables are displayed on a board in most areas on the beach.

The remainder of the week was spent on the Oasis of the Seas. The days were filled with all sorts of entertainment venues, galley, meet-
ing and banquet facilities, and the ship’s bridge. Students also attended a classroom with many on-board professors, including Captain Patrick Dahlgren, who spoke at length to the students. He answered questions about cruising and employment opportunities.

Returning to Fort Lauderdale, students were very impressed to see how smooth and efficiently the debarka-
tion process was handled. Though there were close to 6,000 passengers, cus-
toms and immigration was a very easy process. While the group made their reluctant way down the gangway, the staff and crew of the Oasis of the Seas were already busy readying the ship for the next sailing.

Spring trip planned
Sullivan students will experience another fantastic Learning Journey during the 2013 Spring trip to Chicago and at the fantastic Special Event Trade Show See the next Herald for highlights of their Windy City adventure.

High ‘steaks’ for students
Sullivan chef receives national honor
Culinary Instructor Chief William Hallman, CEC, CIRS was honored by his selection to participate in the prestigious Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board (WMMB) Cheese- Education Symposium. Chief Hallman was one of only ten professionals selected nation-
ally for this designation from qualified culinary educator, applicants. Hallman participated in the all expense-paid, three-day tour of cheese making in Wisconsin, and also participated in a developmental symposium for cheese educators.

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